

# Chilterns Country

## About the walks

Forty Green is a small hamlet in the Parish of Penn, just a couple of miles from Beaconsfield. It is surrounded by ancient beech woodlands, grazing pasture and quiet country lanes, giving it a wonderful feeling of seclusion. Both walks pass through a wildflower meadow which is a blaze of colour in early summer, with an abundance of interesting plants and butterflies. You are also likely to see many different birds along the way, with the possibility (depending on the season) of Bramblings, Siskins, Nuthatches, Treecreepers, Blackcaps, Red Kites, Buzzards and Willow Warblers to name but a few. There are bluebells in the beech woods in the spring.

*Please note that livestock may be kept on many of the fields along the route, keep dogs on a short lead near livestock and shut gates after you. Please keep to the footpath and do not walk or picnic on crops or the hay meadows. Please keep dogs under control in the hay meadow nature reserve.*

Both walks start at the historic Royal Standard of England pub, a friendly and traditional country pub, which serves home-cooked food all day. Cyclists and walkers are welcome. Tel 01494 673382 or visit [www.rsoe.co.uk](http://www.rsoe.co.uk) for information about the pub and the local area.

### Walking gets you fit and keeps you healthy!!

We should all aim for 30 minutes of moderate activity (such as a brisk walk) at least 5 days a week. Spend at least two sessions of 15 minutes walking briskly enough to raise your heartbeat, get warm and breath harder.

## Forty Green

Forty Green's name is Anglo-Saxon (OE forth cƷ) meaning 'jutting forth island of land', which perfectly describes the island of land contained by Ridings Lane just north of the railway line.

Forty Green was a sleepy backwater until the Marylebone railway came to Beaconsfield in 1906. In 1851, the village had 85 people (21 households), with most employed in agriculture or lace-making. The railways enabled fruit grown locally to be sold in London's markets, and at one time there were many cherry trees in the area.

Brindle Lane used to be the name of the main road from the village of Knotty Green to the pub in Forty Green. Brindle means 'dappled' probably referring to the dappled light falling through the canopy of trees. It is now the name of the track running around the former open Green, which was enclosed in 1855.



The Royal Standard of England

## How to get to the start

The walks start at the Royal Standard of England pub where there is plenty of car parking. There is also cycle parking and horse tethering at the pub.

The nearest train station is Beaconsfield which is about 2 miles away. For train times and information call Chiltern Railways on 08456 005165.

This is one of a **series of walks** through the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. It mainly follows **rights of way** most of which are waymarked as follows:

 Footpaths (walkers only)

 Bridleways (horseriders, cyclists and walkers)

 Byways (open to all traffic)

Please be considerate in the countryside:

- Keep to public rights of way, and leave farm gates as you find them.
- Please keep dogs under close control.

If you have enjoyed this walk there are many other wonderful walks in the Chilterns area including other Chilterns Country walks from rail stations, call 01844 355500 or visit [www.chilternsaonb.org](http://www.chilternsaonb.org) or buy Ordnance Survey Explorer Map 172 and make your own walk.

The Chiltern Hills were designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) in 1965. This is in recognition that the Chiltern countryside is amongst the finest in England and Wales. The **Chilterns Conservation Board** is the body charged with protecting the AONB. [www.chilternsaonb.org](http://www.chilternsaonb.org)

If you or a member of your community would like this leaflet produced in another language or format (large print or audio cassette), please contact Buckinghamshire County Council on 01296 382171.

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## Forty Green Pub Walks

**Start and Finish**  
The Royal Standard of England Pub  
near Beaconsfield

**The Pub Stroll**  
0.6 miles (1km)

**The Longer Walk**  
approx 2 miles (3km)



## The Pub Stroll

**Distance:** 0.6 miles (1km), allow up to half an hour

**Access Information:** No stiles, 5 gates and 1 kissing gate large enough for mobility vehicles. The route is mainly level with some gentle inclines; there are no steep sections. Path surfaces are natural throughout; the fields and meadows are well drained but the paths can be muddy and slippery after rain.

### Description of the route:

Leave the grounds of the Royal Standard of England pub and immediately turn left, down the unsurfaced Brindle Lane. Take the next turning on the left, as directed by the fingerpost. Follow the narrow track between a hedgerow and some houses, until you come to a gate. Go through the gate and into a large grassy field.

Follow the footpath along the hedge, rising gently uphill to the edge of Saunder's Wood, towards the gate. Go through the gate and follow the path into the woods. Continue straight on until you reach a way marker post where the path divides.

Turn right here and follow the path for about 200m (220 yards), until you reach another way marker post. Bear right and follow the path along until you reach a gate. Go through the gate into a narrow enclosed field. Stop for a moment and take in the beautiful views across the Chiltern Hills.

Continue to the next gate, go through this and into another field that has been created into a wildflower meadow. Follow the path down to the next field boundary, and through a large mobility kissing gate.

Continue along the path, descending towards another gate, which leads on to Brindle Lane. Go through the gate and turn right to follow Brindle Lane for about 240m (260 yards) back to the Royal Standard of England pub.

## The Longer Walk

**Distance:** approx 2 miles (3km), allow up to 1 hour

**Access Information:** There are 14 gates of varying sizes along the walk and no stiles. The route is undulating with a few steep sections.

### Description of the route:

Leave the grounds of the Royal Standard of England pub and immediately turn left, down the unsurfaced Brindle Lane, continuing to the first corner where there is a field gate and a pedestrian gate on the right. Note the Public Footpath signs. Go through the gate and into a large meadow. Keep on the footpath on the right going uphill towards a gate. Go through this gate and walk straight ahead to the second gate; walk through and follow the field edge along. Follow the well-beaten path through the fields, going down the hill and up the other side with some houses visible on your right hand side.

Continue to follow the well-beaten track for about 300m (330 yards). Stop and take a moment to view the countryside, and the rolling hills. As you walk along, after walking through a few more gates, you will see Jevington House on your right. This is an Arts & Crafts style house, built in 1908 of wychert (unfired clay and straw), seldom seen outside the Aylesbury Vale.

Shortly before you enter Church Path Wood there is a fairly steep and narrow descent for about 65 yards (60m), be careful here as it may be muddy and slippery especially in the winter period. Continue into the woods following a narrow path between fence lines.

When the woods on your left open out wide and the path divides, bear left following the permissive access sign. Follow the fenceline on your left through Strawberry Plot woods for about 400m (440 yards). At the edge of the woods bear left for 70m (75 yards), then right along the field edge boundary to the path junction. Turn left through a kissing gate and follow the field edge and through a gate into Saunders Wood, where you will join the shorter pub walk. Follow this path back to Brindle Lane and turn right to get back to the pub.

## Key

- Shorter Walk (Pub Stroll)
- Longer Walk
- Permissive Path
- Public House
- Parking
- Gate
- Small Kissing Gate
- Medium Kissing Gate
- Large Kissing Gate

