

Three Crowns, Somerford Common, Somerford Farm, Hulberts Green and Ramps Hill.

No 10 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. 5 1/2 miles, 2 1/2 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

1 Stand with back to pub., cross road and turn right. Just past the old cycle shop, turn left down to a gate into a field. Keeping right, go down the field to a gate in the hedge on the right (40m) into a road (Barnes Green). Turn left and follow road down and right; after passing 4 dwellings on the left, turn left down a wide bridleway, leaving the white bungalow on your right.

2. Take the bridleway slightly downhill past a few houses and follow left bend at the bottom. Go past the dwelling with stables on the right, and just after another left-hand bend, go through gate on the right and follow an obvious path through a narrow field, with hedges each side (this is shown as Slough Lane on OS maps). Head for the gated copse at the far end. Go through this wooded area, leave by another gate, and keeping the same direction, follow the path, which has fields and hedges each side. Go through two wide gates and come out on to a lane; follow this lane as it rises slightly and bends right. Directly opposite a brick house with iron fencing, turn left along a bridleway, follow this until you reach a road (Stoppers Hill).

3. Turn left and proceed until you reach the sign for Somerford Common (1km.) (just past Somerwood House). The road bends right here but bear left up the track (Blackberry Lane on OS maps) through the wood. Keep to the main track, rising slowly, until you reach a road.

4. Turn left and walk along road until you reach a signed bridleway to your left (1km). (This is a sharp left onto the bridleway – if you get to Somerford Farm, you have missed the turn).

5. Follow the path, leaving a large dwelling on the RHS, through a wooded area, and exit straight on through a gate out into more open bridleway, with fields visible to the right and left. Keep straight ahead for about 1km until you reach the first gated path to the right (200m from exit from woods on the LHS). (This section can be difficult after heavy rain – if so, you can continue along the road to Tanglin Farm – see the map)

6. Pass through a gate and across a field, close to a hedge on your RHS. Near the large tree halfway across the field is a good spot for a snack break, as there are good views across the valley towards The Ridgeway on the horizon. Follow the path downhill to a road. (Hulberts Green Farm, Riding School, is a short distance to the left).

7 Cross the road and head across the field, keeping close to the hedge on the left. Ignore a treble style (100 m. from field entrance) and proceed downhill. Near the bottom of the field just as the path bends right, cross a double stile on your left into a field (possibly with evidence of horse-jump equipment). Follow the path across the field parallel to the hedge to your right. After 80m arrive at a stile, go straight over and follow the route close to a hedge on the left. The path slopes downwards and ends in another stile in the LH corner. Go straight through into a further field. Cross this field (50m), go through a stile, and follow the path ahead and uphill slightly left to a stile near the top corner of the field.

8. Go through the stile and follow the path straight ahead. This is Ramps Hill, and gives good views over Brinkworth village, and towards Lyneham and The Ridgeway. Follow the path close to hedge on your right across the top of the hill and downwards to a stile. Continue ahead, cross a small stream, and keep ahead through a gate/stile to the bridleway. Go straight across, and straight ahead to a gate and a path by the Memorial Graveyard. At the road turn left to return to the pub.

