



## Pegsdon Hills

**Parking addresses:** Turn off the Barton Road (B655) into Apsley End Road, Shillington, Hitchin, Hertfordshire. Then after 50 metres or so, turn left into an unmarked road. See picture, below. No postcode available.

**Parking:** Park on one side of the road, as shown below. Alternatively, you could use the small parking area further along the B655. It's called Hexton Road Car Park, but that's stretching it a bit, as the capacity is probably about 4-5 cars, max.



Unmarked road, off Apsley End Road. It's opposite one entrance to the hills.



Cross the road and there's the entrance.

**Walk:** Pegsdon Hills are part of the Chilterns: a chalk escarpment which runs across Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Hertfordshire, and Bedfordshire.

Getting to the top of the hills involves a fair uphill climb. So be prepared for that if you want to get the best of the views and walk along the paths at the peak.

Naturally enough, it gets cold and blowy in the winter months, but it makes for a great walk and picnic site when it's warmer. Like nearby Barton Hills it's a favourite place for red kites and buzzards to soar overhead, riding the thermals as they hunt for their prey. When you're at the top you will often be looking down on them as they do so. If you have a camera with a good lens this is good opportunity to use it. See video, below.

There is plenty of other wildlife there too: larks, thrushes, wheatear, ring ouzel, as well as grazing cows and sheep.

### Food and drink:

The Raven at Hexton has a very good reputation for food, as well as a garden for fine weather.

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