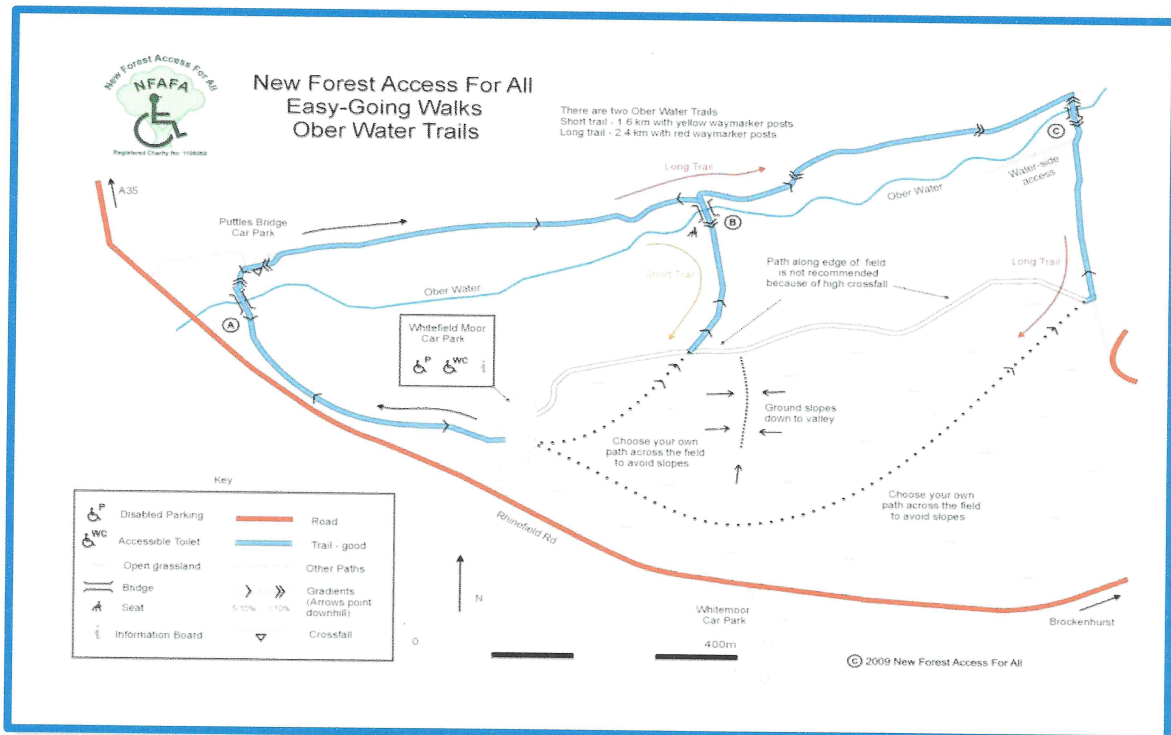


New Forest Access For All



Easy-Going Walks

Walks





WELCOME TO SID AND FLOSS's EASY- GOING WALKS

Introduction.

We have designed these maps to help you choose a walk that is suitable for your own abilities and circumstances. The maps are primarily for people with disabilities and for parents or grandparents pushing a buggy.

We have tried to keep the maps simple and easy to read whilst including as much relevant access information as possible. They all have a link to a Forestry Commission or National Park Authority website for more information.

The New Forest is an excellent area for people with disabilities. It has many trails, paths and cycle routes that are suitable for wheelchair and scooter users. Some trails have seats for those who need to rest frequently.

Please take care. Take a companion with you; remember that gravel and grass trails will flatten your battery much more quickly than tarmac; take a mobile phone (though not all areas may have reception) and **ENJOY OUR WONDERFUL NEW FOREST.**

Two characters to help you are **FLOSS** and **SID**.



FLOSS stands for:

- F**acilities
- L**ength of walk
- O**bstacles
- S**lopes (gradients and cross falls).
- S**urfaces

These are the main qualities of a trail that will help you decide if it is suitable for you.



SID stands for:

- S**upplementary
- I**nformation for the
- D**isabled.

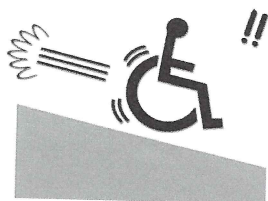
SID will give you bits of information that we can not easily show on the maps.

OBSTACLES.

None of our walks have stiles, steps, or a width restriction that would make it impossible for a wheelchair to pass. Many gates in the Forest are fitted with an easy access trombone latch which can be operated from a wheelchair as well as by horse riders. Some gates can be opened with a Radar key. Other 'obstacles' on our routes might be chicanes, prominent tree roots, or other hazards like potholes which may require a little care.



SLOPES.

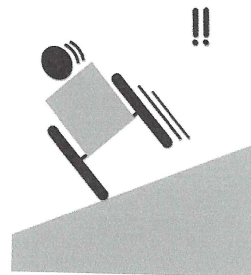


GRADIENTS are very difficult to measure accurately in the countryside, as rural paths do not travel up or down in straight lines like urban concrete ramps, but we believe our measurements provide a useful guide.

A gradient of 5% or less is probably not significant, so our first marked gradient is a slope of 5-10%. The second is a gradient of more than 10%. (8% is considered the maximum gradient for a ramp in an urban setting for a manual wheelchair). If there is a particularly steep slope we have given a maximum gradient as well.

Gradients of 5-10% are marked on the maps with a single arrow > along the trail. Gradients 10% or greater have a double arrow >>. The arrows always point downhill.

CROSS FALLS can be a serious problem for people using manual or electric wheelchairs and for the ambulant disabled. We have marked these where we feel they are significant. Many country paths have some cross fall, but as long as they have a reasonably level area wide enough for a wheelchair to pass we have not shown them on the map.



Significant cross falls are shown with a triangle symbol Δ on the downhill side of the trail.



SURFACES.

All our trails are shown with a black edge. We have colour coded them to show how easy they are to use rather than what they are made of. Roads are marked in **red** without a black edge.

1. **Hard, smooth surfaces.** e.g. a sealed surface (tarmac) or concrete, boardwalks, or brick pavers.

2. **Firm, mostly smooth surfaces.** Compacted gravel (few loose stones), firm earth/gravel/grass mix.

Most of our walks have this surface for most of their length. Some of these paths can easily become unsuitable after rain and they are marked with a broken blue and white line.

3. Firm surfaces, with some irregularities. This includes compacted gravel with frequent loose stones more than 25 mm (1 inch), potholes, and protruding tree roots which obstruct the trail. Our walks may contain small sections of this quality of surface. Again some of these paths can easily become unsuitable after rain and they are marked with a broken yellow and white line.



4. Routes not recommended. (marked in white). This may be for a wide variety of reasons e.g. because the surface is too soft (soft sand, loose gravel, long grass, muddy, etc), because the path is too steep or too rough, because it is temporarily closed or unsuitable for other reasons which **SID** will explain.

