



Tring Park

3½ OR 8½ MILES

2 OR 4 HOURS

MODERATE WITH STEEP SECTIONS

1 START

From footbridge over A41, turn R and pass through kissing gate to follow path running parallel with the road. Pass through kissing gate, go down steps and cross road to pass through another kissing gate. Follow public footpath up steep concrete track, signposted to Stubbing's Wood. Where path forks, bear R keeping fence on R. As path enters wood, bear L to follow public footpath. After 10 metres take R fork to skirt round hill. Pass through kissing gate and follow path straight ahead for 300 metres.

For shortcut, continue straight on with paddock on R. Take L fork up steep hill. Continue on past garden with wire fencing and follow gravel track to road. Turn L to join main route at point 5.

2 ¾ MILE

Take path to R. At crossroad of paths go straight on byway and, after 300 metres, turn R along path between two paddocks. Ignore Right of Way to R to stay on byway and at next crossroads turn R past cottages, to cross minor road on byway. At crossroads turn L on public footpath to follow wide path along edge of arable field with

beautiful views of Pavis Wood on slope to L. At next crossroads continue straight on headland path. At top of field follow footpath straight on alongside fence line to reach road. Turn R and after 100 metres turn L to climb steep path up edge of wood with stunning views to R. Continue on public footpath through woodland with large beech trees on R. Follow gravel track to road. Turn L and after 20 metres turn R on to public footpath. Cross grass field with a stile at each side and a trig point in the middle of it (to avoid stiles follow path around edge of woodland and pass through tall kissing gate). Turn L and follow path to Forestry Commission's surfaced road. Continue on to café and car park.

3 3½ MILES

Follow signs for Firecrest and Hilltop Trails and continue downhill as views open up ahead. Where path doubles back, continue straight on until bridleway cuts back steeply to L. Take this bridleway (number 12) and at crossroads turn R on to bridleway 13. At next junction turn L along bridleway 14. Turn L into sunken track and follow the Ridgeway Trail to the road. Cross

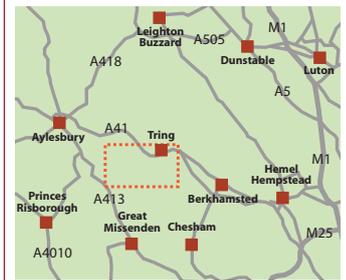
over and follow Ridgeway footpath route through kissing gate. Keep hedge on R until next kissing gate. Go diagonally across meadow, aiming for phone mast. Head to R of metal field gate to pass through kissing gate on to the road.

4 5½ MILES

After 40 metres turn R into Pavis Wood following the Ridgeway Trail bridleway. Pass through a bridle gate and bear L on to road along Ridgeway Trail towards Wigginton.

5 6½ MILES

As road bends to L to Tring, continue on to T-junction and turn L. After 200 metres, turn R into the Woodland Trust's Tring Park. Enjoy walking along King Charles Ride – a majestic avenue of mature lime and beech trees. It's definitely worth a stop at the bench to admire the magnificent views from this scarp slope across to Ivinghoe Beacon, the end point of the Ridgeway. Continue on until the Obelisk, dedicated to Nell Gwynn, comes into view. Follow the woodland walk to the white Summer House where Nell is believed to have met Charles II. From here follow the path round to L to pass the Obelisk. Continue down and go through kissing gate, bearing R to cross the open parkland heading towards the footbridge. Return to Tring via bridge and public footpath.



TERRAIN

Most of the route is on made-up tracks or open grassland with ¾ mile along a country road. There are 9 kissing gates. The route can be slippery in wet conditions, especially where the path is on the chalk.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Regular buses run to Tring and Wendover from the surrounding area.

From the train stations at Tring (London–Midland Line) and Wendover (Chiltern Line), follow the Ridgeway Trail to join the walk.

For information on train and bus services call Traveline on 0871 200 2233 (www.traveline.org.uk).

For details of coach services contact National Express on 0871 781 8181 (www.nationalexpress.com).

PARKING

There are several town car parks in Tring. From the museum on Akeman Street, go round the corner on to Park Street. From here follow public footpath signed to Tring Park over footbridge with 2 kissing gates and shallow steps (about ¼ mile).

Wendover Woods car park owned by the Forestry Commission (grid reference SP888091). Pay & Display parking £5 per day.

REFRESHMENTS

Café in the Woods, Wendover Woods.

Open 9am to 5pm daily

(www.cafeinthewoods.co.uk).

Zebra Café, Natural History Museum, Tring. Open 10.30am to 5pm Monday to Saturday; 2pm to 5pm Sunday.

ACCOMMODATION AND TOURIST INFORMATION

Wendover Community & Tourist Information Office, The Clock Tower, High Street, Wendover, HP22 6DU. Open Monday to Saturday 10am to 4pm (telephone 01296 696759 or visit www.wendover-pc.gov.uk/tourism).

The nearest youth hostel is Ivinghoe in Leighton Buzzard (telephone 0870 770 5884 or visit www.yha.org.uk).

MAPS

Ordnance Survey Explorer 181; Landranger 165

OTHER WOODS TO VISIT

See the Our Woods section on the Trust's website at woodlandtrust.org.uk or the *Exploring Woodland* guide for East Anglia and North Thames: buy online at woodlandtrustshop.com

