



Bound for the Beacon

A day out in the Chiltern Hills



Walk 4 hrs (14.5km)



Total Ascent 334 m



Highest Point 240 m

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BOUND FOR THE BEACON

Tap here to access your digital OS Map

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Getting There



Train

This walk is easily accessible by train from Euston Station to Tring, with a journey time of about 35 minutes. Trains run regularly, although it may be quicker to change at Berkhamsted.



By Car

There is good parking at Tring Station (HP23 5QR).

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Hike Summary

This circular hike is beautifully crafted, you'd never know it's so close to London.

There is plenty of wildlife to keep an eye out for before you reach the Beacon itself. The hike crosses into the Ashridge Estate, taking you through untouched woodland, complete with bluebells in Spring, up to the impressive Bridgewater Monument. A quick traverse down the escarpment and you will arrive at The Greyhound, a lovely village pub with accommodation. Tring Station is a short walk away.



Points of interest

To learn more about each of these points, [tap here](#) and find the relevant waypoint in the OS map app.



START AT TRING STATION

In 1844, Queen Victoria made her first train journey from Euston and stopped at Tring to take on water.



THE ASHRIDGE ESTATE

The Estate comprises 5,000 acres of woodlands (known as Ashridge Forest), commons and chalk downlands, which support a rich variety of wildlife.



THE RIDGEWAY NATIONAL TRAIL

The trail is Britain's oldest road. It starts in the World Heritage Site of Avebury and runs for 87 miles.



ALDBURY NOWERS NATURE RESERVE

The warm south-west facing slopes of this reserve creates a rare habitat. There are lots of information boards to read.



GRIM'S DITCH

An Iron Age earthwork built around 500 BC. "Grim" is an Anglo Saxon term for anything mysterious or unexplained.



IVINGHOE BEACON VIEW

Ivinghoe Beacon stands at 249 metres above sea level. Iron Age and Roman forts were located here. Tired? Tap "plan B"

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PITSTONE COMMON

The sunken tracks were created over hundreds of years by people herding their animals here to graze.



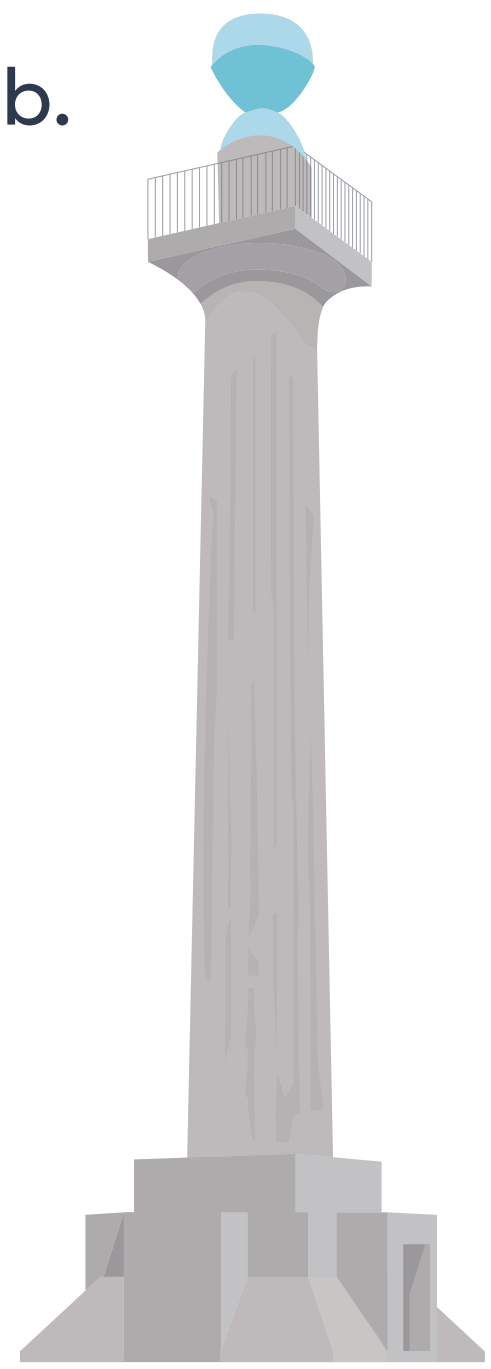
MONEYBURY HILL BARROW

This burial mound is 4000 years old, dating back at least to the Iron Age.

BRIDGEWATER MONUMENT



Built in 1832 in memory of the Duke of Bridgewater. On the weekends from April to October, it is open to climb.



BROWNLOW CAFÉ

Great place for a quick stop if not too busy. It's only 20mins to Aldbury if the queues are too long!



