

## The Greyhound, Wiggintom

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## The Beacon View Walk

The Beacon View walk goes through Tring Park on King Charles Ride. Tring Park is a historic landscape with remnants of an early 18th century landscape. It is managed by the Woodland Trust and is open access for walkers. Cyclists and horse riders can enjoy the Park by using the King Charles Ride. The Park has woodland areas, chalk grassland and affords fine views of Tring and Ivinghoe Beacon, a prominent grassy hill.

Criss-crossed by historic transport routes, this area has been well used by travellers since the first settlements appeared in prehistoric times.

The Ridgeway, thought to be Britain's oldest road, follows the ancient chalk ridge route used by prehistoric man. The path has been used as a transport route for droving livestock, traders and invaders for over 5,000 years. Starting in Avebury, Wiltshire, The Ridgeway travels on the high ground to Ivinghoe Beacon.

In the Dark Ages The Ridgeway was a main route for the Saxons and Vikings who fought many battles along it. In medieval times it was used by drovers bringing livestock from Wales and the West Country to Hertfordshire and surrounding areas.

The Icknield Way, travelling along a similar route to The Ridgeway, is thought to date back to Neolithic times (4,000 – 2,000 BC). It was the trade route of the Iceni, an early British tribe, linking the Norfolk Coast to the downlands of south central England. This trail runs through Wigginton and Tring Park and can be identified by a stone axe depicted on waymark disks.

The Beacon View Walk also takes in the highest part of the Grand Union Canal. Completed in 1797 the canal linked London with the coalfields of the Midlands. After the building of the railways the use of canals for transporting coal and bricks declined. Now the canal is used for recreation and is a haven for wildlife.



This is one of a series of walks through the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

The Chilterns Conservation Board works to conserve the natural beauty of the Chilterns and to increase public understanding and enjoyment of them. There are many other walks and rides in the Chilterns: Visit [www.chilternsaonb.org](http://www.chilternsaonb.org) or call 01844 355500.

Visit [www.chilternsociety.org.uk](http://www.chilternsociety.org.uk) or call 01494 771250 for information on the Chiltern Society's walk programme, to obtain Chiltern Society footpath maps or to join the Society.

### Pub, restaurant and B&B in Wigginton:

The Greyhound, Wigginton: a friendly, traditional village inn with a wide selection of real ales, wines and fine food. Walkers and cyclists are welcome. Open for food seven days a week.

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For further walks and rides in the area visit [www.chilternsaonb.org/activities.asp](http://www.chilternsaonb.org/activities.asp)



