

## Walkies! With Berkhamsted Living & Tring Living Magazine

Summer 2018: Here's the first in our new series of dog-friendly local walks.

*With thanks to George Edwards and his dog Meg.*

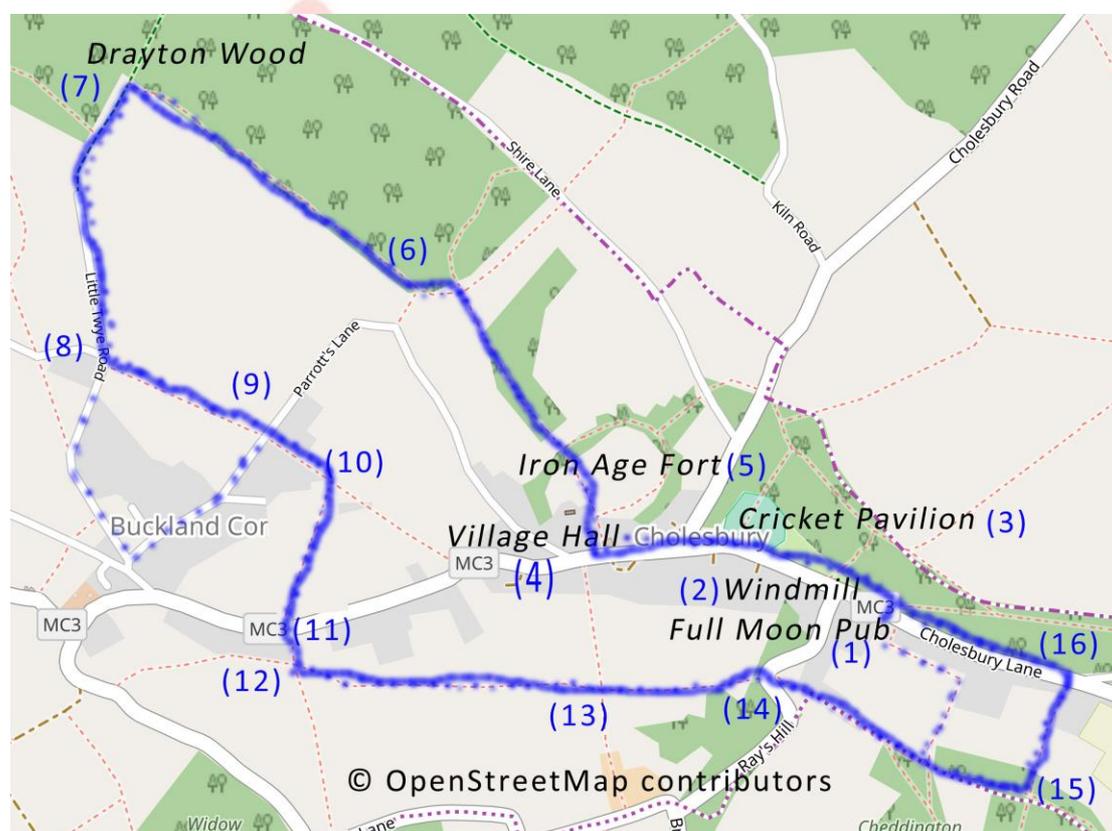
Start: Full Moon pub, Cholesbury - Hawridge Common

Ends: Full Moon pub, Cholesbury - Hawridge Common

Distance: 3.8 miles (6km)

Ascent: 300ft (91m)

The walk involves a few stiles, all dog-friendly, and a few fields with livestock. Paths are generally well-marked and may be muddy. It includes two Diamond Jubilee memorials, a windmill and an Iron Age hill fort.



### The Walk

With the permission of the landlord you could park at the Full Moon pub **(1)**, along the verge outside, in the small car park opposite the cricket pavilion **(3)** where there is a dog bin or along the verge outside Cholesbury Village Hall **(4)**.

Walk towards Cholesbury Village Hall **(4)**, noting the two Diamond Jubilee Memorials on the common between the Full Moon and Cricket Pavilion. Alongside the left side of the Village Hall is a gate, go through following a wide track to the next two gates, keeping the parish church on your left and making for a wooded area straight ahead. There are often horses in these fields, so keep your dog on a lead.

Go through the gate into the wooded area which is the Iron Age Hill Fort, Cholesbury Camp **(5)**, a large 10-acre oval shaped ditch. Go across the ditch and straight over onto a well-marked path through more trees. Follow the path through the trees until you reach a gate into a paddock where there are usually several horses grazing, keep your dog on a lead here until you reach Drayton Wood **(6)**.

In Drayton Wood keep left just inside the wood with fields clearly visible beyond. At first the path is quite open but then the trees close in and the path narrows as it twists around trees until it comes out of the wood to a track crossing left to right **(7)**. Take the left path down the slope towards a house on the right into Little Twye Road and follow it as far as a group of houses on the right where there is a marked path on your left across fields towards Parrott's Lane **(8)**, which can be muddy.

When you reach Parrott's Lane cross over down a very narrow path **(9)** to the right of Harvest House. This reaches a wooden stile with a dog opening emerging into a field which often has sheep in it. Head to your right along a well-marked path close to the fence then through a stile with a dog gate in the hedge **(10)**, keep right downhill left of some houses to a metal gate in another hedge.

To your right is the delightfully named Broomstick Lane and straight ahead a wooden fence crosses the main path, keep right and before the wooden fence go through another wooden gate in a hedge onto a path in a nursery plantation. This path bends to the left and uphill eventually reaching the Cholesbury-Buckland Common road opposite Chiltern Motors garage **(11)**. Cross the road and down the track marked Chiltern Heritage Trail. The path slopes down to an intersection of paths at the start of a wooded area **(12)**.

Turn left on the path which follows the edge of a field and passes through a metal gate in a hedge into another field where there may be livestock. Keep the fence on your left to an intersection of paths and metal gates, go carry straight over **(13)** through the metal gate. Follow this path towards some trees, passing through a metal gate and a stile to Ray's Hill. Cross the road **(14)** left onto the footpath, signed Chiltern Heritage Trail towards a house. Keep to the right of the house.

When you come to the first intersection of paths crossing the one you're on, carry straight on and at the next path intersection take the left narrow path up a fairly steep slope **(15)** between trees which eventually emerges on Cholesbury Lane, opposite Horseblock Lane **(16)**. Turn left back towards the Full Moon and cross the road carefully onto a path parallel with Cholesbury Lane or walk along the right-hand side of the road if muddy.

You will now see your destination, the Full Moon, which is a dog-friendly pub both inside and out in the garden on a fine day, but note it is currently closed on Mondays and has limited lunch time hours so check first. Tel: 01494 758959.