

Wilstone walkabout

Approx. 5 miles

Majority of walk is on road, canal towpaths and good tracks.

Walk advisory

On a recent recce some parts of the towpath were muddy with puddles. .

Directions

Post code for sat nav is HP23 4PD, which is the Half Moon pub, 60 Tring Road, Wilstone

Please note, your sat nav may take you through Aylesbury, which may be a longer journey. So detailed directions are given below. If you do use a sat nav, & the take the route below, after you turn left at Whitchurch your sat nav should reset to the following (but no guarantees given!).

Drive to Whitchuch

Just before leaving Whitchurch turn left, signposted Wing & Cublington.

In Cublington look out for the Unicorn pub on right hand side.

After passing Unicorn pub turn right to Aston Abbots at a cross roads (sign post is hidden on left hand side of road).

Continue through Aston Abbots.

At staggered junction go straight across, signposted Wingrave & Long Marston.

Continue through Wingrave & Long Marston

Next village is Grubblecote.

As you leave Grubblecote look for a turning to the right to Wilstone, turn here.

(Please note, if you are driving in a track laying vehicle, you will have to find a different route.)

Follow road into village, round a sharp left hand bend.

Half Moon pub is a bit further along on the left.

There is a car park at the rear of the pub or street parking at the front.

Approx 45 mins, 21 miles

Stileometer

Reads 1 for this walk.

Inclineometrics

Overall 'up' is 120ft. Strangely this is all in one place so the walk has been planned so that this is a 'down'. The reversing 'up' is not apparent!

Dining arrangements

The Half Moon
60 Tring Road
Wilstone
HP23 4PD

Please work on the basis of NO starting loo break at the Half Moon.

Pub does not have a website, generally:

Jacket potatoes are £5.95 with a variety of fillings

Sandwiches are £5.45, with a variety of fillings & either granary bread, warm stone baked roll or a GF roll

'Small' meals are £5.75 & include ham & egg; fish; scampi; fish finger; chicken nuggets; all served with chips & a choice of salad, peas or baked beans; spaghetti Bolognese; sausage & chips with either egg, peas or beans.

Walk directions

Notes re following walk directions:

- these start from the National Waterways car park on the other side of the road to the Anglers Retreat and the (closed) White Lion pub in Marsworth. At the time of writing this is a pay & display car park.
- the walk directions are in the direction of the arrows on the map.
- the walk can also be started at the Half Moon in Wilstone, as happened on this occasion & the walk was also in the opposite direction to the arrows.

Leave car park and cross the road towards the traffic lights.

Do not cross the bridge but join the canal towpath as a left turn off the road. (NB if you start the walk at Wilstone, at this point you will be walking crossing this bridge to continue along the canal.)

At canal junction follow canal to the left.

Continue forward past two locks and under a bridge.

Keep forward and under next bridge.

At next bridge leave the towpath and turn left on the road that goes over the bridge.

Walk into Wilstone.

Follow road round a sharp left hand bend, past the Half Moon pub (which is an alternative start for this walk) and out of the village.

At T junction, cross road slightly to the left & join the footpath. (NB, further to the left is a farm shop and café with loos.)

Go through 2 gates & bear right up (26) steps to reservoir.

Turn left on the reservoir edge and follow track to 'corner' of reservoir.

Follow track to the left away from the reservoir. Track has a sharp right turn.

When track is blocked by Waddesdon estate sign turn left and continue along track.

Follow track up incline and turn left at empty canal.

Follow empty canal to its end.

Bear left down to road and turn right on road.

Almost immediately opposite is a footpath sign.

Follow footpath through field and at end of field continue straight forward onto track into wood.

Follow track through wood, ignore where track turns left (near small brick building) and continue forward.

Go up steps to canal & turn left along towpath.

At bridge leave the canal, cross the bridge & rejoin the towpath on the other side of the canal.

At canal junction go under footbridge & turn right and then double back over bridge and follow canal.

After a while there will be a reservoir on the left.

Continue forward (down a short incline to the right with a fence for support)

Leave the canal to enter the National Waterways car park.

(If the walk started in Wilstone, stay on tow path & continue over road bridge at top of directions.)



