

The Hoddington Arms

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Walk: Upton Grey Circular Under a mile / 30 mins

1. From the Hoddington Arms, turn left towards the red telephone box and village pond. You may like to stop at the telephone box, which details the history of Upton Grey village.



2. Continue along Bidden Road past the 18th century Grade II listed Pond House, and the pretty village pond.

3. Shortly after the pond, you will see a gravel driveway to your right...



4. There is a footpath sign, follow the sign and turn right into the driveway.



5. As you follow the road along you will see a sign for Covington House. You are not entering the driveway for Covington House, instead, near the top of the road look for a footpath sign to the right. Follow this footpath along the alleyway behind the gardens.



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6. When you come to a gate, go through into the field. You will have a lovely view across the field to St. Mary's village church. There may be sheep in the field at certain times of the year, please ensure that you keep dogs under control and close the gates behind you.



7. Walk straight across the field, at the gate turn right into the lane.



8. At the end of the lane you will see the entrance to the Manor House, just opposite and to the left. The Manor House is of 16th century origin, and home to the most complete and authentic Gertrude Jekyll garden in existence and a living museum of Jekyll design. You are turning right here, and following the road down into Upton Grey village.



- 9. You will see St Mary's Church on your left, a beautiful Grade I listed medieval building dating from the 12th century.
- 10. Continue along Church Street, home to many other Grade II listed buildings within the Upton Grey conservation area.
- 11. At the bottom of the hill, to the left you will find the very pretty and rather quaint Upton Grey village hall and the shop and post office. The village pond is to your right a little further on.



12. Turn left at the end of the road and continue back past the red telephone box to the Hoddington Arms. Come in for a spot of well-deserved lunch and a pint of the specially brewed 'Hodd' ale.



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