We have chosen these colours to help the 8% of men with colour vision difficulties.

PLEASE NOTE:

These walks have all been surveyed by members of NFAFA. The information about these walks is given in good faith and we believe it to be an accurate representation of the walks on the date we surveyed them.

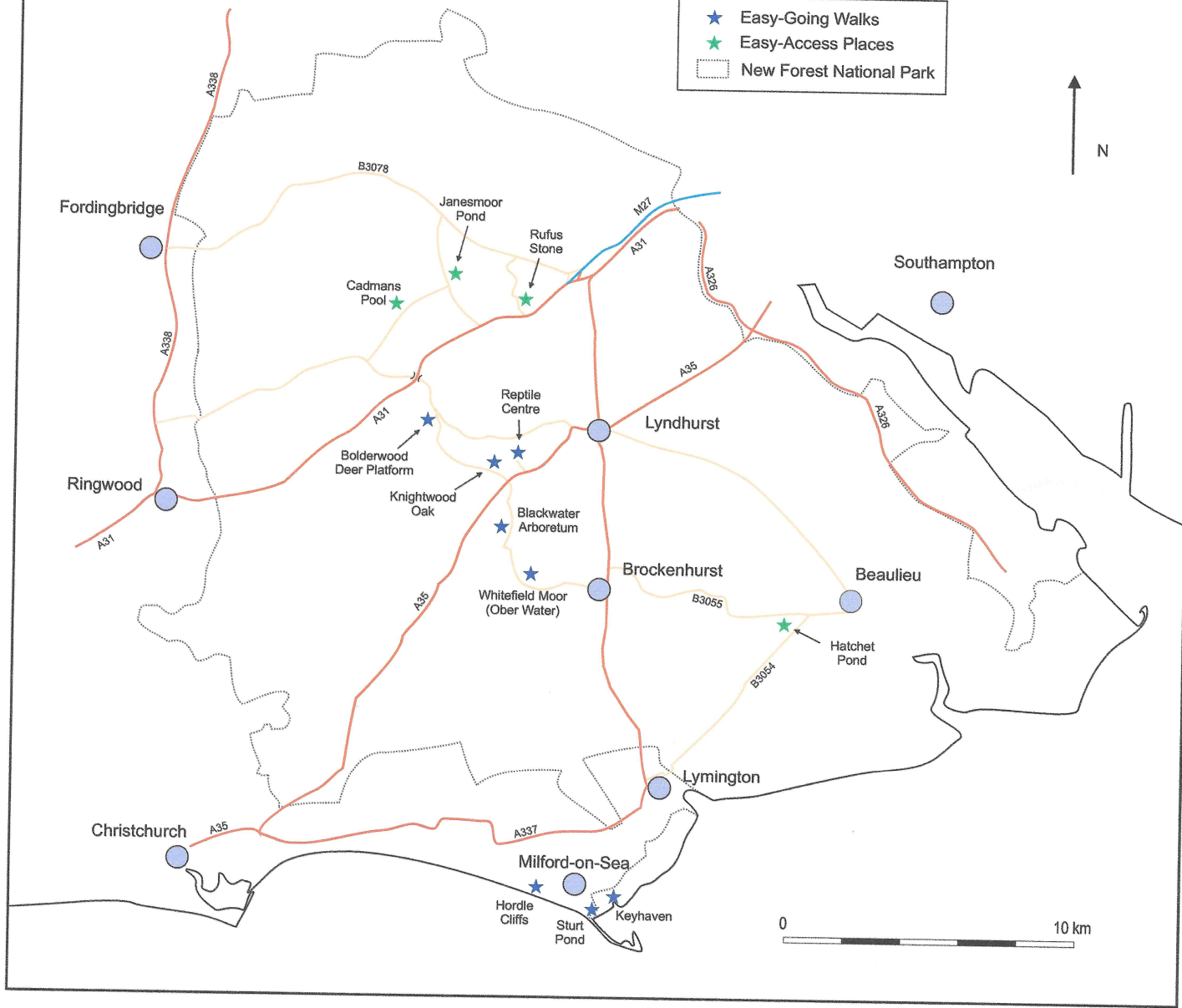
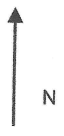
However, we can accept no responsibility or liability for any accident or damage to any person or equipment as a result of using this information; for any closures or changes to the condition of the routes since we surveyed them; or for any other occurrence beyond our control.

If we are informed about any changes, errors or omissions we will try to update the maps and information as soon as possible.



Easy-Going Walks in the New Forest

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SID AND FLOSS's EASY- GOING WALKS.

Difficulty level 1 is the easiest of our walks and 5 the most difficult. None of them require a large cross-country scooter, but the harder ones will be outside the scope of most manual and many electric wheelchair users.

NAME	DIFFICULTY	FEATURES
Forest Walks		
Blackwater Arboretum walk	2	Interesting trees, sensory trail.
Blackwater Tall Trees Trail	2	Wonderful collection of giant trees.
Bolderwood Deer watch Trail	2	Sloping path to deer viewing platform
Bolderwood Jubilee Trail	5	Pleasant but hilly woodland walk
Bolderwood Radnor Trail	5	Pleasant but hilly woodland walk
Knightwood Oak Trail	1	Ancient pollarded oak tree, easy walk
Ober Water Yellow Trail	3	Waterside walk and Whitefield Moor
Ober Water Red Trail	4	Waterside walk and Whitefield Moor
Ober Water: Puttles Bridge walk	2	Easy, pretty waterside walk
Reptile Centre Trail	4	Pleasant walk from Reptile Centre
Reptile Centre: Portuguese Fireplace walk	2	Easy pleasant wooded walk
Coastal Walks		
Milford-on-Sea: Hordle Cliffs walk	1	Easy cliff top walk, wonderful sea views
Milford-on-Sea: Sturt Pond walk	2-3	Good for bird watching
Keyhaven walk	2	Views, harbour, bird watching, easy walk
Easy-Access Places		
<i>Little or no walking is necessary at these sites</i>		
Cadman's Pool	1	Waterside, easy walks
Hatchet Pond	1-2	Waterside, easy walks
Janesmoor Pond	1	Waterside, easy walks
Rufus Stone	1	Historic site



SID & FLOSS's EASY- GOING WALKS BLACKWATER.

Sat nav. coordinates 50°50'27" N 01°37'16" W
Ordnance Survey coordinates SU 266 057

Blackwater car park is on the Rhinefield Ornamental Drive about 4 miles SW of Lyndhurst. There are several circular easy-going walking trails from the car park. They are all very pleasant woodland walks on a good gravel or firm grass/gravel surface. The Tall Trees Trail is particularly attractive; many of the large conifer trees were planted in 1859.

FACILITIES

Toilets - with a separate disabled cubicle.

Picnic area - at the Blackwater car park has picnic tables and fireproof tables for disposable BBQs.

An ice cream van - during school holidays and usually at weekends Easter-November.

LENGTH of walks Tall Trees Trail 2.2 km. (1.4 miles)
 Arboretum approx. 1 km. (0.7 mile) depending on route taken.

