



BRAKSPEAR

**PUB
TRAILS**

A black silhouette illustration of three people walking: a woman on the left, a man on the right holding a leash for a small dog, and a child walking between them.

**THE FROGMILL
SHIPTON OLIFFE
ANDOVERSFORD**

**3 CIRCULAR WALKS
4, 4 & 5 MILES**






We're delighted to present three circular walks all starting and ending at The Frogmill. The Brakspear Pub Trails are a series of circular walks.

We thought the idea of a variety of circular country walks all starting and ending at our pubs was a guaranteed winner. We have fantastic pubs nestled in the countryside, and we hope our maps are a great way for you to get out and enjoy some fresh air and a gentle walk, with a guaranteed drink at the end – perfect!

Our pubs have always welcomed walkers (and almost all of them welcome dogs too), so we're making it even easier with plenty of free maps. You can pick up copies in the pubs taking part or go to brakspearaletrails.co.uk to download them. We're planning to add new pubs onto them, so the best place to check for the latest maps available is always our website.

We absolutely recommend you book a table so that when you finish your walk you can enjoy a much needed bite to eat too. At the weekend, please book in advance, as this is often a busier time, especially our smaller pubs.

And finally, do send us your photos of you out and about on your walk. We really do love getting them.

   @BrakspearPubs

How to get there



Driving: Postcode is GL54 4HT and there is a car park for customers.



Nearest station: Cheltenham Spa.



Local bus services: The number 801 bus service stops directly outside The Frogmill.



Brakspear would like to thank the Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment and the volunteers who helped make these walks possible. As a result of these walks, Brakspear has invested in TOE2 to help maintain and improve Oxfordshire's footpaths.

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Respect – Protect – Enjoy

Respect other people:

- Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- Leave gates and property as you find them and follow paths unless wider access is available

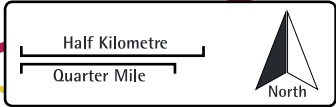
Protect the natural environment:

- Leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under effective control

Enjoy the outdoors:

- Plan ahead and be prepared
- Follow advice and local signs

For more info visit: www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-country-side-code



Route 1

Route 2

Route 3



The Frogmill
 Shipton Oliffe
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▲ **Route 1:** The Frogmill – Shipton Oliffe – Salperton
Distance: 6.4km (4 miles) **Time:** 1.5 hours

■ **Route 2:** Andoversford, the Showground – Upper Dowdeswell – Foxcote
Distance: 6.4km (4 miles) **Time:** 1 hour 45 minutes

● **Route 3:** The Frogmill – Foxcote
Distance: 8km (5 miles) **Time:** 2 hours



Brakspear recommends that all walkers bring a copy of the Chiltern Hills West Ordnance Survey map. You can borrow one from the pub for a refundable £10 deposit.

Route 1

Easy undulating walk no major hills to navigate although some light uphill parts.

Directions

Distance: 6.4km (4 miles) Time: 1.5 hours

01 From the car park entrance turn right to join the footpath heading towards the traffic lights, take great care crossing the A40 major road and head straight across into the village of Shipton Oliffe.

02 Immediately pick up the Gloucestershire Way footpath to your right and cross the fields diagonally passing through a number of gates before entering The Rectory grounds. Hug the boundary wall before passing alongside the stream and picking up the footpath that leads up to the main road.

Please note that horses graze in these fields, if you wish to avoid them, simply carry on walking into the village following the road instead.



03 Turn right and follow the road passing a converted Methodist Chapel, the Ford and Shipton Oliffe Manor and the very pretty St Oswalds Church founded at the end of the 11c early 12th.

04 Continue through the village until you reach a fork in the road. Take the left fork and continue forwards crossing the Syreford Road and passing the Village Reading Rooms.

05 At the entrance to North Farm, turn right into the farm yard, signposted the Gloucestershire Way.

06 Continue through the yard on this private no through road, passing open fields and Tottmoor house that sits in the dip before you come to a fork in the road.

07 Pick up the track straight ahead of you and carefully join the main road. Lower Hampen Farm entrance is opposite you, turn left and follow the road downhill.

08 When you see the Restricted Byway sign on your left, join this farm track passing a small wood on your left before taking a moment to enjoy the fabulous 360 degree view before continuing downhill until you are back at North Farm.

09 At the Reading Rooms you may want to turn left and downhill to see the Ford and an open stretch of the brook which is a particularly picturesque part of the village or simply continue across, retracing your route through the village.

10 Ignore the public footpath that you initially used to come across the fields and instead continue on the footpath out of Shipton Oliffe into the lower village of Shipton Sollars/Solers/Sollers!

11 Take a moment to view the now redundant St Marys Church, first recorded in 1231.

12 Carefully cross the A40 and arrive back at The Frogmill.



DID YOU KNOW?

The name Shipton can be traced in England after the Noman Conquest of 1066. The name Shipton derives from the old English words scip, meaning sheep and tun meaning enclosure or settlement.

Route 2

Easy walk of flat terrain
– mostly farm land.

Directions

Distance: 6.4km (4 miles) Time: 1h 45mins

- 01 Leave the Frog Mill Car Park and take the footpath that passes over the old Railway Bridge, this is in fact the Gloucestershire Way.
- 02 After only 50 meters the path comes to the entrance to the Shipton Golf Club and the main road. Cross the road with care and follow the path past the sign to Owdeswell Manor Farm. This continues for about 1 mile passing through the farm yard itself.
- 03 When you get to the Andoversford village road turn right and head down the main village street.

