

## 49. Ivinghoe Beacon

**Distance**      **10 miles/15.5km**

**Ascent**        **331 metres**

**Start/finish**    **Tring Station, HP23 5QR**

Head north-east on the road then turn L onto the Hertfordshire Way and L again onto the Ridgeway, heading north-west. Follow this trail along Grim's Ditch and across a road. Cross the next field then follow the trail north uphill and across another road at a sharp bend. Continue on the trail north to the trig point on Ivinghoe Beacon (3.5 miles/5.7km). Turn R and follow the ridge east to the obvious R turn into the fields below, follow this path around to the R and back uphill to join the Icknield Way. Turn L and follow the trail south-east, continuing in the same direction but leaving the Icknield Way at Ward's Hurst Farm to reach a path junction by some water works (6.3 miles/10.7km). Turn R on the footpath across Beacon Road and south-west along paths through Sallow Copse to a byway at SP 974129 (7.6 miles/12.2km). Turn R onto the byway, following it west past the visitor centre and downhill to the road in Aldbury. Follow Station Road then turn R onto the Hertfordshire Way, take the next L and stay on this path back to the road and Tring Station.

| Miles | Km   | Directions   |
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| 0.0   | 0.0  | Head north-east on the road then turn left onto a footpath following the Ridgeway north-west. Continue on the waymarked Ridgeway along Grim's Ditch and around to the right to reach a road.   |
| 2.1   | 3.3  | Turn left onto the road then right onto a path still following the Ridgeway Trail north-east. Continue on the trail as it curves to the left and crosses a small road before climbing to the trig point on Ivinghoe Beacon.                                |
| 3.5   | 5.7  | Turn right and follow the path down the ridge line of Gallows Hill to a path junction at the bottom, turn right and then right again now heading south-west and slightly uphill to reach a junction with the Icknield Way Trail.                           |
| 4.8   | 7.8  | Turn left onto the Icknield Way and follow it south-east to a path junction at SP973152 near Ward's Hurst Farm.  |
| 5.6   | 9    | Leave the Icknield Way but continue in a path in the same direction to a waterworks reservoir. Turn right here following the path south to Beacon Road.  |
| 6.5   | 10.4 | Cross and follow the footpath south-west through Sallow Copse to a junction with a byway at SP974129.  |
| 7.6   | 12.2 | Turn right onto the byway to the visitor centre then left following the trail and bearing right downhill into Aldbury.   |
| 8.3   | 13.3 | Follow Station Road through Aldbury and turn right onto a footpath shortly after the church. Follow this north-west across fields to a path junction with the Hertfordshire Way. Turn left onto this and follow it back to the road and back to the start. |