OBSTACLES. Gates at entrances to Arboretum
 Chicanes at road crossing points – (minimum width 1.1metres).

TALL TREES TRAIL - White way markers - Difficulty level 2

SID says: This is an excellent easy-going walk with one or two short slopes of 10% and no cross falls. There are several information boards and a World War II bomb crater. As this walk is under trees there are inevitably many tree roots on the path, but there is always a way around or over them.

ARBORETUM WALKS - Difficulty level 2.

SID says: The path up to the Arboretum has a long but gentle slope on firm gravel. All the routes marked on the map are accessible, although the Sensory Trail surface has several exposed tree roots intruding on to the path. The grass walk through the middle (**orange path**) is uneven but is an all-weather surface. It is possible to park at the entrance to the Arboretum by using a Radar key to open the vehicle gate (*see map*). You may find the lock stiff to operate as it is infrequently used.

For more information on the Blackwater area go to the Forestry Commission website. www.forestry.gov.uk/newforest or the National Park Authority website www.newforestnpa.gov.uk

Note. The western side of the Tall Trees Trail has been partially resurfaced and is now open again following an outbreak of the plant disease, 'sudden oak death' which was affecting the rhododendron bushes there. A temporary, fully accessible diversion was in place (grey path on map). This has been left on the map in case it is necessary to re-close the western part of the Trail again. The walk is then 3.1km. (2 miles).

Surveyed and updated on 13th March 2012

New Forest Access For All Easy-Going Walks Blackwater Trails



Brock Hill Car Park
Rhinefield Ornamental Drive

A35

Tall Trees Trail

Bomb crater

The Tall Trees Trail is 2.2 km long and has white waymarker posts.

Key

	Disabled Parking		Road
	Accessible Toilet		Trail - good
	Gate		Trail - poor
	Bridge		Trail - poor bad when wet
	Seat		Other Paths
	Picnic Area		Gradients (Arrows point downhill)
	Information Board		5-10% >10%
	Point of Interest		Crossfall
			Cycle Route

Giant Sequoia trees

Arboretum (entered through gates)

Tall Trees Trail

Sensory trail

Vehicle gate to car park opened with Radar key

Brockenhurst

Blackwater Car Park



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Blackwater Car Park



SID & FLOSS's EASY- GOING WALKS BOLDERWOOD.

Sat nav. coordinates 50°52'36" N 01°39'25" W
Ordnance survey coordinates SU 243 087

From Lyndhurst, drive west on the A35 for 4km. (2.5 miles). Turn right into Bolderwood Arboretum Ornamental Drive and Bolderwood car park is near the far end. There are 3 marked circular walking trails from Bolderwood car park. **All go via the accessible deer viewing platform where the wild Fallow deer are fed daily at approx, 2.00pm from Easter to September.** They are all very pleasant woodland walks on a good gravel or firm grass/gravel surface.

FACILITIES .

Toilets - with a separate disabled cubicle.

Picnic tables - with metal trays for disposable BBQ's.

The visitor centre - is accessible and is open weekends April to September, and school holidays.

An ice cream van - is usually present during school holidays and at weekends Feb - November.

OBSTACLES.

Gates around car park with wheelchair-friendly trombone latches.
Chicanes at road crossing points.

YELLOW TRAIL 0.8 km (0.5 mile). The Deer Watch Trail. Difficulty level 2

SID says: There is a drop of 10 metres from the Information Centre to the deer viewing platform. The trail back to the car park is fairly steep and you may find it easier to return on the longer route which goes via the picnic area.

GREEN TRAIL 1.6 km (1 mile). The Jubilee Trail. Difficulty level 5.

SID says: This trail drops over 40 metres from the Information Centre, the equivalent of a 13 storey building.

The return section just before returning to the deer viewing platform has sections of 20% gradients and a worrying cross fall of 20% where you need to turn to cross a culvert. We do not consider that this section of the Red and Green Trails comes within our criteria for easy-going walks and we do not recommend this section.

If you feel comfortable on the first steep slope past the Radnor Stone, which also has a noticeable cross fall, you should cope well with our recommended route. You can return to the car park via the trail marked **A** and then return past the Radnor stone. This was a lovely walk on an all-weather surface.

RED TRAIL 3.2 km (2 miles). The Radnor Trail. Difficulty level 5.

There are 2 bridges; the first has a short but steep (17%) gravel slope up to the bridge and a 5cm. step where the gravel has eroded.

SID says: This trail drops over 50 metres from the Information Centre, the equivalent of a 17 storey building. **See my comments in the Green Trail section.** Both trails marked **A** and **B** are firm, smooth gravel or grass. You can use them to vary the length of your walk.

For more information on the Bolderwood area go to the Forestry Commission website. www.forestry.gov.uk/newforest or the National Park Authority website www.newforestnpa.gov.uk

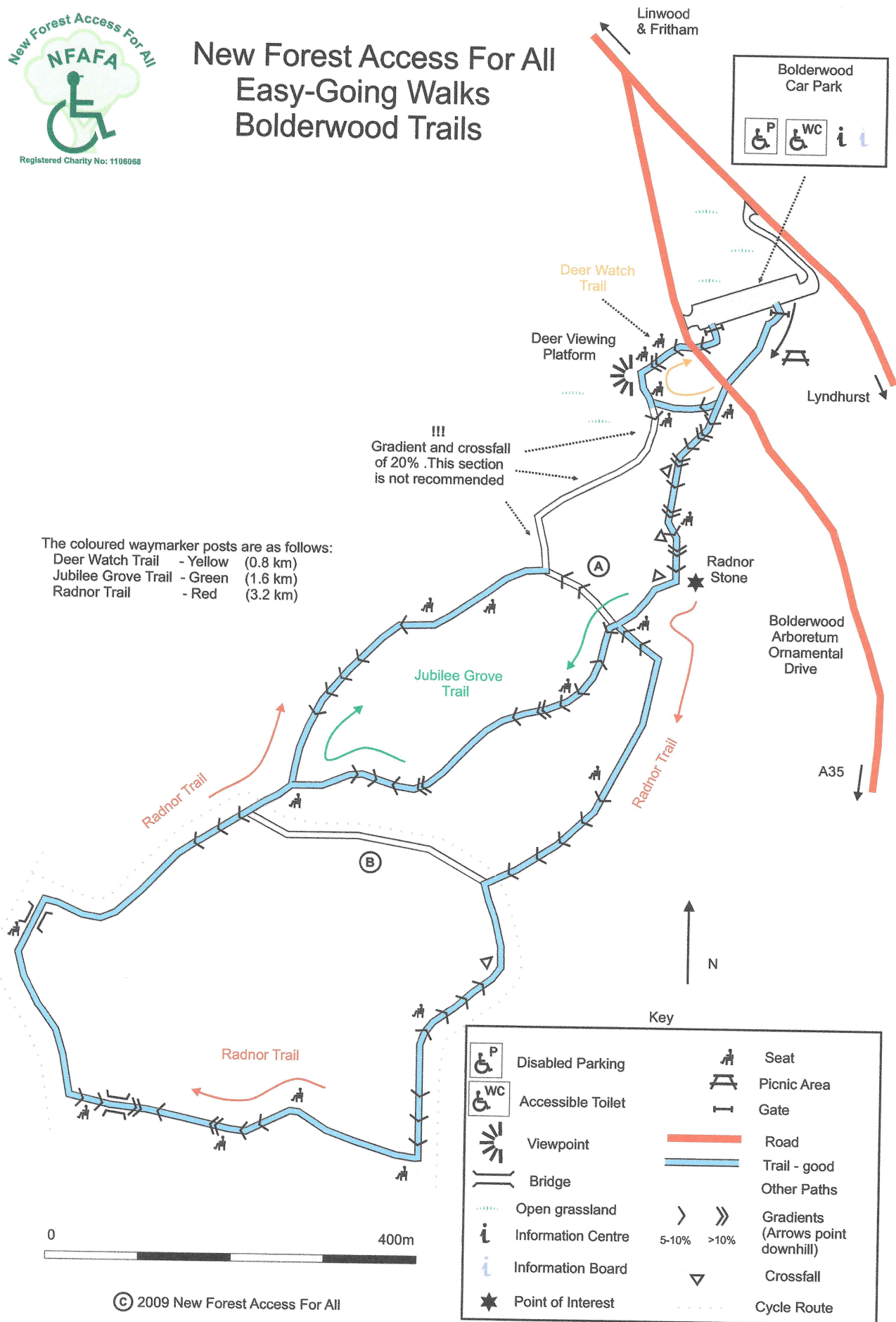
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New Forest Access For All Easy-Going Walks Bolderwood Trails