ALDBURY VILLAGE

Aldbury is a picturesque Hertfordshire village and the ideal place to stop for lunch.



THE GREYHOUND PUB

Situated right on the village pond. It has eight rooms for those who are looking to stay the night.



FINISH BACK AT TRING STATION

If you have some time on your hands, Tring has a fantastic Natural History Museum.

TAXIS

Tring Cabs: [01442 620620](tel:01442620620) or [01296 200000](tel:01296200000)

Tring Taxis: [01442 540017](tel:01442540017)

John's Cars: [01442 828828](tel:01442828828) or [01442 828848](tel:01442828848)

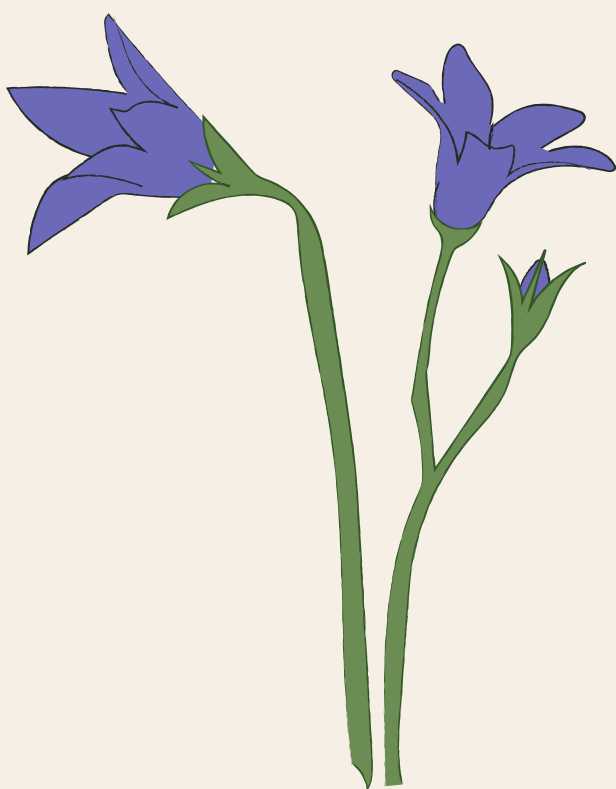


TAKING IT ALL IN

Sometimes, we can get so caught up in reaching our destination that we forget to take in our surroundings. When in fact, some of the best moments on a walk are the ones spent not walking. It is not until you stop and look a little closer, that you truly see the magic of where you are.

Our hikes are not about how fast you walk, but about how much you take in. We share these beautiful trails with an abundance of wildlife and there's always something to marvel at – so long as you take the time to look around.

Here are a few of our favourite bits of flora and fauna to look out for on this hike:

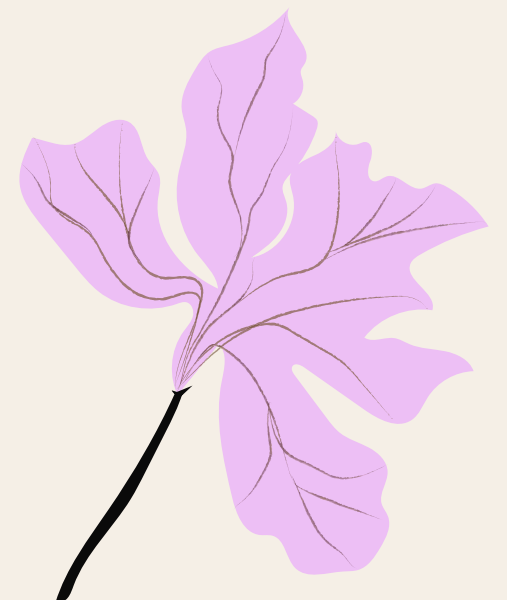


Bluebell

The carpets of blue and purple will be hard to miss in spring!

Orchids

See if you can spot the Bee Orchid that mimics a bee



Butterflies

Ivinghoe Beacon is all about the butterflies! Look out for the rare 'Duke of Burgundy'.

Plan B

CALLING IT A DAY?

If you've decided that's quite enough for you, there's absolutely no shame in calling it a day.

Our recommended pick-up spot is from the Ivinghoe Beacon Car Park, marked on the map after Gallows Hill. A taxi back to the station takes around 10 minutes and will cut your hike short by around an hour and a half.



Thank you

**WE HOPE YOU'VE ENJOYED YOUR WALK.
CURATED BY NEIL THUBRON.**



What's next?

We hope you enjoyed your hike as much as we've enjoyed bringing it to you. And we've got plenty more where that came from!

Check out the full range of hikes available to you on:
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STAY IN TOUCH

We love hearing about your adventures, so please do get in touch with any feedback you have from your walk.

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