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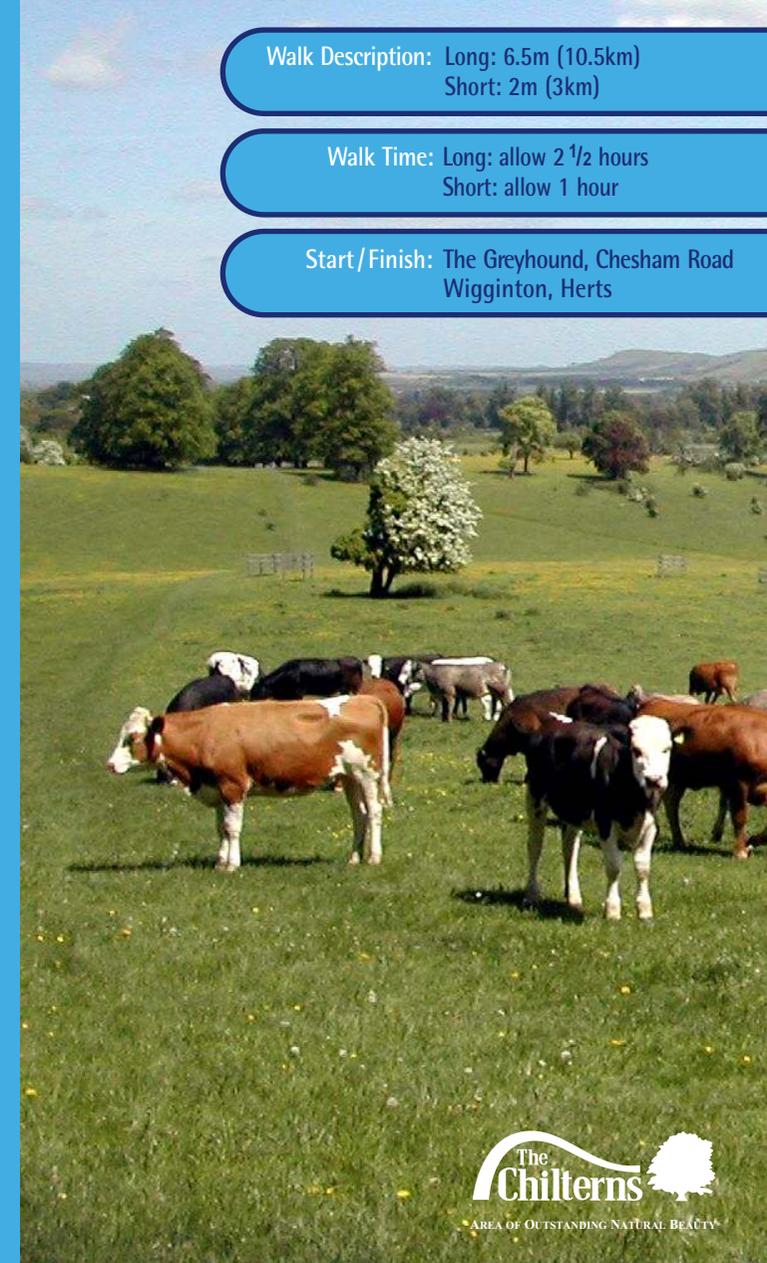
# Chilterns Country

## Beacon View Walk

Walk Description: Long: 6.5m (10.5km)  
Short: 2m (3km)

Walk Time: Long: allow 2 1/2 hours  
Short: allow 1 hour

Start/Finish: The Greyhound, Chesham Road  
Wigginton, Herts



## How to get to the start

**By car:** The Greyhound is in the village of Wigginton just south of Tring. It is on Chesham Road in the heart of the village, take a right hand turn towards Chesham when you enter the village, The Greyhound is on the right and has a large car park.

**Train:** You can join the walk from Tring Station by turning left out of the station and joining the walk at the Grand Union Canal. Tring Railway Station is on the London (Euston) to Birmingham line.

**Bus:** Buses serve Tring station and the village of Wigginton. Ring Traveline on 0871 200 22 33 for train and bus times.

[www.traveline.info](http://www.traveline.info)

## Notes on the walk

Clockwise from The Greyhound



Leave the pub and immediately turn first left into Wick Road. This becomes a farm track. When the track meets a tarmac road turn right.



After about 250 yards join a footpath marked Ridgeway which enters the woodland and join King Charles' Ride, Tring Park, an avenue lined with some majestic lime trees. You are now on the Ridgeway. Follow Ridgeway signs all the way to the canal.



For the short route turn right behind some houses on the edge of Tring Park and head back all the way to Wick Road. For the long route keep following the Ridgeway and cross Fox Road and a second road called the Twist.



The Ridgeway crosses the A41 dual carriageway on a high level award winning bridge.



Join the Grand Union Canal and follow the towpath all the way to Cow Roast. Pass the Cow Roast Marina. Cross the canal and then the old main road from Tring to Berkhamsted. Take the vehicle track to the right of the Cow Roast Inn



Follow the track and turn left on to a tarmac road. Walk under the A41 dual carriageway and then immediately right onto a concrete farm road. Take the first footpath sign off this when the track narrows and continue straight, through Lower Wood, ignoring all side paths until you arrive back at the Greyhound.