The coloured waymarker posts are as follows:
 Deer Watch Trail - Yellow (0.8 km)
 Jubilee Grove Trail - Green (1.6 km)
 Radnor Trail - Red (3.2 km)





SID & FLOSS's EASY- GOING WALKS KNIGHTWOOD OAK.

Sat nav. coordinates 50°51'23" N 01°37'35" W
Ordnance survey coordinates SU 265 064

From Lyndhurst drive west on the A35 for 4km. (2.5 miles). Turn right into Bolderwood Arboretum Ornamental Drive and the Knightwood Oak car park is a little way up on the left. This tree is believed to be the oldest Oak tree in the New Forest. It is thought to be 600 years old, has a circumference of 7.5 metres, and was pollarded in the past. It is a very easy, pleasant woodland walk on a good gravel or firm grass/gravel surface.

FACILITIES .

Car park - 1 blue badge parking space.

Toilets - none. The nearest toilets are at Blackwater car park which is 1.3 miles to the south on the other side of the A35.

Information boards.

Seats - Several bench seats along the walk.

Picnic tables - 2

LENGTH. 0.6km (0.4 miles) in total.

OBSTACLES. Chicanes at road crossing points. Easy to navigate.

MARKED TRAIL TO THE OAK TREE. Difficulty level 1

SID says; From the car park the Trail takes you back across the road. Follow the Trail to the Tree. The Trail leads all around the ancient Knightwood Oak. Several good information boards are positioned around the Tree.

This is a very easy walk with no significant slopes.

You can download the Knightwood Oak podcast for your MP3 player from the Forestry Commission website below.

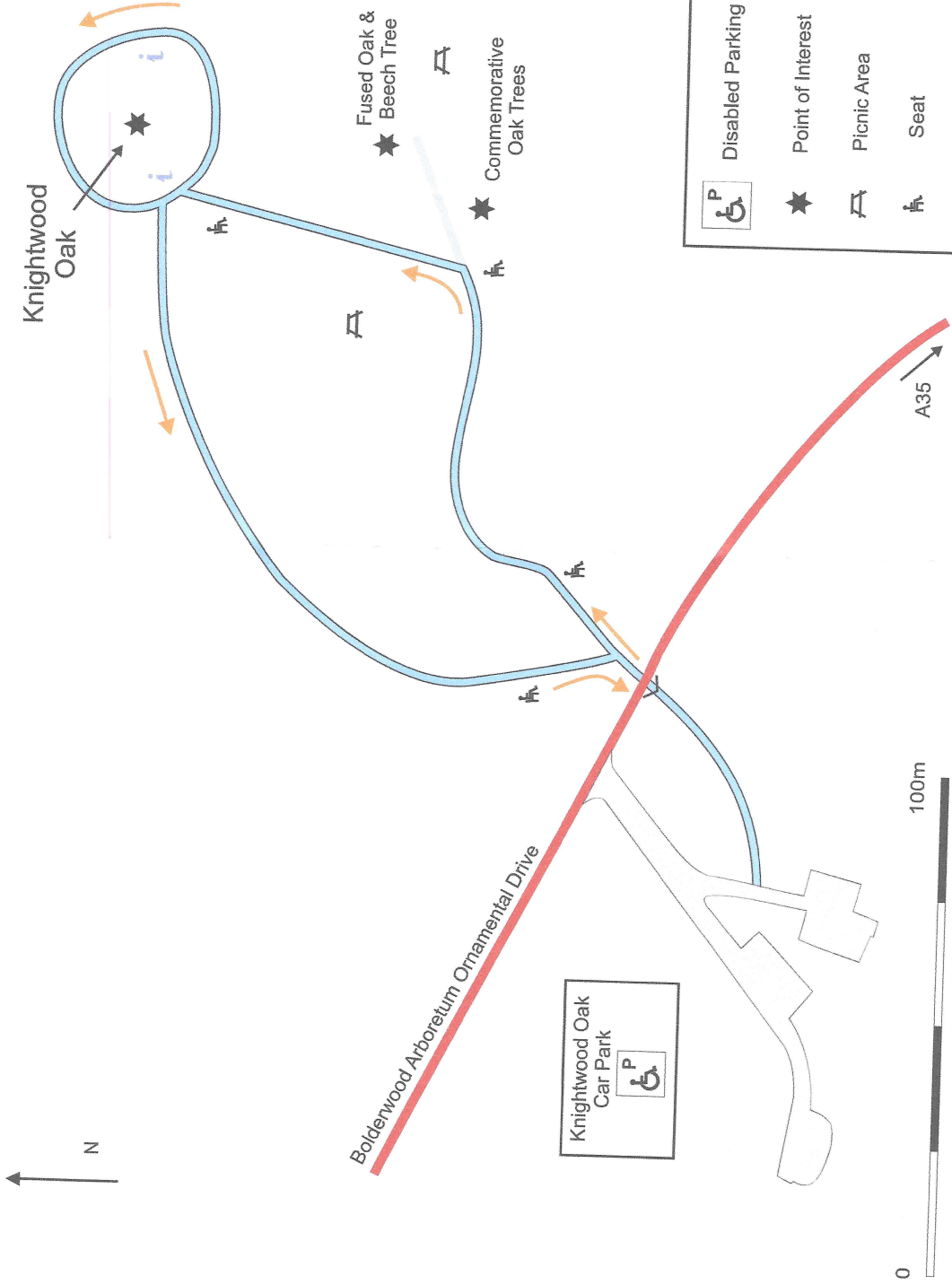
SID says; You may like to combine this walk with a visit to the **deer viewing platform at Bolderwood**. The car park is 2.3 miles to the north, near the other end of the Bolderwood Arboretum Ornamental Drive. This car park has **toilets** and other facilities.

