Public Transport:

Buses to Marlborough and Hungerford: bus stops are in the village centre and by the railway station. www.thamesdown-transport.co.uk Trains to Hungerford, Kintbury, Newbury, Reading and Paddington. www.gwr.com Cars may park at Great Bedwyn wharf Cycle routes. Go to http://www.sustrans.org.uk

Places to visit in the area:

St Mary's church, Great Bedwyn: this church houses the tomb of Sir John Seymour, father of Jane, third wife of Henry VIII.

Crofton Beam Engines: the oldest working steam engines in the world still doing the job they were intended to do! www.croftonbeamengines.org.uk

Wilton windmill: the only operating windmill in Wessex. See website for seasonal opening of mill and refreshments: www.wiltonwindmill.co.uk.

St Martin's chapel: under the care of English Heritage, this pretty thatched 13th century chapel is located within Chisbury Iron Age hill fort. It lapsed from use in 1547 when it became a barn.

Savernake Forest: 4,500 acres of privately-owned forest with many lovely walks.

More suggestions at www.visitpewseyvale.co.uk or visit www.pewsey-heritage-centre.org.uk



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Walk 3

St Katharine's via Chisbury Woods and Bedwyn Common



Distance: approx 4.75 miles (7.5 km) Map: OS Explorer 157

This circular walk starts from the village square and rises up to Chisbury Wood. After a short stretch along a quiet country lane, the route crosses Bedwyn Common to St Katharine's. Then alongside woodland and across fields, the route arrives back in Bedwyn along Church Street.

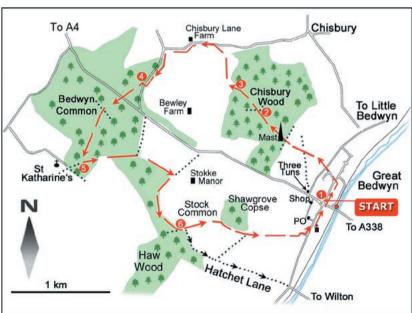
Moderate walking conditions, although may be muddy in places. Three stiles.

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- From the village square (Grid Ref SU 278 645) take the narrow lane, Farm Lane. Turn left into Castle Road. At the T-junction with Brown's Lane cross the road and take the bridleway uphill towards a mast. Continue straight on through the wood. After 200 yards, take the grass bridleway which goes straight on as the track bears left and continue until it rejoins the track, turn right. (If bridleway is impassable, stay on track taking a right turn at the junction and continue straight on when bridleway re-joins track.)
- After 100 yards, fork left then ignore the left track immediately after and follow the signed bridleway straight on along a grass track. Go past the cottage on the left and continue to the field gate ahead. (Note that the cottage and farm entrance are not a right-of-way.)
- Go through the gate, cross the field diagonally right towards a hide on stilts. At the hide head diagonally left towards a stile located in the hedgerow 50 yards left of a metal field gate. Cross the stile onto a lane. Turn left. Pass Chisbury Lane Farm on the right. At the road junction turn left. After the third cottage on the left, turn right at the signed footpath and follow the path around to the left through Bedwyn Common.
- Follow the signs through Bedwyn
 Common to a road; cross with care.
 Continue through the wood. At a junction
 with a wide track, head diagonally across,
 slightly to the left, to find a signed woodland path. Stay on this path until you
 reach a metalled track. Turn left. (The
 church is a short distance to the right.)
- Continue, passing a turning on the left to cottages and, at the next group of cottages, turn right. After 100 yards, fork left by a bus-stop sign and continue straight past a track on the right * to the wooden panel fence.
- At this fence turn left, signed to the church. Go through a kissing gate, turn right and follow the field edge (field to the left). Go over two stiles and straight down the hill to a housing estate. At the road, turn left and left again at the main road to reach the village centre.

road. Turning left takes you back into the village; or go straight on to reach the canal and return along the towpath.









Ensure that you are suitably equipped for walking.

Note that these maps are intended as a guide only.

Please respect the countryside, wildlife and livestock.

Be aware that ticks are prevalent in the area.

^{*} For a longer route (extra half mile), or to avoid livestock which sometimes use this field, turn right here and continue along the track taking the signed bridleway entrance by the cottage at the bottom. Carry on along this tree-lined track until you reach a