

## 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
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.