For more information on the Knightwood Oak go to the Forestry Commission website. www.forestry.gov.uk/newforest or the National Park Authority website www.newforestnpa.gov.uk

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New Forest Access For All Easy-Going Walks Knightwood Oak



Key

	Disabled Parking		Road
	Point of Interest		Un-paved footpath
	Picnic Area		Other Paths
	Seat		Gradients (Arrows point downhill)
	Information Board		5-10%
			>10%
			Suggested Walk



SID & FLOSS's EASY- GOING WALKS **HORDLE CLIFFS, MILFORD-on-SEA**

Sat nav. coordinates 50°43'32" N 01°36'34" W
Ordnance Survey coordinates SZ 276 917

Milford-on-Sea is on the New Forest boundary 4 miles south west of Lymington on the B3058. The Hordle cliffs are just to the west of Milford-on-Sea village centre. There are excellent walks on a sealed surface of fine gravel embedded in tarmac, with wonderful views of the Solent and the Isle of Wight.

FACILITIES

A) Hordle Cliff West car park - has 7 Blue Badge spaces, a **refreshment kiosk**, a brick built **shelter** with bench seats, and **toilets** with a separate **disabled cubicle**.

There is an overflow car park on a firm grass surface.

B) Paddy's Gap car park - has 8 Blue Badge spaces.

C) Hurst Road West car park - has 6 Blue Badge spaces, and **toilets**, one separate **disabled cubicle**.

D) Hurst Road East car park - has 9 Blue Badge spaces facing the sea, and a **café**. The nearest public toilets are 250 metres (275yards) along the promenade at Hurst Road West car park.

All 4 car parks are pay and display from 1st March to 31st October – Blue Badge holders free of charge.

LENGTH Walk 1 - up to 3.2 km (2 miles);
 Walk 2 - to Hurst Road East car park 4.2 km (2.6 miles) ;

OBSTACLES. Around the White House (Walk 2) there are difficult slopes with significant crossfall.

Walk 1 from the HORDLE CLIFF WEST CAR PARK - Difficulty level 1.

This lovely walk is along the cliff top from the car park in both directions. To the east, once you get to the Paddy's Gap car park, there is a long gentle slope down towards the White House, although this is less than 5% gradient.

SID says: There are bench seats at frequent and regular intervals all along the coastal path, as well as the wooden or brick shelters with seating, marked on the map. This is a very easy walk with lovely views over the Solent and you can choose the length of the walk to suit your circumstances.

Walk 2 from the HORDLE CLIFF WEST CAR PARK - Difficulty level 3

SID says: You can continue along the promenade to the east. This walk is made more difficult by a short but awkward stretch where the promenade curves seaward to pass around the White House. There are gradients of 15% down with a crossfall of 16% in places for 20 metres (22 yards) followed by a 5 metres (5.5 yards) stretch upwards of 14% slope with a crossfall of up to 8%. (It is possible to go inland here around the White House grounds and rejoin the walk at Hurst Road car park). You can travel as far as the Hurst Road East car park, although the views in places are partly spoiled by the concrete roofs of beach huts on the shingle seafront below. The Sturt Pond walk starts from this car park.

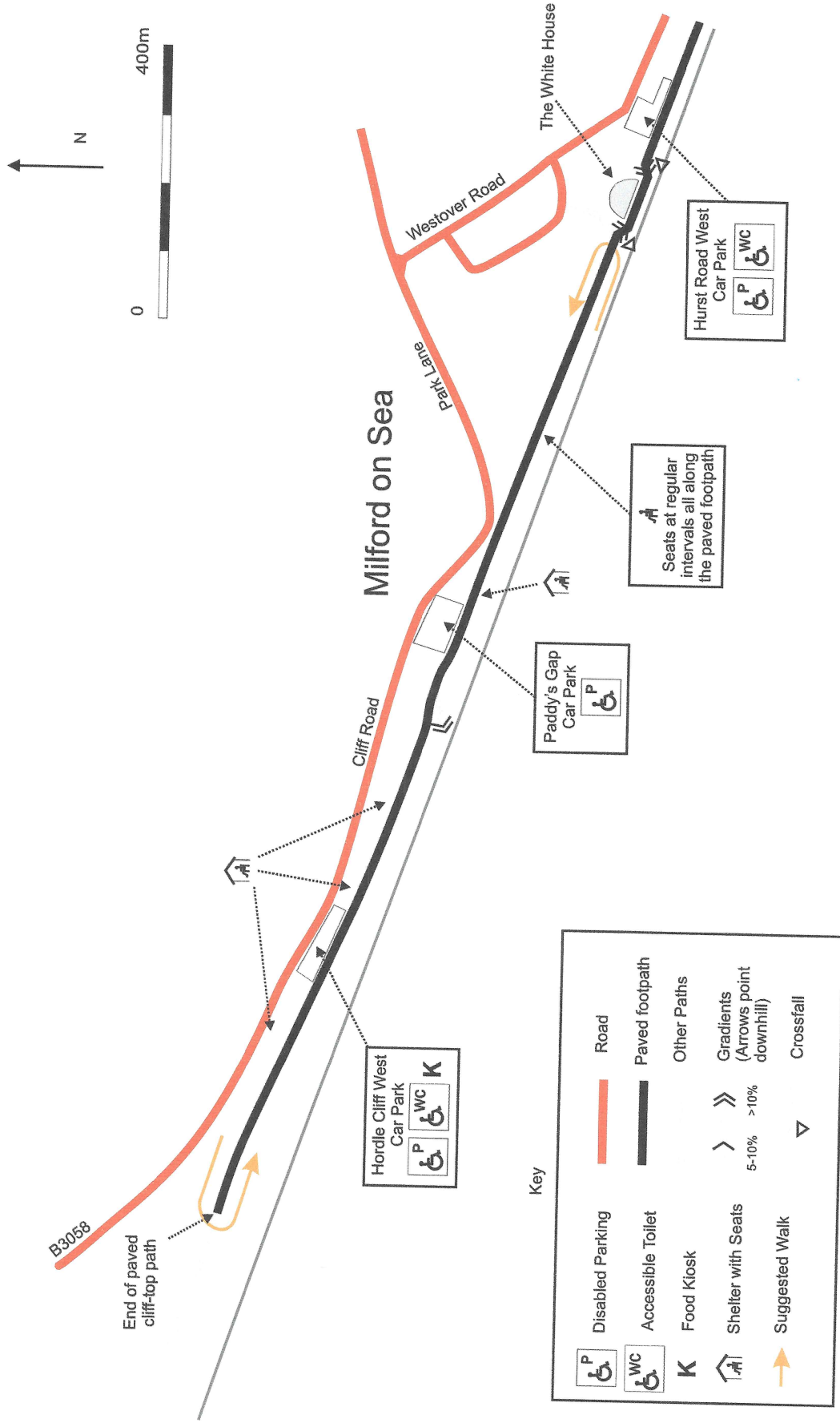
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SID & FLOSS's EASY- GOING WALKS **STURT POND, MILFORD-on-SEA**

