

BEECHFIELD *house*



-Walking Guide-

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A walk from Beechfield House Hotel 3.7 miles

1. Go to the main entrance and take the right
2. Head north on Beanacre road A350. Continue to follow this road.
3. Turn left onto Westlands Lane.
4. Turn left onto Corsham road.
5. Turn right onto Top lane.
6. Head east on Top lane towards Middle lane.
7. Turn right onto Corsham road.
8. Slight left onto Bath road.
9. Arrive at Shaw.
10. Head south east on Bath road towards Dunch lane.
11. Turn left onto Dunch lane. Go through a roundabout.
12. Turn right onto Beanacre road.
13. Arrive at Beechfield House hotel.

The screenshot shows the RouteYou website interface. The main map displays a brown route starting from Beanacre, heading north on Beanacre road, turning left onto Westlands Lane, then left onto Corsham road, right onto Top Lane, east on Top Lane, right onto Corsham road, left onto Bath road, right onto Dunch lane, right onto Beanacre road, and finally right onto Westlands Lane to return to Beanacre. The route length is 3.85 miles. The interface includes a search bar, route type selection (Recreational cycle route), and a 'Save route' button. The website is titled 'Cycle route planner: Recreational' and the URL is 'routeyou.com/en-gb/route/planner/5/cycle-route-planner/recreational-cycle-route'.

A walk along Melksham's Riverside

1. Start along the Millennium riverside walk which is located to the left as you enter the cemetery car park. Follow this path through the collection of trees and woodland around you.
2. When you come to the end of this path take a left turn and continue to follow the path round and you will soon begin to see some lovely views of the River Avon. Continue to follow this footpath, making sure that the view of the river is always on your left.
3. After following this path for a short while the trees will begin to clear and you should see the Avonside Enterprise business park on your left. There are normally some lovely canal boats parked along the riverside here if you get the chance to stop and look.
4. At the end of this path is a main road with a pet shop to your right and a bridge over the river to your left. If you take a right turn here you should see a zebra crossing that allows you to cross over this busy road safely. Take the zebra crossing and turn right past the bushes and there should be an opening to the pedestrian path on your left shortly.
5. Follow this path around the back of the car park and you should begin to find the views of the river again. Along here is a lock that constantly has water flowing through it, you should be able to hear this before you see it!
6. Continue along the path, always remembering that the river should be on your left. When you reach the end of this walkway turn left to continue onto the Riverside walk down to the river, which is very popular with the local canoeing and kayaking clubs. If you take this walk on a hot summers day you might even be lucky enough to see some of them out on the water.
7. This is the final leg of the Millennium Riverside walk, and possibly the most active in terms of wildlife. When you have reached the end of this path take a left and you can walk onto the Green Bridge to take some wonderful pictures of the views surrounding you.

Unfortunately this route is not a complete loop so you will have to turn around and go back the way you came.

Alternatively if you ask at reception we will be able to provide you with a different route back to your car that will take you through Melksham's town centre.

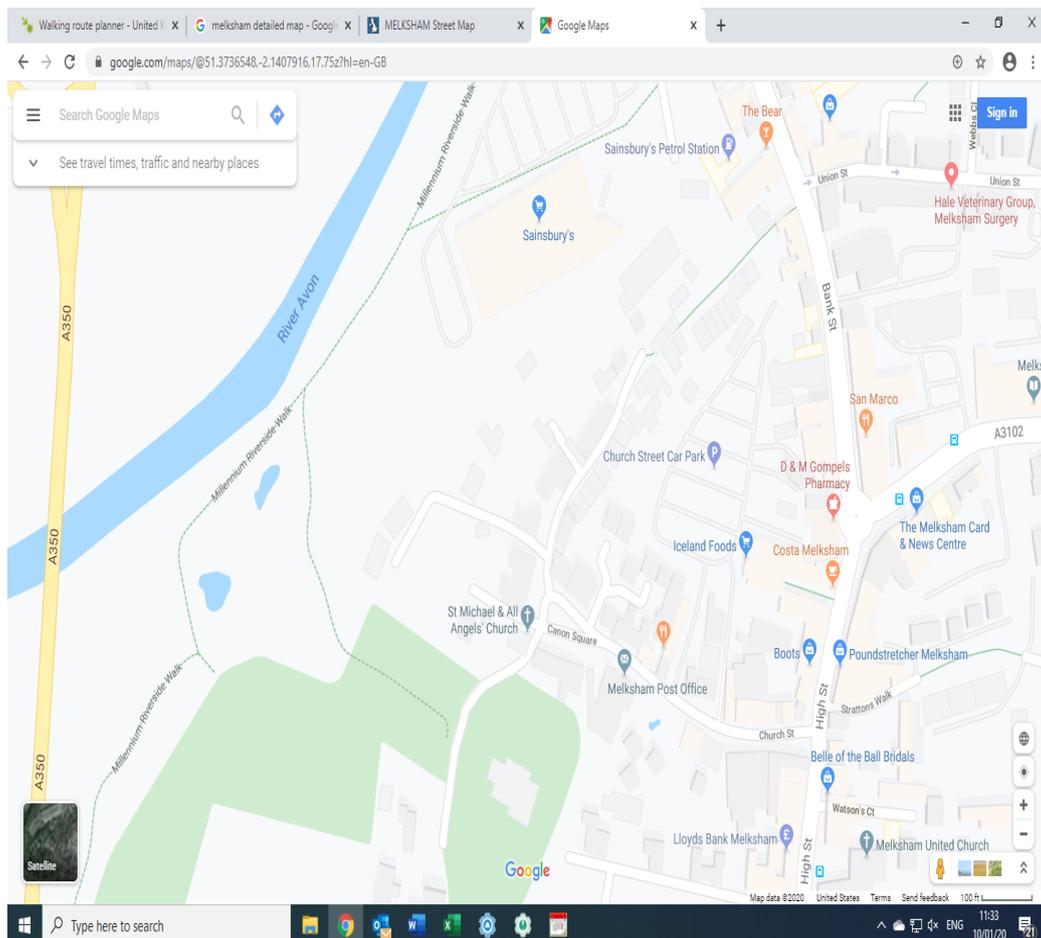
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A walk in Melksham

Melksham is a historic market town in the beautiful rural Wiltshire, with its growing population and surrounding suburbs it is perfect for a countryside walk.

