The Crooked Billet and Oving Hill Farm

Easy to moderate terrain

3.13 mile circular walk

Path: not suitable for wheelchairs, push chairs or large dogs.

Around 1.15 hours.



The Crooked Billet is set in the tiny hamlet of Kingswood, surrounded by the historic woods and farmland of the beautiful Aylesbury Vale.

Here is a suggestion for a walk you can take to work up your thirst and appetite, returning to the pub with the glow of someone that well and truly deserves the pint and meal they are about to order!

This walk is not for people who have any form of fear for cows! There are also a lot of stiles, so it is unsuitable for wheelchairs, push chairs or large dogs.

As the route passes through open farmland containing livestock, dogs should be kept on their leads.

We have created this walk with the help of AllTrails. Download the app and scan the QR code with your phone to follow the route live. You will find lots of walks across the country including walks from the rest of the Acorn family of pubs

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The walk

Exit the pub and turn left, walking along the verge of the road for only a few metres before you see a gap in the hedge on your left, with an old wooden gate.

Go through the gap next to the gate and immediately turn right. There is a trodden pathway that's easy to follow through the trees which bears round to the left. Continue until you come to a small wooden bridge and gate beyond.



Enter the field and head directly across it, (cutting off the corner of the field on your left). Follow the hedge line, now don't be tempted to cut across the field as it looks like a shortcut when looking at the map, as you are actually heading for a gate in the top left hand corner of this field.



Head through the gate and you are immediately on a country road, so take care. Turn right and head up the road (it isn't a very busy one, but it's best to have your wits about you!).

Ignore the first footpath sign that you come to and look ahead to where you will see another sign on your right. Take this path.





It leads you up a driveway heading towards Oving Hill Farm. At the farm building, bear right towards the bench and shepherds hut beyond.

Not far after the shepherds hut you will see a gate on your left. Go through it and head diagonally across the field. You might just make out two gates in the distance, you are aiming for the one on the right.





You are crossing a working farm and certainly when we walked this route this field was full of cows. Not trying to be too dramatic about it, but cattle are the deadliest large animals in Great Britain, causing an average of 4 to 5 deaths per year, (sorry to plant that thought in your head if you are currently reading this in the field!) – but you get the idea, take care.

Head through the gate on the right and follow the hedge line until you are almost at the bottom of the field. As you approach the end of the field you should spot a stile in the hedge on the left.



Head through that stile and diagonally across the next field. You can just make out the next stile in the distance. This one leads straight onto a road, and this time a busy one, so be careful.

Cross the road and head right for a few metres, where you will spot a kissing gate. Head through the gate and straight across the field. Once you get to the brow of the small hill, you will spot a wooden gate with yellow markings. Aim for and cross that gate / bridge into the next field.

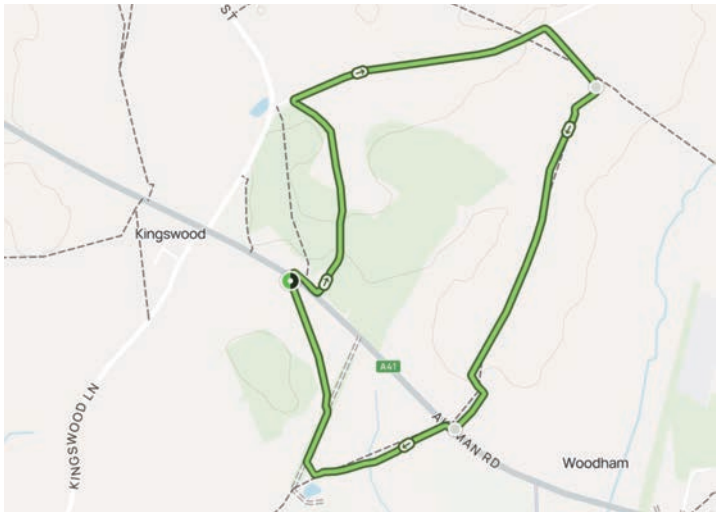




Keep walking in the same direction until you come to the corner of this field, where you'll spot another gate with yellow markings. Head through the gate, turn right and walk down the track.

When almost at the end, you will see that the path picks up again on your left. Head through the gate and diagonally across the field. Keep going through another kissing gate until you get to the corner of this field.

Once through the gate you will spot the pub directly in front of you. Don't lose concentration with the lure of a nice cold pint just yet – it's a busy road to cross!



Disclaimer: We have taken care to make sure our walk is 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.