Sat nav. coordinates 50°43'13" N 01°35'14" W
Ordnance Survey coordinates SU 292 912

Milford-on-Sea is on the New Forest boundary 4 miles south west of Lymington on the B3058. It has a shingle beach and great views of the Solent and the Isle of Wight. Sturt Pond is a tidal inlet and a wonderful place to spot coastal birds. It is partially sheltered from the on-shore winds by the 2 km long Hurst Spit which makes it an especially good place to view migrating birds in the winter.

FACILITIES

Hurst Road East car park - has 9 Blue Badge spaces facing the sea.

Toilets - the nearest public toilets are 250 metres (275 yards) along the promenade at Hurst Road West car park.

Café - at the car park serving hot meals and snacks

The car park is pay and display from 1st March to 31st October - Blue Badge holders free of charge.

Bird Hide - open 9am - 5pm. This looks over the west side of Sturt Pond, but unfortunately there are 7 steps to the entrance.

LENGTH of walk 3 km (1.9 miles)

OBSTACLES. Some loose shingle alongside the Hurst Spit part of the walk, mainly between the two bridges - see **SID** Says

STURT POND WALK - difficulty level 2-3

SID says; Start from the Hurst Road East car park at the end of Sea Road. There are several bench seats on the promenade looking over the sea. The paths around Sturt Pond area are mostly good compacted gravel, but in a few places the loose shingle has spread from the Hurst Spit and makes the surface more difficult. They tend to be where walkers have come down from the Spit and are usually only for short distances. There is often a way around them where the gravel is compacted.

There are no significant slopes on this walk apart from the entrances to the first bridge. This has a 15% slope up for 3 metres, (3.3yards) and a 15% slope down for 2 metres (2.2yards). There is also a step of 4-5cms (2 inches) where the gravel has eroded at either end of the bridge. (If this is a problem you can omit this part of the walk).

Hurst Spit - There are two slopes near the second bridge which lead up to Hurst Spit. The second of these slopes is reasonably firm gravel - 35 metres (40 yards) long with a 15% gradient and leads to the top of the spit. There is a great view from there if you can make it safely.

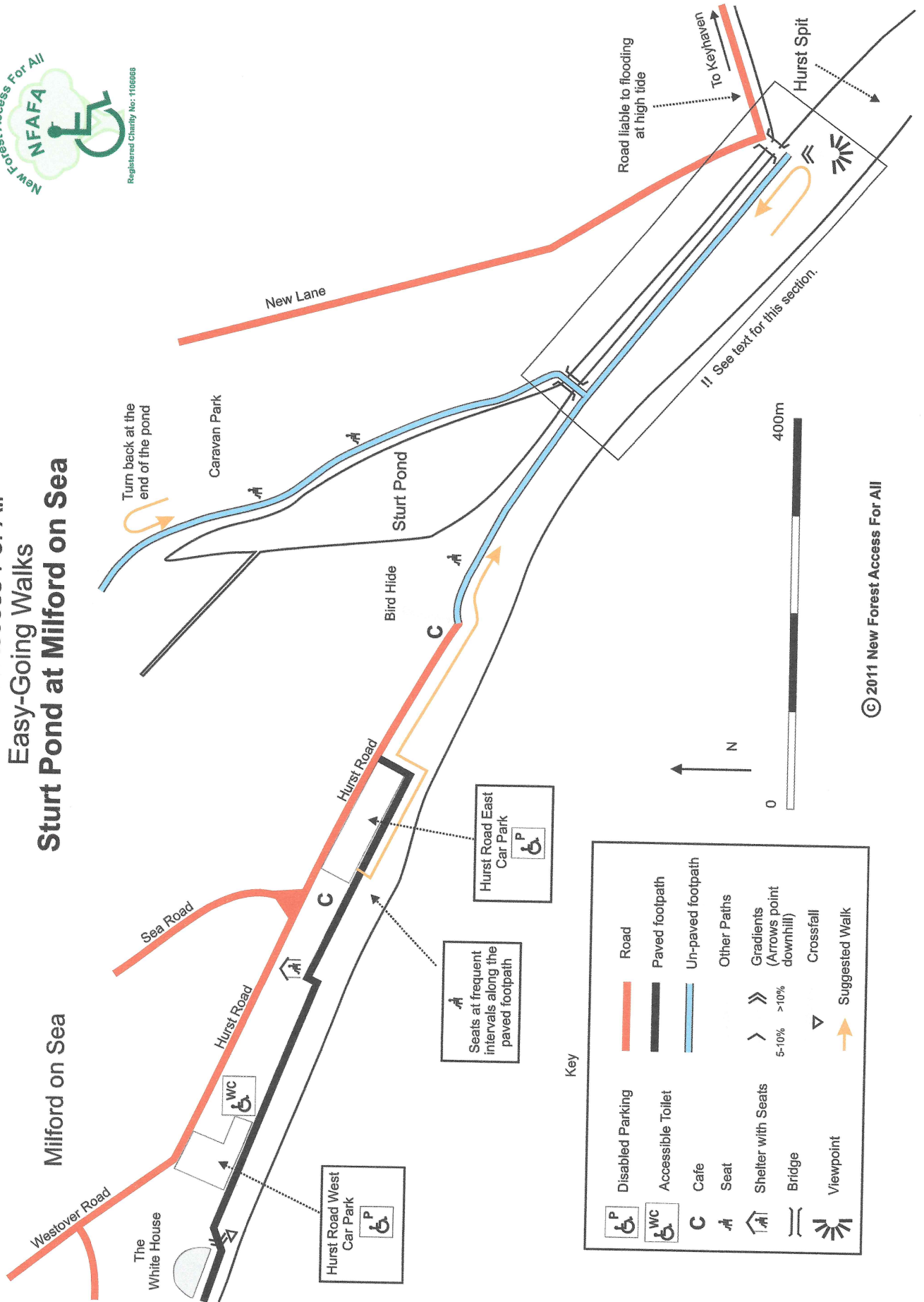
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Key

	Road
	Paved footpath
	Un-paved footpath
	Other Paths
	Gradients (Arrows point downhill)
	5-10%
	>10%
	Crossfall
	Suggested Walk

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SID & FLOSS's EASY- GOING WALKS **KEYHAVEN HARBOUR and COAST WALK.**

Sat nav. coordinates
Ordnance Survey coordinates

50°43'19" N 01°34'4" W
SU 306 905

Keyhaven is approached from Milford-on-Sea. It is a small village with a very pretty harbour. There are easy walks along the sea wall with views of Keyhaven harbour, the Isle of Wight and Hurst Spit. The area is a good spot for bird watching.

