

Getting there:

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 Pay & Display parking at Crofton Beam Engines

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. Seasonal café.

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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For more walks, go to
www.bedwynfootpathsgroup.org.uk

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Crofton and Wilton Water



Distance: approx 2¾ miles (4.5 km)

Map: OS Explorer 157

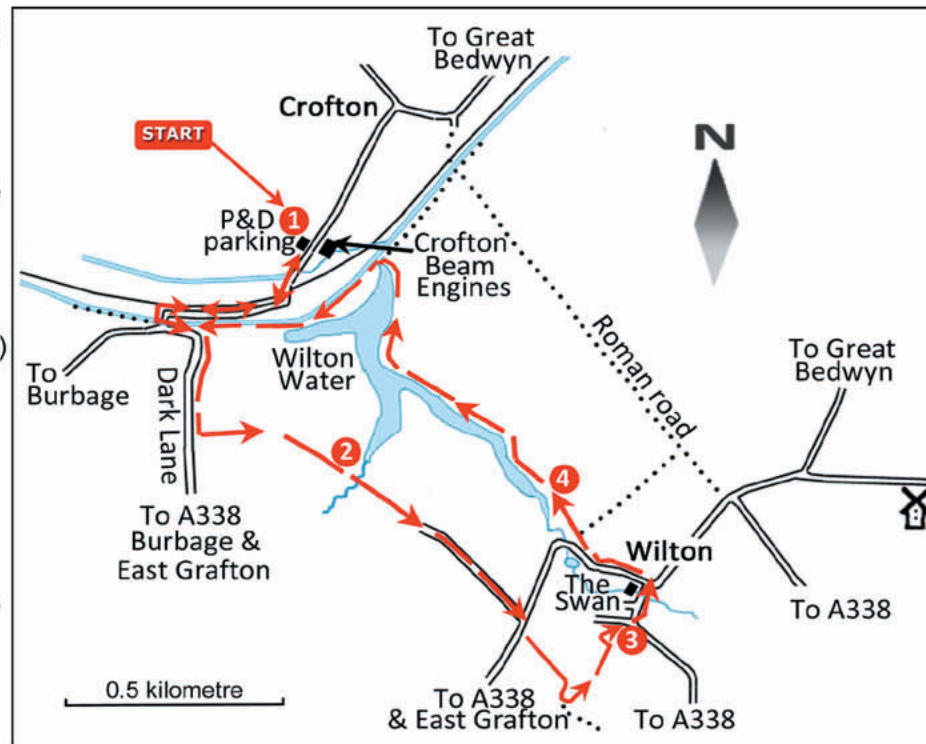
This circular walk starts from the Crofton Beam Engines' pay & display car park. After crossing the railway line and canal, it's off across the fields to Wilton and back beside Wilton Water. Both the Engineman's Rest Café and The Swan provide excellent refreshments (see their websites for opening times).

Moderate walking conditions. A short stretch of road walking, seven stiles and two steep banks.

Crofton and Wilton Water

- 1 From Crofton Beam Engines' car park - parking charges apply - (Grid Ref SU 260 622), turn right along the road. Cross the railway bridge followed shortly after by the canal bridge. At the T-junction, turn left signed Grafton (Dark Lane). Pass Freewarren Farm and after about 175 yards (150 metres) look for a footpath sign on the left and climb the bank. Go over a stile and continue along a wide grassy path. Go over a stile, cross the farm track and go over another stile. With a fence on the left continue to a stile leading into woodland.
- 2 Cross a bridge over a small stream and climb a steep bank on the other side. Carry on uphill with a fence on the right. Veer left onto a farm track. Continue to the road, and cross over to find the footpath a few metres to the right. Continue straight on into the field with field boundary on your left-hand side. Follow the field edge round to a stile next to a gate. Cross this stile to go through the gate opposite and turn immediately left along an enclosed path. Continue across a small bridge and straight on over two stiles. Turn right onto a driveway towards the road.
- 3 Turn left onto the road and at the T-junction turn left again by The Swan. At the village pond on the left, find the footpath sign opposite and follow the path to the left, Wilton Water will soon come into view on the left.
- 4 Keeping the water on the left continue on until you meet the canal (nearly 1 km (.6 of a mile) from the village pond). Cross over a weir and at the towpath turn left. At the road, turn right over the canal bridge crossed earlier and retrace your steps back to the start.

Note: If Crofton Beam Engines and the café are open on the day of your walk, they are well worth visiting.



Make sure that you are suitably equipped for walking and note that these maps are intended as a guide only. Please respect the countryside, wildlife and livestock, and ensure that dogs are kept under effective control. Be aware that ticks are prevalent in the area.



Looking towards Crofton



The view between points 2 and 3