

Three Crowns, Olivemead Farm

No 3 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 ½ miles 1 ½ 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 Three Crowns, turn left & descend School Hill over rail & brook bridges to the Grittenham and Dauntsey T-junction. Go straight ahead through the small gate & down this field and the next with the hedge on your left. In the 3rd field walk round the edge keeping the hedge on your left. You'll see a gate on the left with a waymarker – the next part of our route can be tricky due to overgrown and very muddy stiles – to avoid this and shorten the walk slightly take this gate and continue down and turn left along the hedge when you reach the motorway to pick up the route at (*). Otherwise follow the hedge to the corner of the field to cross a double stile over a ditch, then on to the gate in the left corner. This gate may be kept closed with a hook of barbed wire which can be undone with care (or climb over the gate by the hinges). Cross this large field diagonally right & over the stile to go around the farm buildings.

Turn left over the cattle grid or through the gate to walk along the farm track between the farm & the motorway to go past the holiday cottages & through the gate ahead into a long narrow field. Walk by the right hedge next to the M4 and (*) on through the next fields to the next farm bridge over the M4. Just before the fence & gate to the bridge, turn left and head for the double stile near the far corner. Note- some stiles are rickety – take care or use the nearby gates.

Cut diagonally across the next field to the right-hand corner, through the gate and, initially aiming for the short hedge near the farm, over the low rise to see a hedge in the dip with a stile in the middle. Cross this stile (double) & walk up the field by the hedge until you reach a gate then diagonally right across a small paddock between a house & Manor Farm to cross Grittenham Road.

Go through the gate opposite, along the right side of the field then curve left to cross the footbridge over Grittenham Brook. Walk up across the next 2 fields to the stile leading over the railway farm bridge. On the other side, continue straight up hill to hedge at the back of Old Rectory. Here, turn left over a stile & curve right behind the Village Hall to the the main road & turn left to return to the Three Crowns.