A beautiful historic quarter in the Town centre features St Michael and All Angel's Church, Canon square and Church walk. Nearby are the historic villages of Lacock and Castle Combe and the splendour of the Costwolds. The friendly town centre is full of independent shops and plenty of cafes, pubs and restaurants, with a regular Tuesday market.

Compact and easily accessible, Melksham's tourist information centre and parks are all in easy walking distance of the centre.



A walk through Lacock

The village of Lacock is a beautiful National Trust site, with houses dating back to the 13th century, a wonderful abbey and several streets to explore. This walk is approximately 2 miles long (3.1km) starting at the Lacock National Trust car park, Hither Way, Lacock, Chippenham, SN15 2LG.

1. Turn right from the car park and right again onto the road leading out of the village in front of Lacock Abbey. Cross the river by the raised path. Continue past the waymarked path on your left and take the next stile on your left, just before the little chapel.

2. Follow the upper hedge until reaching a walkway over the stream with a stile. Cross the stile and walk up the left edge of the field to a gateway in the left-hand corner. Cross the next field, bearing left to a gateway in the left-hand corner of the far hedge. Cross another field to meet a bend in the River Avon with a waymarked stile.

Take care as this stile has a steep drop and the ground can be boggy.

3. Go over the stile and follow the riverbank to a kissing gate in the fence by the willow trees. Go through and at the next curve leave the riverbank and cut half left across the field to finish at the left-hand of a raised fenced footpath. A signpost is visible where the path joins the river bridge at Reybridge.

4. Cross the river and turn left at the T-junction, following the road for a few yards. Turn left onto a paved path between cottages where the road bends. Follow the path across a field. Looking back across your route you can see Bowden Hill to the right and Naish Hill to the left. Turn left at the kissing gate at the end of the path.

5. Continue along the lane across a picturesque 18th century packhorse bridge by a ford (one of the oldest ways into Lacock and a good place to wash your boots.)

6. At the end of the lane turn right leaving St Cyriac church to your left. Pass King John's Hunting Lodge and take the first road left (East Street.) Pass the 18th century lockup and entrance to the Tithe Barn.

7. On meeting the village's main street at the Red Loin, turn left past the Fox Talbot Museum of Photography and take a gravelled path by the road and through the trees to the car park.

A walk around Castle Combe

Castle Combe is a village and civil parish in Wiltshire. The village has two parts, one is in the narrow valley of the By Brook, while Upper Castle Combe is on higher ground to the east. The village takes its name from the 12th century castle which stands about 1/3 of a mile North, however today it is well know for its motor racing venue, Castle Combe Circuit which is located on the site of the former RAF airfield near the village.

This walk will take you through the hilly and wooded By Brook valley from Wiltshire's famous picture-book village and is approximately 5.7 miles.

1. Leave the car park via the steps and turn right. At the T-junction, turn right and follow the lane into Castle Combe. Keep left at the Market Cross, cross the By Brook and continue along the road to take the path signed "Long Dean" across the second bridge on your left.

2. Cross a stile and follow the path uphill and then beside the right-hand fence above the valley (Macmillian Way). Beyond an open area, gently ascend through woodland to a stile and gate. Cross a further stile and descend into the hamlet of Long Dean.

3. Pass the mill and follow the track right to cross the river bridge. At a mill house, keep right and follow the sunken bridleway uphill to a gate. Shortly enter sloping pasture and follow the defined path around the top edge, bearing left to reach a stile and lane.

4. Turn left and descend to the A420 at Ford. Turn right along the pavement and shortly turn right again into park lane. If you want to visit the White Hart in Ford village, take the road ahead on your left, signed Colerne. Climb the gravel track and take the footpath left through a squeeze stile.

5. Keep right through pasture and continue through trees to a water-meadow in the valley bottom. Turn left, cross a stream and steeply ascend the grassy slope ahead of you, bearing left beyond some trees towards a waymarker post. Follow the footpath along the top of the field to a stile and gate, then walk through the woodland to a gate and the road.

6. Turn left, then immediately left again, signed North Wraxall. Keep to the road for approximately 400m and take the arrowed bridleway right. Follow the track then, just before a gate, keep right downhill on a sunken path to a footbridge over Broadmead Brook.

7. In 20 yards, climb the stile on your right and follow the footpath close to the river. Cross a stile and soon pass beside Nettleton Mill House, bearing right to a hidden gate. Walk beside the stream, cross a stile and you will soon reach the golf course.

8. Turn right along the metalled track, cross the bridge and turn immediately right again. At a gate, follow the path left below the golf course fairway. Walk beside a wall to reach a stile on your right. Drop down steps to a metalled drive and keep ahead back into Castle Combe. Turn left the market Cross and retrace steps.

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Four mile run (6km) from the hotel

1. At the end of the drive cross the road and turn right down onto the pavement at the side of the main road.
2. After 800m turn left signposted Westlands lane (pass the church and two other lanes) and follow Westlands lane for 2km.
3. At the end of the lane turn left and proceed to the traffic lights for 1km and then keep left for a further 1.1km.
4. Turn left into Dunch lane.
5. Turn left and after 600m Beechfield House Hotel will be on your right.