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The Costwold & Malvern Line

## The Fleece Inn (NT)

The building itself is a traditional 'Longhouse' a kind of simple farm building used to house both humans and animals. Hailing from the 15th Centrury and it has only served as a pub since 1848.

This is possibly one of the Vale of Evesham's most iconic pubs and it's now owned by the

National Trust and still operated as a local pub albeit hosting losts of festivals across various different themse including Asparagus, Morris Dancing and folk nights.

now over 600 years old, The pub and surrounding village green was also used as a film set in 1994 for the BBC's adaptation of Dickens' novel 'Martin Chuzzlewit'.



Road/track



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Landscape feature

Information



Picnic site

Take care!

**RAMBLERS** 

Worcestershire

Viewpoint



Cafe

**Parking** 

Church

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**Climb** 

0-500 ft

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## **Evesham to Honeybourne**

1 L from station up access road. R at High St then L on St Mary's Rd. Follow to end then continue on FP dropping down to Common Road, R to head S on Common Rd/Mill Bank/Mill St. L on

Continue up Port St. L after Cinema on Burford Rd. Second R Lime St. Straight ahead at two X-rds then follow Lime St to R. Cross main road and continue to end of Badsey Lane. Drop down footway to A46.

Bridge St to cross River Avon.

Cross A46 with care. After 100m L on access to farm, R on FP. Continue straight ahead through orchards and fields to foot-bridge over Badsey Brook. Continue on surfaced FP to cross

Manor Close to Badsey High Street.

- R down High St. L after Wheatsheaf Inn on School Lane. R on Willersley Rd. L on Sands Lane which soon turns to gravel track. After track turns R take Bridleway at next bend L. Follow around field boundary to copse. L to continue to Rd at junction at Pear Tree Corner.
- **5** L on bridleway surfaced at first. Continue on gravel track to surfaced Lane then take FP on L just after barns. Continue on FP keeping hedge to R. At Road L then R over bridge into Bretforton.
- At church the historic National Trust -

owned Fleece Inn is on R of village square. Onward route is L then R on School Lane. At main road slightly R to FP to pass cemetery. At junction. Of two FPs continue straight ahead then through passed Poly Tunnels of Strawberry Farm to Road.

Cross road to FP opposite and slightly to L. After gate into next field follow path to cross footbridge then bear R along field boundary. At Railway R through gap into cross diagonally across long linear field to right hand corner. Continue through gap into next field with brook on R. At the end of field L through gate following hedge on R through Mobile Home Park. At park roadway bear R to housing estate. Then follow FP in green area next to railway and through gate into station Car Park.

Asparagus growing in the Vale of Evesham is a traditional crop of the region and is available between April and July. The stalks grow to a maximum height of approximately 22cm.

Disclaimer

You undertake this walk entirely at your own risk, the authors take no responsibility for any injury or loss incurred on this walk

## **Asparagus and Evesham**

The Vale of Evesham is the largest producer of Asparagus in Northern Europe via it's sandy soils which promote the ease of growing and deep root systems. The area also hosts the annual 'British Asparagus Festival' which involves both auctions of the vegetable and a linked music festival based in and around the Fleece Inn at Bretforton.

The festival is one of a number around

the world celebrating all things Asparagus with other events taking place in both California USA and Germany. The Vale's asparagus enjoys 'Protected Name Status' linking the vegetable's production with the area in a similar manner to that of Champagne in the Champagne region and Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese in Italy where it's name is also legally protected. All products using the name 'Vale of Evesham Asparagus' have to observe strict government standards.

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