

Three Crowns, Pittsland Farm, Slough Lane

No 1 in a series of picturesque walks round Brinkworth, starting and finishing at the 3 Crowns.

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- A moderate walk for novices and families with many stiles, muddy paths and good views.
- OS Maps Explorer 169 or Landranger 173. 3.5 miles, 2 hours approximately.
- Respect other people and property, keep to the paths/bridleways and leave gates as you find them
- Leave no trace and keep dogs under control – especially where there are cattle, sheep and horses.

We hope that you enjoy this walk. We welcome comments and feedback (both positive and negative) at brinkworthfootpathgroup@gmail.com

Starting at the 3 Crowns turn right towards the bus stop for Malmesbury, and turn right to walk diagonally left round behind the Village Hall and then keep straight past the Old Rectory garden, crossing 3 more stiles (last one a double) to a field sloping down towards the railway embankment with stable buildings on your left. After another stile follow the path diagonally down to near the left corner at the embankment and through a thick hedge to a thin field. Cross this field and continue left to the stile near the tunnel under the railway. Do not go through the tunnel but continue alongside the embankment for some distance crossing stiles and through farm gates until you reach the bridge over the railway off to the right. (The last field may be very muddy, or have a crop with no way through along the line of the path – if so go around right on the edges of the field.) Cross a double stile and turn left up the track passing the farm.

After the farm buildings, turn left and follow the track alongside the buildings to go through the gate & straight on up the bridleway, initially with rough blocks & bricks underfoot, with the hedge on your right. Head for some distance uphill and at the top, go through the gates to the main road.

Taking care with the traffic, cross the road and go down Bellamys Lane to the Bridleway signpost. Turn left through the gate onto the bridleway and follow it across several fields to the road at Stoppers Hill. Turn right and then left onto the next section of the bridleway. Follow this round to York Lane. Turn right down the lane curving round to its end.

Go through two field gates onto the bridleway (Slough Lane). Go past the first field gate on the left (this is actually the footpath but we will choose a locally used alternative which is easier to follow) and after about 500m, turn left through a field gate and walk diagonally right uphill to the end of the hedge at the top. You will be able to see the church tower towards which you are headed. Go through the next gate and diagonally right, down the field to the gate at the bottom.

Turn left onto Barnes Green. Walk up to the top, turn right and follow the road round left and pass through a gate in the hedge on the right. Turn left for a few yards through another gate leading back onto the main road and turn right to return to the 3 Crowns.

