

## Tewin, Burnham Green and Bull's Green

*This walk of about 6¼ miles is through beautiful woods and open countryside with lovely views. It is almost all on traffic free paths. It was originally devised by **Derek Milton** of The Friends of the Hertfordshire Way.*

*This walk can be started from several places (see box). It goes directly past:*

- the **Plume of Feathers** in **Tewin** (GR TL271153, postcode AL6 0LX) - point (A);
- **Tewin Bury Farm Hotel** (GR TL265141, postcode AL6 0JB) - point (D);
- the **White Horse** in **Burnham Green** (GR TL262166, postcode AL6 0HA) - point (H).

*Two other pubs are not on the direct route but are within very easy reach:*

- the **Rose and Crown** in **Tewin** (GR TL271147, postcode AL6 0LE) - point (X);
- the **Horns** in **Bull's Green** (GR TL270174, postcode SG3 6RZ) - point (Y).

*All provide possible stops for food and drink. Please only use their car parks if using their facilities.*

*A slightly longer walk of about 7 miles can be undertaken using public transport to **Welwyn North Station** (GR TL246154, postcode AL6 0AU). Point (Z).*

*The main description starts at the Plume of Feathers in Tewin. For instructions on using the starting points which are not on the main route, see below.*

*There are six places where particular care is required as it is easy to miss a relatively narrow or concealed turning. They are points (B), (C), (E), (G), (I) and (K) on the map.*

Leave the car park of the **Plume of Feathers** pub at the north end of **Tewin village** (A) and cross the road into the car park of the playing field opposite. Cross this car park and enter the playing field. Cross in front of the pavilion then head to the far left hand corner of the field. Go through a gap in the hedge to reach a broad track where you turn left.

Continue along this track for about 300m until you see a short path on the right leading to a kissing gate (B). Once through this gate follow the path half left across the field. At a crossing track go straight over, through a kissing gate and enter a path between fences. When you reach the road go through the kissing gate and turn left. Go along this road for a short distance until you see a kissing gate on the right immediately opposite a farm entrance (C).

Go through this gate and almost immediately turn left. Go through the gate in front of you and turn immediately right. Go down the field edge with the fence on your right until you reach a kissing gate. Go through this gate onto a crossing path. Turn left up the hill until you reach a road. Cross this road and continue along a path with a hedge on your right. At the end of the hedge where two paths cross, turn right. Keeping another hedge on your left go down the hill into the Mimram valley.

At the road cross diagonally and take the path leading to your right with a hedge on your left. Continue along this track ignoring all paths from the right. After passing Tewin Mill Fish Farm you may catch glimpses of the Mimram itself. When you reach **Tewin Bury Farm Hotel** turn right into the hotel up the main drive (D). Go straight towards a yellow brick building in front of you and turn left immediately in front of it. Continue a short distance to a roundabout with a lamp post in the middle then turn right between wooden posts up a gravel track.



Look out for a footpath which crosses this track (E) just after a house on the left. This path is narrow and easily missed. Turn left along the path through a wood to a road. Cross this road and follow the path with a hedge on your left. Ignore paths from the right. Go through a wood and when you reach a kissing gate across the track turn right through another kissing gate (F). Continue along this path with the hedge on your left. There are good views across the field to woods ahead and to the right.

Go through a kissing gate onto a crossing path and turn left. Continue up the slope between trees. There is a cream house on the right where the surface becomes tarmac. A short distance further on there is a narrow footpath on the right with a signpost to Burnham Green (G). Take this path. Continue straight on where another tarmac road joins from the left until, shortly after a bungalow on the right, you reach a field gate and kissing gate across the track.

Go through the kissing gate and immediately turn right along a wooded track with occasional views over a field on your right. Ignore paths on your right keeping straight on, passing through a kissing gate to reach the road at Burnham Green.



Turn left along the verge and at the crossroads go straight over into White Horse Lane. Go past the White Horse pub on your left (H) down the hill. Just before the speed derestriction sign turn right into a path signposted to Coltsfoot Lane. At the end of this path go through a gap in the hedge and turn right into Coltsfoot Lane.

Pass Coltsfoot Country Retreat on the left and then after the 30mph sign take a path on the right opposite a house (Coltsfoot Cottage) with large wooden gates (I). This path is partly hidden by trees. Follow this path between fences all the way to a road where you turn right (J). After a short distance turn left onto a path just before a house with iron gates. The path is signposted to Tewin Upper Green.

Follow this path between fences. After about 500m look out for a path on the right leading downhill with mature trees dividing the track (K). Take this path for a short distance ignoring all paths to the right then, just past the iron gates to a large house, turn left onto a narrow path between fences until you reach a kissing gate into a field. Keep ahead beside the fence on the left and go through a kissing gate in a hedge. You can see the garden of the Plume of Feathers on the other side of the field. The way out of the field is slightly to the right of the garden fence under a large tree. Cross the field, go through the kissing gate and follow the path beside the pub until you reach its car park (A).

### ***Alternative start points***

- To start from the **Rose and Crown** in **Tewin (X)** start along Back Lane immediately on the left of the pub and continue until you see the path on your left at (B) leading to the kissing gate. On your return pass the path at (B) and continue along the wide track to the pub.
- To start from the **Horns** in **Bull's Green (Y)** turn right out of the pub and, ignoring the turn into Coltsfoot Lane, take the next road on the right which is Bramfield Road. Continue along this road until you reach point (J) where you turn left. On your return, when you reach point (I) do not take the path on the right but continue along the road until you reach the junction where you turn left for the pub.
- To start from **Welwyn North Station (Z)** leave the station through the arch by the ticket office, then turn left along Harmer Green Lane. Continue up this road until you reach the end of the fence on your left. Turn left up steps to a path. Continue up this path until you reach a waymark post where you are above one of the railway tunnels. Turn right here and continue along the backs of houses, passing one of the tunnel smoke outlets and ignoring a large path on the right, to reach another waymark post at a crossing path in sight of a palisade fence ahead. Turn right here along a narrow path which eventually broadens out before joining Harmer Green Lane. Turn left and continue along this lane passing a village green with a war memorial to reach the junction with New Road. Take Pennyfathers Lane almost directly ahead with a pond on your right. At a fork turn left and continue for a short distance meeting the main route shortly after point (G). On your return do not turn right at point (F) but continue straight ahead until you reach a road. Turn right and almost immediately left into Harmer Green Lane. This leads directly to the station.