FACILITIES

Keyhaven car park - has 4 Blue Badge spaces,

Toilets - at this car park are very hi-tech and modern. The access to the separate disabled WC has a short slope outside which may cause problems in a manual wheelchair. The car park is pay and display from 1st March to 31st October - Blue Badge holders free.

LENGTH of walk

Sea wall and harbour walk - 3 km (1.9 miles).

OBSTACLES A width restriction between two posts of 90cms to access the gravel path leading to the sea wall.

KEYHAVEN SEA WALL and HARBOUR WALK - Difficulty level 2.

SID says: From the car park, turn left towards the sea. Cross the road and follow the gravel path to the T- junction at the sea wall and turn right. This lovely walk is along the top of the sea wall, built as a flood defence in the 1970s. The walk ends at a gate next to a flood gate across the narrow road which is liable to flooding. The line of seaweed on the road marks the high tide point! Retrace your route to the T- junction.

When you reach the T- junction, carry straight on along the sea wall and follow the walk around the harbour. Pass the terminal of the ferry to Hurst Castle at end of Hurst Spit. *(The ferry runs every 20 minutes from 10am - 5pm. There is a 10cm (4inch) threshold at the terminal entrance and 3-4 steps down on the ferry itself).*

Cross the road and turn right into the narrow gravel path to continue your walk around the harbour. The jetty beyond the flood gates is open to the public and accessible. Follow the harbour wall to the right, over the bridge and enter the Keyhaven Marshes nature reserve, via a gate with an accessible trombone latch. Apart from a 3 metre (3.3 yard) slope up of 15%, this is a level walk along the sea wall and well worth the effort. You can travel further into the Marshes on the good gravel path if you wish.

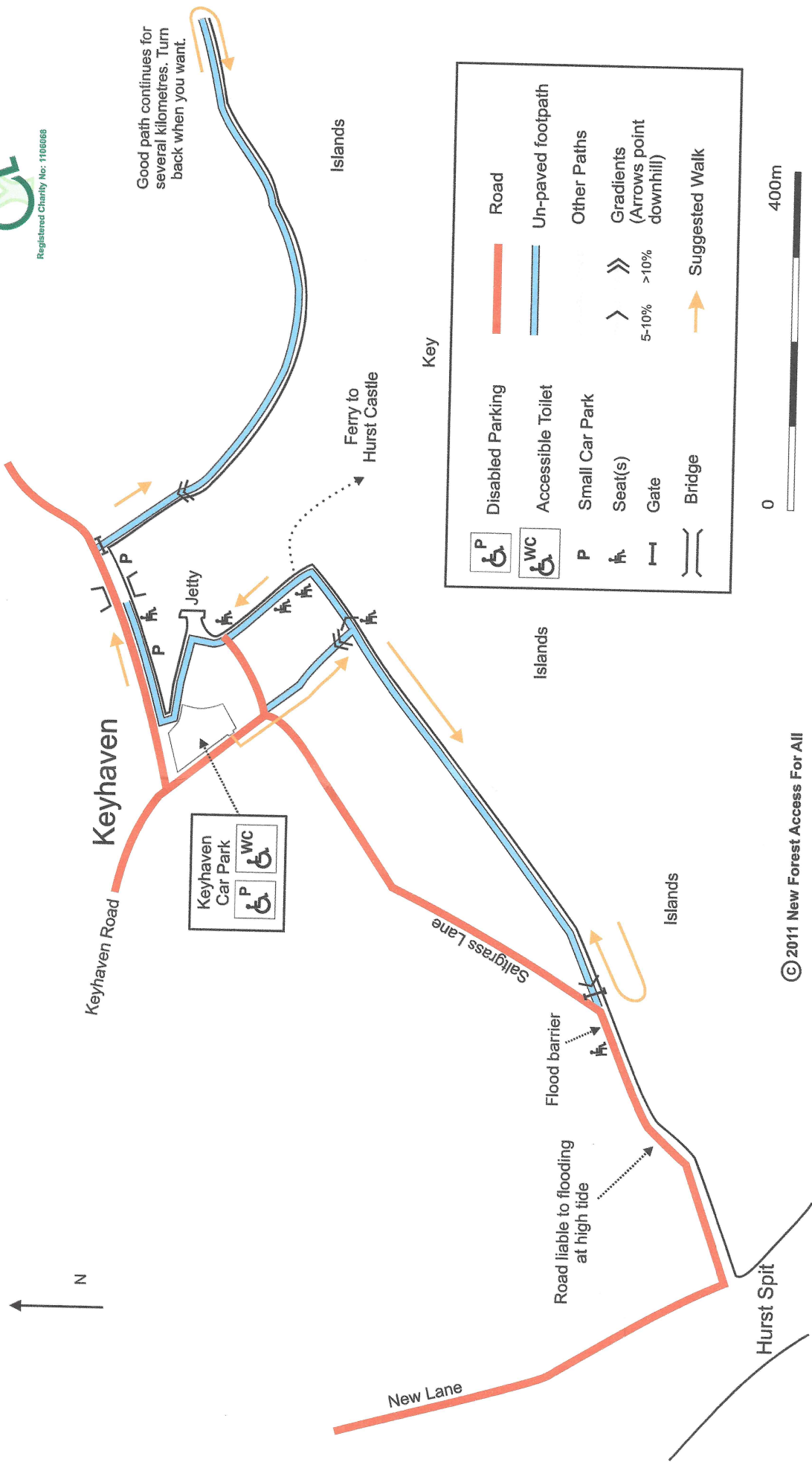
This is a gentle walk with lovely views. Choose the length of walk to suit your own circumstances.

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SID & FLOSS's EASY- ACCESS PLACES - waterside CADMAN'S POOL

Sat nav. coordinates 50°54'29" N 01°40'22" W
Ordnance survey coordinates SU 232 122

Head east from Linwood, then turn left at Milkham's car park towards Fritham. After 1.4 miles turn left into Cadman's Pool car park which is opposite the Ocknell Pond car park.

FACILITIES

Large Car park - no specific spaces reserved for Blue Badge holders, but 8 -10 spaces look directly over the Pool.

Toilets - none here. The closest Forestry Commission ones are at Bolderwood, 3.7 miles to the south, which also has a separate disabled toilet. (See refreshments)

Seats - none

Picnic tables - none



Refreshments - none. The nearest pub is the Royal Oak in Fritham, 3 miles away. The pub has excellent disabled toilets in the grounds, an accessible garden, and a temporary ramp to enter the pub.

SID SAYS; It is approximately 20 metres (22 yards) from the edge of the car park to the Pool. Cadman's Pool can be enjoyed without leaving the car. This is a good area for picnics, or just to sit and enjoy the view. There is an easy walk around the Pool on firm grass, gravel and concrete path. The gentle walk around the Pool is 500 metres (550 yards). Difficulty level 1.

