



### Beaconsfield Old Town to White Horse Hedgerley

circular walk on mainly footpaths and minor roads, several stiles

Distance = 6.5 miles /10.4km

Park in Windsor End, near the Old Town Tea Rooms <http://www.oldteahouse.co.uk> and proceed south, away from the town. Pass Oak Lodge on your right and continue to take the footpath, off to your right as the road bends sharply to the left. Over the M40, turn left for about 200m then take a right past an angling club lake on your right, continuing for about 800m to cross the minor Burnham Rd near Fairview House. Through the kissing gate onto, and continue in the same direction towards Hollybush Wood; on your left there is a large field which usually has a herd of deer. About 40m after you enter Hollybush take the Permissive Footpath straight on. After 200m, at the foot of a downhill stretch, there is a stile which takes you onto footpath. BEWARE, this stile has barbed wire on the top horizontal bar, just where you are likely to put your hand!

Turn right for about 10m and go through a kissing gate to the side of the road; about 5m on your left you will see a Footpath sign; taking this path you will ascend through a narrow avenue of young trees and onwards following the white arrows on the trees, passing to the left of Jennings Farm. Once past the farm buildings, you will see a pointer to the right; this takes you over a stile; then turn left for about 100m, where there is another stile. After clearing this stile, turn immediately right and follow the footpath at the side of the field. Turn left at the end of this field and remain on the perimeter of the field until you reach a stile which puts you on Harehatch Lane (an almost car-free road). Turn left and walk along the road until you reach the major road A355 after about 400 m. Cross directly over A355. *CAUTION BUSY ROAD.*

You now take the bridleway tracks heading east to cross a minor road and enter Kiln Lane by the quaintly-named "Casualty Cottages". After about 500m, reach Hedgerley where there is a "tee" junction at which you turn left. The White Horse is about 300m down the road on the right. **Optional pit stop** <http://www.thewhitehorsehedgerley.co.uk>

Shortly after the White Horse Pub take the footpath, diagonally to your left, and aim north-west for the near corner of Sutton's Wood to bear (west) left in the field, along the wood edge.

At the end corner of the wood, go right a few paces through the gap and aim diagonally across the field. As you approach the corner you should see a gap in the hedge to your left which you take and continue NW to exit at Beaconsfield Common Lane.

Across the lane about 50m to the left, the path continues into Hillmotts Wood and down to bend right then left on an uphill track through Cave Wood. Out of the wood cross the field towards a large tree, heading to go right of the cottages to a stile and Hedgerley Lane where you will see the gates, track and the footpath over the M40.

*You are now entering the area of The Chiltern Hundreds which since the 1700's has an interesting role. To this day, Members of Parliament cannot resign unless they apply to be a Steward of The Chiltern Hundreds. If they are accepted for this sinecure, they cease to be MP and there is a by election.*

Once across, descend the steps on your left and follow the path (B48) almost a km. leading to Pyebush Lane. Towards the end of the Lane take the marked footpath to the left, under the tunnel to exit at London End of Beaconsfield Old Town where you simply continue to the left on the pavement to Windsor End where you started.