



# THE BORE PLACE WALKS

## BORE PLACE TO THE LITTLE BROWN JUG PUB



4.9MILES (7.9KM)



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**LOCATION:** Bore Place,  
Chiddingstone, TN8 7AR

**DISTANCE:** 4.9 miles (7.9km) there  
and back

**TIME:** allow 2.5 hours

**EXPLORER MAP:** 147

**STILES AND GATES:** several stiles,  
gates & electric fences

**PARKING:** Bore Place car park  
(free)

**REFRESHMENTS AND FACILITIES:**  
the nearest pub is The Little  
Brown Jug in Chiddingstone  
Causeway.

**PUBLIC TRANSPORT:** the nearest  
train station is Penshurst. For  
local bus and train services in  
Kent, check out Kent Connected

**STEP COUNT:** 10,000

## LOOK OUT FOR

- Oast houses
- World War II pillbox
- Managed woodlands
- Deer prints in the soft Wealden clay
- Game birds

For other walks from Bore Place  
go to: [www.boreplace.org/walks](http://www.boreplace.org/walks)

## WALK DESCRIPTION

This is a circular walk but is described in two sections, so you can choose to just walk to or from the Little Brown Jug, rather than doing the whole loop.

Nothing beats the promise of a cosy pub after a bracing walk in the Kent countryside. This gentle walk boasts the choice of two pubs within an hour on foot of Bore Place, using the network of public footpaths and bridleways. The walk takes in classic Low Weald landscape with its patchwork of arable fields and grazing pastures, drawing the eye to neat hedgerows, dotted with open-grown English oak trees, pockets of broadleaved woodland and dispersed farming settlements.

### BORE PLACE TO THE LITTLE BROWN JUG

Setting off from Bore Place car park and using the map and public footpath way-markers to guide you, turn left and head down the entrance drive until you meet Bore Place Road. Turn left again and walk with caution along the short stretch of road until you reach Bushy Wood Place. Turn right and head straight up the drive. Continue to the farmhouse at the top of the drive and look for a gate on your right, between the farmhouse and the pond. Follow the footpath, crossing a wooden bridge straight through the wooded strip and out the other side. Keep left along the edge of the field and then cross the field diagonally, looking for the metal gate in the hedge which meets the road.

Cross the road with care looking for the footpath just to your right which takes you diagonally across two fields towards the woods beyond Brownings Farm. Keep an eye out for the converted oast house behind you to your right, and cut straight through the woods ahead. As you pass out the other side, bear right to follow the woodland edge, to the gap in the hedge. Continue straight along the footpath cutting across the field towards the two oak trees and following the field edges towards Charcott Farm and then Camp Hill. As you approach Camp Hill, look for the stile in the hedge to the left of the farm buildings. Pass over the stile onto the drive and turn left towards the road.

Turn left onto the road taking extreme care walking towards oncoming traffic for 100m, looking for the

# DID YOU KNOW?

Bore Place is home to the Commonwork Trust, established by Jenifer and Neil Wates in 1977 to explore ways of living and working sustainably.

Timothy Duke set up a factory making cricket balls in Chiddingstone Causeway in 1841. The classic red leather balls carrying his name are still used today by the English cricket team and in UK test cricket.

Oast houses are distinctive buildings designed for kilning (drying) hops as part of the brewing process. The white cowls on top of the conical buildings allowed heat to escape from the drying floors below. Many oast houses today have been converted into homes.



- SF Start/Finish
- P Parking
- N North arrow



surfaced footpath on your right which takes you towards Chiddingstone Causeway and your destination. Keep an eye out for the World War II concrete pillbox in the field on your left. This squat concrete fort is one of 28,000 built hastily in 1940 in strategic locations across the British Isles to prevent the anticipated German invasion. You can also make out the church tower of St Luke's ahead. At the end of this path where it meets the road, turn right onto the pavement and walk the short distance downhill to the pub which is on your right. A selection of beers and ales and freshly cooked food awaits you. Remember to check opening times before you set off!

To return to Bore Place either retrace your steps or to make it a circular route follow the description below.

### **FROM THE LITTLE BROWN JUG, TO BORE PLACE VIA CHARCOTT**

Turn left out of the Little Brown Jug entrance and walk up the hill looking for the public footpath on your left opposite St Luke's Church. Take this path and follow it until you reach the road at the other end. Turn right here and walk with extreme caution the short distance along the road facing oncoming traffic and cross over to the left onto the road that leads into the picturesque village of Charcott and the Greyhound pub. If you want to explore the village follow the road that bears right, otherwise continue on the footpath straight on, looking for a gate on the right which takes you across fields. Walk through the fields until you cross a small stream. At the end of the field, where the footpaths cross, turn left. Continue until you arrive at Little Hale with its duck ponds full of mallards and moorhens. You will then meet the road, turn right, and walk 60m until you see the gate in the hedge on

the opposite side of the road. Cross the road and take this path up the slope to Hale Farm, following the hedge bank and keeping it on your left. Look out for electric fences here. After you pass the yard on your left, keep an eye out for the footpath waymarkers also on your left which lead you through a small gate in the hedge. Go through the gate and stay right along the hedge to the top of the hill, over the stile and then diagonally across the next field, to the gap in the left-hand corner, looking out for the Bore Place wind turbine as you go. Pass through the gap and follow the line of the power lines above you, diagonally across the corner of this field, to a stile into a horse paddock on the left. Cut across the paddock to the stile at the bottom edge and go over it, taking care down a steep uneven bank on the other side to meet the road. Now turn left onto the road, and walk with care to where it bends left at The Old Forge. Turn right following the sign for Bore Place to complete the walk.

#### **Please....**

- **Keep to the trails.**
- **Take litter home.**
- **Leave gates as you find them.**
- **Don't touch electric fences.**
- **Walk single file through fields of long crops.**
- **Keep dogs under control. In fields with cattle or other livestock, please keep dogs on leads and walk well clear of the herds.**
- **Respect wildlife.**

*Please note that cars are parked at owners' risk.*

*The Commonwork Trust is not liable for theft or injury while walking the trails.*



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