

Three Crowns, Slough Lane, Ramps Hill

No 05 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. 2 ½ miles, 1 hour approximately.
- 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

Start at the Three Crowns, cross the road and turn right to walk past the bike shop and then immediately take the path on the left. Go through the gate and follow the edge of the field on your right round to the far-left corner, through the gate and turn right down a short passage between hedges and out onto a surfaced bridleway (Longman Street). Turn left and after 200m take the field gateway on the right (on a bend). Follow the path (Slough Lane) to and through a copse (which can be wet) and then through two field gates to the end of York Lane. There is a footpath to the left just before the first house (York Cottage) across a gravel drive – take this to pass through a small orchard to cross a footbridge over a brook.

Continue along the left hedge and through a kissing gate. Cross the next field, aiming for the far house (Southland Lodge), through a gate then right, past the barn and to the road. Turn left along the road, passing Braydonside Cottage to Braydonside Farm.

Immediately before the farm on the left is a footpath post. Follow this left down through the farmyard (gravel track) to the bottom. The footpath then goes right before the ditch, past the pond to a stile; cross this and continue along the right hand hedge to a stile on the right at the highest part of the field.

Don't use this stile. Turn left to cross the field, through a gap in the hedge and straight up to another hedge gap to emerge near the top or Ramps Hill. Walk slightly right close to the hedge, straight over the crown of the hill. Take a moment to enjoy the views of the countryside and the centre of Brinkworth spread out before you.

From the top, head for the church tower, close to the hedge on the right and down to cross the stile in the bottom right corner. Follow the path down passing an orchard on your left, across the concrete and stone bridge back onto the surfaced bridleway (Longman Street). Go straight across through disused gates to head toward the church tower. Go through the gate in the far right corner, past the memorial cemetery on your right through the hedge, to the main road and turn left to return to the Three Crowns.

