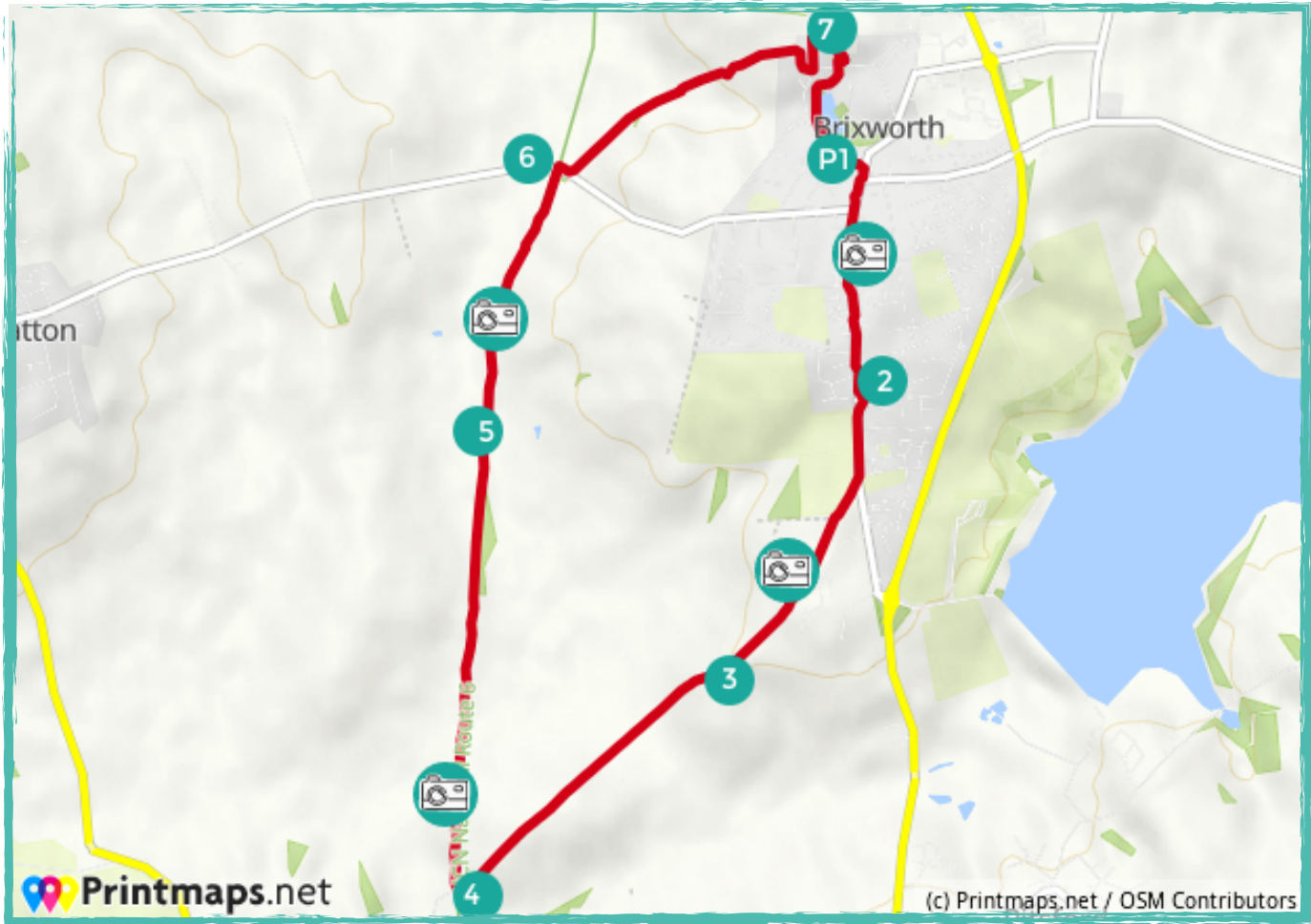


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## DISTANCE

5.2 miles  
8.3 km  
11200 steps



## PRAM FRIENDLY

No, this is not a pram friendly walk.



## DOG FRIENDLY

Yes, this is a dog friendly walk



## ESTIMATED TIME

Approx 2hrs



## DIFFICULTY

Moderate walk



## REFRESHMENTS

The George Pub serves tea/coffee as well as food and alcohol.



Julia Doherty

## WALK AUTHOR:

This walk was written by Julia Doherty, but developed by Alison Snelling.

Julia's favourite walk of all time: The Camino De Santiago, Spain.

Favourite Local Walk: Snorscomb Hill, Nr Everdon.

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## PHOTO CHALLENGE:

Your photo challenge is to find a geocache, heritage plaques, a beacon and an old fire station.



