



## Ivinghoe Beacon

**Parking address:** Ivinghoe Beacon, National Trust Car Park, Dunstable, LU6 2EG.

Use your satnav. This road is unmarked, but is signposted, as shown.

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The car park generally has sufficient parking spaces for visitor numbers.



Left turn off the B489 coming from Dunstable side.



Parking area at the top of the hill.

**Walk:** Ivinghoe Beacon is part of the Ashridge Estate. At 233m above sea level Ivinghoe Beacon was once part of an old signalling network, used to send messages over long distances. It is part of the Chiltern Hills and is the start of the Icknield Way to the east and Britain's oldest road, The Ridgeway, to the west. This is also the site of an iron-age hill fort.

Signs at Ivinghoe Beacon site suggest three potential walks of varying lengths. These range from around 45 minutes to the Beacon and back to a much longer 17-mile circular affair, which we have managed to avoid so far.

The tops of the hills make for good views over the surrounding countryside, as well as a perfect vantage point for RC glider enthusiasts to use slope soaring: gaining lift from winds that meet the sides of the hills causing an updraft.

Obviously, Ivinghoe Beacon is popular with walkers, dog-walkers, picnickers and model flying enthusiasts – not the powered type, though, only gliders.

### Food and drink:

The Village Swan pub at Ivinghoe Aston is a pub run by a local collective.

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