

# The Bell and two Churches, Alderminster



*Moderate Terrain*

A 3.5 mile circular walk in the Alderminster countryside



## Access notes

1. There are some swing gates and kissing gates along the route. Please make sure to close all gates behind you.
2. There are sections of the route along a lane. While it is quiet, care should be taken.
3. The route is relatively easy but depending on the season, may have short sections that are a little muddy and this should be considered when deciding to follow the walk and suitable footwear should be worn.

**The Bell is the perfect pub for refreshments before or after your walk.**

A circular walk starting and finishing at the Bell in Alderminster. Total walk time of around 1 hour 30 to 1 hour 45 minutes.

## Getting there

The walk starts and finishes outside the Bell pub on Shipston Road in Alderminster. The pub has a car park and the post code for directions is **CV37 8NY**.

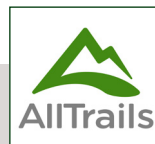
## The walk

On leaving the Bell pub car park or front door, turn left and continue along the pavement alongside the road leading out of the village of Alderminster. It's quite a busy road so please take care.



At the end of the row of houses you will see a small gate on your left with a yellow directional arrow signalling straight ahead.

Go through the gate and down the hill. Mind the little step down off the bridge, which can get a bit boggy if the weather has been bad, and head across the field to the next bridge that you'll see in the distance to the right. Continue over the bridge, which crosses the River Stour.



We have created this walk with the help of the AllTrails. Download the app to follow the route on your phone for live updates of your position and distance walked amongst other things. You will find lots of walks across the country including walks from the rest of the Brunning and Price family of pubs.

[alltrails.com](https://www.alltrails.com)







On the other side, bare slightly right and head for the metal gate with the yellow arrow next to it, positioned diagonally across the field to the right, next to the tree.



Go through the gate and walk along the side of the next field with the hedge on your left. (There is often live stock in these fields so please keep dogs on their leads). At the end of the hedge go through the small metal gate and keep on the left-hand side of the field, continuing to walk alongside the hedge. At the end of the field there is a wooden gate, pass through it and head up the track until you reach a T-junction with a lane at the top. Turn left, following the yellow arrow.

Pass the farm and the neighbouring houses and at the end of the last garden you will see a metal gate with a yellow arrow, pointing across the field. It is at this point you can choose to continue straight along the lane, or to take a short 'out and back' diversion to the beautiful St Mary's Church, the first of the two churches on our walk.

The route to the church takes you diagonally across to the other side of the field. After taking a look around, you will return the way you came, back across the field. When you return to the lane, turn left.

**Disclaimer:** We have taken care to make sure all our walks are safe for walkers of a reasonable level of experience and fitness. However, like all outdoor activities, walking carries a degree of risk and we accept no responsibility for any loss or damage to personal effects, personal accident, injury or public liability whilst following this walk. We cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies that result from changes to the routes that occur over time. Please let us know of any changes to the routes so that we can correct the information.

**Walking Safety:** For your safety and comfort we recommend that you take the following with you on your walk: bottled water, snacks (who doesn't love a mid-walk snack), a mobile phone and to wear sensible footwear. If the weather has potential to be a little wet or cold, be sure to carry a waterproof jacket, a woolly hat and maybe a fleece. Check the weather forecast before you leave, carry appropriate clothing and do not set out in fog or mist as these conditions can seriously affect your ability to navigate the route. Some routes include sections along roads, for these please take care to avoid any traffic at these points. Around farmland take care with children and dogs.



Continue along the lane with the hedges on your left hand side. After a while you will come to two houses on your right. There is a kissing gate opposite them with a yellow directional arrow indicating the footpath. Cross straight across the field towards the houses.

At the end of the field, pass across the white metal bridge and head up the lane to meet the main road through Alderminster, where you will turn left and walk along the pavement. Shortly you can take a little road (Old Road) on your left to come off the main road for a short stretch. As you walk past the houses on Old Road, you will see the Old Forge House on the left hand side and Howard's End with a lovely clock on the outside of the building. The road then meets the main road again where you continue left along the pavement back towards the pub.



Just before the finish of the walk, you will pass by the beautiful Church of St Mary & the Holy Cross. A few more yards and you are back at the comfort of the Bell pub, ready for a well-earned bite to eat or thirst quencher.

