

Three Crowns, Ramps and Sundays Hills.

No 2 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. 4 miles, 2 hours.
- 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

From the 3 Crowns, cross the road & go right to the Bike Shop to take the footpath immediately to the left and go through the gate. Walk down the field, across the bottom & through a gate in the corner. Turn right along a short fenced-in path & then turn left along the surfaced bridleway. Turn right at the gateway/stile on the right after about 200m (ignore the first gate at the bend in the track) and follow the path up the fields leaving the orchard on your right. Cross another stile onto Ramps Hill. In season, there are many butterflies and wild meadow flowers in these fields. Continue up, keeping the hedge on your left.

After admiring the views, leave the hilltop across a stile to go straight ahead down the hillside. Cross the next stile and bear slightly left to another stile. Go through this & proceed ahead, keeping close to the hedge on your right. Cross two more stiles (the second is a double) and turn right along a Bridleway up towards the road (near Hulbert's Green Farm). Here you can shorten the walk and avoid a possibly very muddy part by turning left along the road until you get to Sundays Hill Farm and resume the route at (*).

Otherwise, cross the road diagonally to the right-hand gate, go through and, keeping close to the hedge on the left, up to meet another bridleway at the top. Turn left, keep the hedge on the left & follow this through one gate and along the tree-lined path (muddy) & green road (note the ornate Carriage Gate on the left) to another country lane at Somerford Farm.

Turn left along the road past Somerford Farm & turn left down to Tanglin Farm. Continue all the way down the track/green lane, which can be soggy in parts, to the bottom; at Sherwood Cottage turn left along the road to the stables block and (*) turn right into the yard of Sundays Hill Farm following the yellow way markers.

Continue straight through to the field by the footpath arrow on a post & the right hand of 2 gates, up past a small paddock. Walk up the fields with the hedge on your right – take care of any electric fence wires (which can be unhooked and re-hooked) & horses to the corner, then through to rickety gate & over the stile to come out onto the top of the Woodbridge Golf Course. From here be aware & allow for golfers exercising their skills.

Turn left immediately at the edge of the fairway and walk close to the long grass on your left with the golf green on the right. Go past the first golf green, & turn right across a low mound. Follow the hedge on your right, cross the fairway and head for the left of a metal barn ahead. Cross the stream by a small foot bridge & head straight ahead heading towards and past a white post. Go past the 13th green & then go through a gap in the rough grass and bear slightly left towards the 17th Tee. Leave the golf course near the tee via a rough path through the middle of the hedge, through a small wood to a wooden bridge over Woodbridge Brook. Cross the small meadow to a stile. The next few fields may have horses – if you wish to avoid these turn left immediately before the stile and follow the (possibly very squelchy) green lane and then turn right and right again onto a surfaced bridleway. After a few meters turn left through a farm gate and re-join the route at (#)

Otherwise, go over the stile into the next field, then bear left round the hedge to a farm gate ahead of you, through that & round right to the far corner gate & onto a lane at Giles Green Farm. (If the route is fenced off, go round the edge of the two fields keeping the hedge on your left). Go left a few yards then right through a farm gate (#) & along the right-hand hedge through a gate and over a stile to the main road (The Causeway) at the Motorcycle Shop & bus stop. Turn left & along the pavement to the 3 Crowns.