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Beacon View long walk

Beacon View short cut

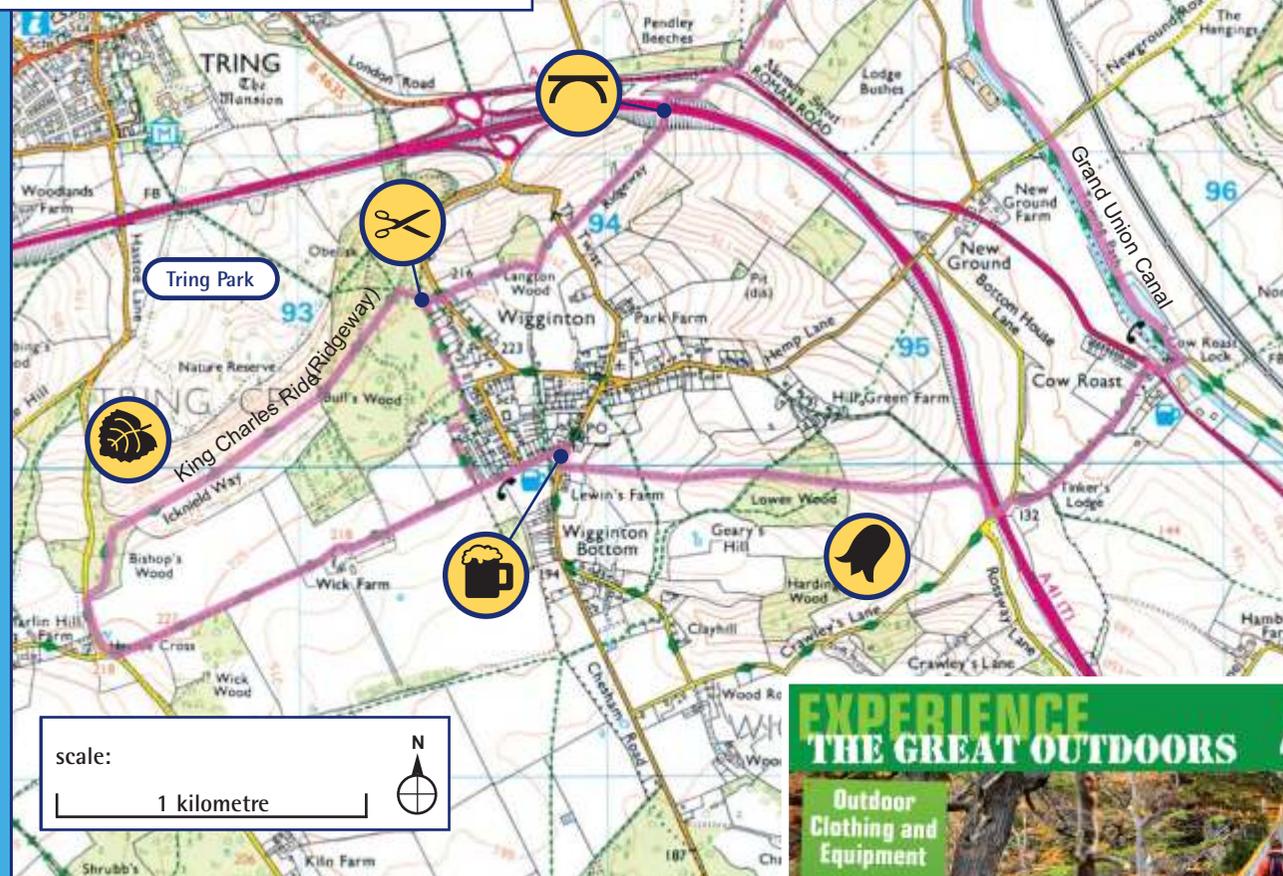
The Beacon View Walk follows rights of way, most of which are waymarked as follows:

Footpath (walkers only)

Bridleway (horse riders, cyclists and walkers)

Byway open to all traffic

Restricted Byway (horseriders, cyclists, walkers and non-mechanically propelled vehicles)



Please be considerate in the countryside - keep to footpaths, especially through crops, and leave farm gates as you find them. Beware of traffic on country roads.

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