DID YOU KNOW?

Andoversford was formally reachable by rail from Swindon, Cheltenham and Banbury. Since the early 1960's it has had no rail service.

- 04 Opposite the Royal Oak, cross the road and take the Restricted Byway between the houses.
- 05 Stay to the left of the stream and do not cross it. The route goes left over the bank of the disused railway line.
- 06 The path cross several fields, hugging the hedge line and crosses a number of styles.

DID YOU KNOW?

Interesting fact, you may here at lot of dogs barking. This is because your passing the home of the Cotswold Hunt Kennels.

- 07 You go through the site of the Sandwell Park Showground, the style is in the perimeter hedge after some pens that are used for horse events.
- 08 When you meet the road turn right.
- 09 After about 20 meters take the footpath on the left, you'll cross diagonally an arable field to a style in the corner. You'll see the red telephone box in the village of Upper Dowdeswell (take a moment to explore the village).
- 10 Take the other path that leaves the village at the same point that you entered it. This time turn right and hug the field hedge line. The Farm will be on your right.
- 11 The path crosses several fields and cross both of the two roads, take care.



- 12 After crossing the second road the style can be seen in the Cotswold stone wall, take this and cross the field to the corner next to the farm.
- 13 Pass through a number of gates and take the path around the house on the left, head slightly downhill.
- 14 The path leads you to the village of Foxcote, but not into it.
- 15 Here you pick up the Gloucestershire Way. Turn to the left and follow the path back to the Frog Mill. You'll pass through a number of fields and cross a road.
- 16 You'll come to the entrance to the Shipton Golf Club where you can retrace your steps back to the Frog Mill.



Route 3

Leisurely walk with
no over-challenging hills.

Directions

Distance: 8km (5 miles) Time: 2 hours

- 01 Start at The Frogmill car park, crossing over the river from the pub and continue straight ahead along a path through a gate.
- 02 Turn left into the Sipton Golf Club, and go straight through the gate and continue along the path, keeping the course to your right.
- 03 Arrive at a lane with the entrance to Kim Bailey Racing opposite. Carefully cross the lane and continue up the paved path uphill towards the farm. Some beautiful views start to open up to your left as you climb the gentle hill.
- 04 Pass the farm on your right, and continue straight through a black, wrought-iron gate, and continue down a rough track until you come to a large, sloping field.
- 05 Go through the gate, and follow the barely visible track diagonally across the field, up to the right. Here, you'll go through a gate and cross a polytrack "gallops" (*this is used to exercise horses at speed, so be careful as you cross!*) and through an old wooden gate into a wood.
- 06 Continue straight through the woods with an old stone wall to your left, and views over Withington as you peek through the trees. When you come to a large intersection where you can continue straight or turn right, turn right down a track.
- 07 Continue straight and the track will then curve right again, and then rise up steadily, with open farmland to your left. After fifteen minutes or so, the track will bring you to a gate, where your path becomes a footpath again as you enter wide open fields, very high up on the wold.
- 08 The footpath follows the stone wall to your left, so continue along this until you pass through a large wooden gate, and then stay near the wall as you start to gently descend. All this way, you'll see expansive views ahead and to your right, far across the Cotswolds and, if you are very sharp eyed, down to the Frogmill itself!
- 09 As you approach the next wooden gate, marked "footpath only, no bicycles or horses," veer slightly to the right and down, so you keep the fencing to your left and do not pass through the gate
- 10 The footpath soon turns into a track as you cross through a stone wall, and head down to a level part of track, lined either side with beech trees
- 11 After a hundred meters or so, you'll see a waymarked post, where you'll follow the arrows and cross the field diagonally to your right. There are often horses kept here, but they are behind electric fencing.
- 12 Go through a gate into a small wood, and go near to straight as you can, ignoring other paths used for coppicing activity. You'll



soon come to a wooden plank on your right, crossing a tiny stream with a gate. Go through the gate, and down through a horse training yard and stables.

- 13 After passing the stables, you'll turn right along a lane, and then quick left into the village of Foxcote.
- 14 Follow the road straight until you come to a large iron gate, and enter the field. Proceed straight across the field, keeping the wall close to your left side. Two large hogs live in this field, in a pen you'll see to your right near a stream. They may come say hello if they are awake!
- 15 Go through a gate, and continue straight until you cross a stile and come to a busy lane. Cross carefully and jump over the next stile.
- 16 Continue straight, and you'll see parts of the Sipton Golf Course appearing through the trees on your right, and open farmland to your left (as well as the busy A436). You'll come to the entrance to the Sipton Golf Course again. Retrace your steps along the path back to The Frogmill.



The Frogmill

Opening Hours:

Monday–Thursday: 8am–11pm

Friday & Saturday: 8am–Midnight

Kitchen Opening:

BREAKFAST All Week – 8am–11am

LUNCH & DINNER Monday–Saturday: 12pm–3pm

LUNCH & REDUCED BAR MENU Available Until 6pm

DINNER: 6pm–10pm

LUNCH & DINNER Sunday: 12pm–9pm

- Hold a Party • Sunday Roast • Cask Marque
- Garden/Patio • Family Friendly • Disabled Access
- Dog Friendly • Park The Car • WiFi Access

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