## DOWNLOAD THIS ROUTE TO YOUR PHONE



Follow this route on Alltrails: [Here](#) (including GPX files)



To listen to the audio prompts [click here](#).  
(to work alongside the photo instructions)

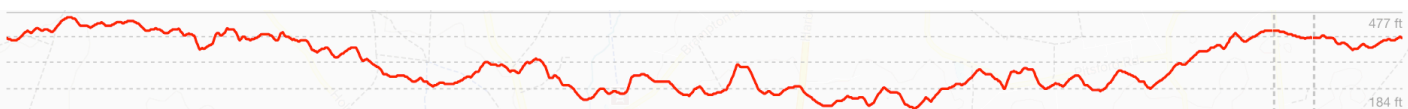
**SPECIAL THANK-YOU TO JO BLACKWELL FOR BEING THE OFFICIAL POINTER AND PROVIDING LOCAL KNOWLEDGE. ALSO THANKS TO ALISON SNELLING FOR COMPILING THE ORIGINAL TRAIL.**

**P1.** The walk starts outside The George Inn, Northampton Rd, Brixworth, Northampton NN6 9BU. For the exact location [click here](#) and then open in Google Maps. With the pub car park behind you, turn left and head towards the main road.

**1a.** When you reach the main road (Harborough Road) turn right. You will be walking along this road for 0.8 miles, but we have some checkpoint photos to keep you on track.

**1b** Checkpoint photo: Cross Spratton Road.

**Photo Challenge.** Take a minute to read the plaque at 49 Northampton Road and I hope it gives you a laugh.



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**1c.** Checkpoint photo: Foxhill Crescent



**2.** Checkpoint photo: When you reach the 2nd bus-stop (where the path ends) cross the road, and then continue along Harborough Road.



**2a.** Checkpoint photo: At the roundabout (The Ashway) cross the road and continue straight.



**2b.** The long road walk is nearly complete. Please cross the road and after a short walk bear right heading down the Bridleway (also known as Merry Tom Lane).

Fact: Earl Spencer broke the neck of his favourite horse, Merry Tom, whilst out fox hunting. The lane is named after the horse.



**2c.** Continue past Ash House and take in those fabulous views. Jo (the pointer, who is also a local) tells me that this is especially beautiful during sunset.

Walk for a further 0.3 miles



**3.** Checkpoint photo - you will walk by a metal gate on the right with more fabulous views.

Walk for a further 0.7 miles.

You have now walked 2 miles.

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**3a.** Checkpoint photo - go through the gap in the metal barrier.

You have now completed 2 miles.



**4.** When you see the concrete carriers you have now reached Brampton Valley Way (an old railway line). If you fancy a drink / pub spot then turn left, if not then continue your walk by turning right. You will stay on the Brampton Valley Way for approximately 1.9 miles.

**Photo Challenge.** Geocache time! Can you find it? Clue: Valley of the rocks... This is a clever geocache and is hidden to the right, in a hole and is shaped like a rock! Please remember to place it back in the same spot after you have signed the log book. Visit [geocaching.com](http://geocaching.com) for more info.



**4a.** Checkpoint photo: Continue straight.



**4b.** Checkpoint photo - "In memory of Bill Cotman his favourite walk with Katy his dog"

You have now walked three miles!



**5.** Checkpoint photo - another memorial bench, which is a nice place to take a few minutes and rest those feet.

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**Photo Challenge.** Can you spot the Muddy Boots & Books Challenge along this route? For more information visit: <https://muddybootsandbooks.co.uk/>



**6** Cross the road, and then take the footpath that points to the right. (The other side of the gate)



**6a** When you reach the green footpath sign, turn left and make your way across the field (well trodden footpath).

You have now walked four miles.



**6b** This is a lovely little thicket, follow the natural path through the small wooded area.



**6c** Then go through the kissing gate and make your way up the hill. Remember to turn around and see the views half way up!



**6d** This is a bit of a mad stile, and you will find that locals do not go over the stile, they just walk through the gate / gap. Head to the pylons and re-join the footpath.

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**6e** Continue straight until you reach the next kissing gate.



**6f** Go through the gate and follow the path around the back of the houses. You are now in Brixworth.



**6g** Turn left onto Station Road.



**6h** Within a few minutes cross over the road. Keep an eye out for the allotments on the right which you will see shortly.



**7** Turn right (allotments will then be on your left). You are heading towards the church.



**7a** Turn right and follow the path that leads around the church. All Saints Church in Brixworth is the largest Saxon church in England, founded in AD 680 by monks from Peterborough.

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**7b** Towards the front of the church, take the path that leads off to the right.



**7c** Before you go through the arch into the millennium garden, can you see the beacon on your left? Weave around the garden, and take a moment to take it all in by sitting on the bench. This is a special place.



**7d** Exit the gardens, then at the end of the small lane turn left towards the main road.



**7e** Cross the road and head towards the village stocks, then look up to your right to spot the photo challenge in the next photo!

**Photo challenge.** As you head down the road, can you spot the thatch art on top of the cottage? We can't decide if it is a boar, hog or lion. What do you think? Continue down this road.



**7f** Turn right and take a few minutes to read the rather interesting blue plaque on the wall of the old fire station.

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**7g.** Checkpoint photo: Continue straight.



**7h** Continue up the hill bypassing Grange Court.



**7i** Continue straight, the George Inn is not far now and on your left!



**7j** You made it! Well done. You can now add another sticker in your AG passport.

If there are any changes that need to be made to this walk, then please let me know. Email: [julia@adventuregeek.co.uk](mailto:julia@adventuregeek.co.uk) or submit your feedback using [this form](#). Thank you.



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