

RUGBY PUBS

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Rugby Pub Walk Town Centre Crawl

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William Webb Ellis may have had an odd idea about the shape of a football, but the town folk know how a pub should be.

Rugby is a nice interesting old midlands town, in Warwickshire, for an ale two. You'll visit some nice hostelries here.

It's a small town with all the pubs in this walk very close together and easily navigable.

The ten pub walk comprises:

- The Victoria
- Seven Stars
- Alexandra Arms
- Rupert Brooke
- Bell
- Raglan Arms
- Rugby Tap
- Lawrence Sheriff
- Merchants Inn
- Squirrel.

The map above should be suitable to guide you around and the wee descriptions overleaf include the street and number to further assist. Feel free to mess around with the walk order.



Happy walking!!



Ten Real Ale Pubs of Excellence in

Rugby Town Centre

Refitted Homes Webb Ellis & ESPN

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The Victoria 1 Lower Hillmorton Rd

A lovely Victorian (of course) pub in a familiar flat iron shape.

Lots of beers (14 hand pumps!), lots of original fittings, but also screens for sport too. Definitely a must.



Seven Stars 40 Albert Sq

Recently reopened after a £200,000 refit by Everards in collaboration with Banks & Taylor. It is already very much a local favourite. You can clearly see it was developed from 3 former terrace houses.



It has eight ales on and includes a TV room, snugs, and a conservatory too.

Alexandra Arms 72-73 James St

A stones throw from the Stars is the Alex which is home to the Atomic Brewery, which also supplies the Victoria.

It is multi roomed and has an impressive 'rock' juke box in the back attracting the appropriate crowd too.



Nice large beer garden at the rear.

Rupert Brooke 8-10 Castle St

This Wetherspoons pub is named after the poet, who is one of Rugby's notable former brethren.

A typical Wetherspoons with early opening (8am - 11pm) it was opened in 2000 inside the former indoor market.

Bull 28 Sheep St

The Bull is part of the Stonegate Pub Company group. It has a good town centre location and has four ales on.

There are plenty of TV screens for those looking for SKY/ESPN sports over the weekend.

Raglan Arms 50 Dunchurch Rd

Just over the road from Rugby School and the William Webb Ellis statue is the Raglan Arms, winner of Rugby CAMRA pub of the year on multiple occasions and a must visit, with up to 10 ales available.

Rugby Tap 3 St Matthews St

The Tap is not a pub, but a mighty fine bottle shop. So if you are after some foreign beers then this is the place to head to. But truth be told the main focus is local beer.

As well as bottles you can bring your own container and fill up too (for the long journey home on the train or coach!).

Lawrence Sheriff 28 High St

Another Wetherspoons/Lloyds outlet in the town centre with a modern comfortable and roomy feel. Named after the guy who left the money for Rugby's famous school in will. Good show Lawrence!

Merchants Inn 5 Little Church St

Another former winner of Rugby & Warwickshire Pub of the Year (03



and 07). A large hostelry with lots of ales and even more sporting memorabilia - it also has a cricket club and a golf society.

Has Batemen's, Purity and Oakham on and six guest ales. Recommended. Handy if you need butties for the trip home or some socks it's at the back of M&S.

Squirrel 33 Church St

Traditional old one room freehouse - amazingly it was originally 3 dinky rooms. The building is 18th Century.

It's a regular in GBG and is another not to be missed on this walk. If you are about in the evening then you may well find some music on as they love their music here.