Another longer, but easy walk, is from the car park, across the road to Ocknell Pond, a seasonal waterhole. Once across the road follow the path on the left. Return journey is 1.5 km. (0.9 miles). Difficulty level 1.

STONEY CROSS AIRFIELD. On the south of the Pool there is a long straight concrete strip, which was part of the old WW2 Stoney Cross airfield. When you leave Cadman's Pool car park, turn left along a mile of very straight road. This road was the main runway for the airfield. The length was needed for heavily-laden USAF bombers and later RAF transport planes. Most of the airfield concrete has been removed and the Forest restored, but if you turn right at the T-junction and pull into the Stoney Cross Plain car park you will find a memorial plaque and a large map showing how the huge airfield was laid out. See www.forestry.gov.uk/newforest for information about the airfield. They also have a podcast about the airfield.

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SID & FLOSS's EASY- ACCESS PLACES - waterside HATCHET POND

Sat nav. coordinates 50°48'50" N 01°28'40" W
Ordnance survey coordinates SU 019 369

Hatchet Pond is situated 1.25 miles west of Beaulieu on the B3055.

FACILITIES

Large Car park - one Blue Badge space at toilets. Approximately 12 spaces look directly over the Pond.

Toilets - yes, with a separate disabled toilet.

Seat - 3 wooden benches with backs at intervals along the northern edge of the Pond.

Refreshments - there is often an ice cream van at the car park, or excellent food in nearby Beaulieu.

SID SAYS; Hatchet Pond is the largest area of fresh water in the New Forest. It is very beautiful and can be enjoyed without leaving the car. This is a good area for picnics, or just to sit and enjoy the view.



There is an easy walk from the car park of up to 3kms. return (1.9 miles) along the northern and then the western edge of the Pond on a good grass or gravel surface. It is not possible to go all around the lake with wheels, as it is very boggy at the southern end, and there are several small streams to cross. Difficulty level **1 - 2**

There is another easy walk up to 1.5km. return (1mile) to the east and south of the Pond to the coarse fishing area, but there is some noise here from the nearby B3054.

The path goes towards the Hatchet Moor car park where there are two smaller ponds. This car park has no facilities but it is quieter than the main car park and also excellent for picnics and views. Difficulty level **2**.

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SID & FLOSS's EASY- ACCESS PLACES - waterside JANESMOOR POND, FRITHAM

Sat nav. coordinates 50°55'08" N 01°39'05" W
Ordnance survey coordinates SU 245 135

Janesmoor Pond is just south of Fritham on the road to Stoney Cross. Enter the southern access to the car park.

FACILITIES

Large Car park - no specific spaces reserved for Blue Badge owners, but several spaces look directly over the Pond.

Toilets - none here. The closest Forestry Commission ones are at Bolderwood, 5 mile to the south, which also has disabled facilities. (see refreshments)

Seats / Picnic tables - none



Refreshments – none. The nearest pub is the Royal Oak in Fritham, 1.6 miles away. The pub has excellent disabled toilets in the grounds, an accessible garden, and a temporary ramp to enter the pub.

SID SAYS; Janesmoor Pond can be enjoyed without leaving the car, but it is a very short walk from the edge of the car park to the Pond. This is a good area for picnics, or just to sit and enjoy the view.

There is an easy walk around the Pond on firm, slightly undulating grass. The length of this walk is 300 metres (330 yards). Difficulty level 1

STONEY CROSS AIRFIELD. When you leave Janesmoor Pond car park, turn left. The first road on your right is a stretch of very straight road one mile long. This road was the main runway for the airfield. The length was needed for heavily-laden USAF bombers and later RAF transport planes. Most of the airfield concrete has been removed and the Forest restored, but if you carry straight on and pull into the Stoney Cross Plain car park on your right you will find a memorial plaque and a large map of how the huge airfield was laid out. See www.forestry.gov.uk/newforest for information about the airfield. They also have a podcast about the airfield.

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SID & FLOSS's EASY- ACCESS PLACES – historic RUFUS STONE

Sat nav. coordinates
Ordnance survey coordinates

50°54'41" N 01°37'01" W
SU 126 270

Turn off the A31, 1 mile east of the J1 of the M27, signposted to Rufus Stone, and follow the road for 500 yards. The right turn heading west from the M27 is difficult, so if possible approach from the west.

FACILITIES

Car park - room for 20 cars mostly in the shade. There are no specific Blue Badge spaces.

Toilets – none. The nearest public toilets are at Lyndhurst (see refreshments)

Seats / Picnic tables - none

Refreshments - none. A 250 yard easy walk or drive along the road to the Sir Walter Tyrrell pub, SO43 7HD, Tel: 023 8081 3170. Level access to toilets in pub, but no disabled toilets. Easy access to garden, and to the pub itself via a steep 3 metre ramp, or 2 steps. (see picture below).



SID SAYS; The Rufus Stone, which marks the site of the demise of William II (Rufus) can be seen without leaving the car, but it is a very short walk from the car park on a good gravel path, and the legend on the stone is worth the effort.

The surrounding grass is fairly undulating and in places very damaged by animal hooves. Parts of the field can be boggy after rain. A nice quiet place to have a picnic.



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SID and FLOSS's EASY- GOING WALKS REPTILE CENTRE.

Sat nav. coordinates 50°51'47" N 01°37'05" W
Ordnance survey coordinates SU 271 071

The Reptile Centre is off the A35, 3km. (2 miles) SW of Lyndhurst. The Reptile Centre and the RSPB live webcam, which shows the nests of local birds of prey, are all accessible on good compacted gravel paths. The reptile pits are easy to view for small children and from a wheelchair. Best visited on a warm summer day when the reptiles, which are all found in the UK, are more active and easier to spot.

FACILITIES.

Reptile centre - open 10am.- 4.30pm. from Easter to end of September. Free entry. This has been run by volunteers for many years.

Car park - 1 blue badge space. (*Voluntary contribution requested*).

Toilets - with one separate disabled toilet.

Information board - for Reptile Centre.

Picnic area - accessible. There is a covered seating area next to the webcam hut. This area is used for educational visits and may not be available.

RSPB live Webcam - during the breeding season showing Hobby and Goshawk nests.

LENGTH of walks

To the Portuguese Fireplace 2.2 km (1.4 miles)
Reptile Trail - 1.8 km (1.1 miles)

PORTUGUESE FIREPLACE WALK - No way markers - Difficulty level 2 (3 if wet.)

SID says; The track is mostly on good, compacted gravel. After the gate near the road, which has an easy access trombone latch, the track is on a grass/earth verge alongside the road. This verge can be muddy after heavy rain, and has some protruding tree roots.

This is an excellent gentle wooded walk to the Portuguese Fireplace, a World War I memorial which is set in an attractive open area.

REPTILE TRAIL - **Red** way markers – Difficulty level 4 (5+ if wet)

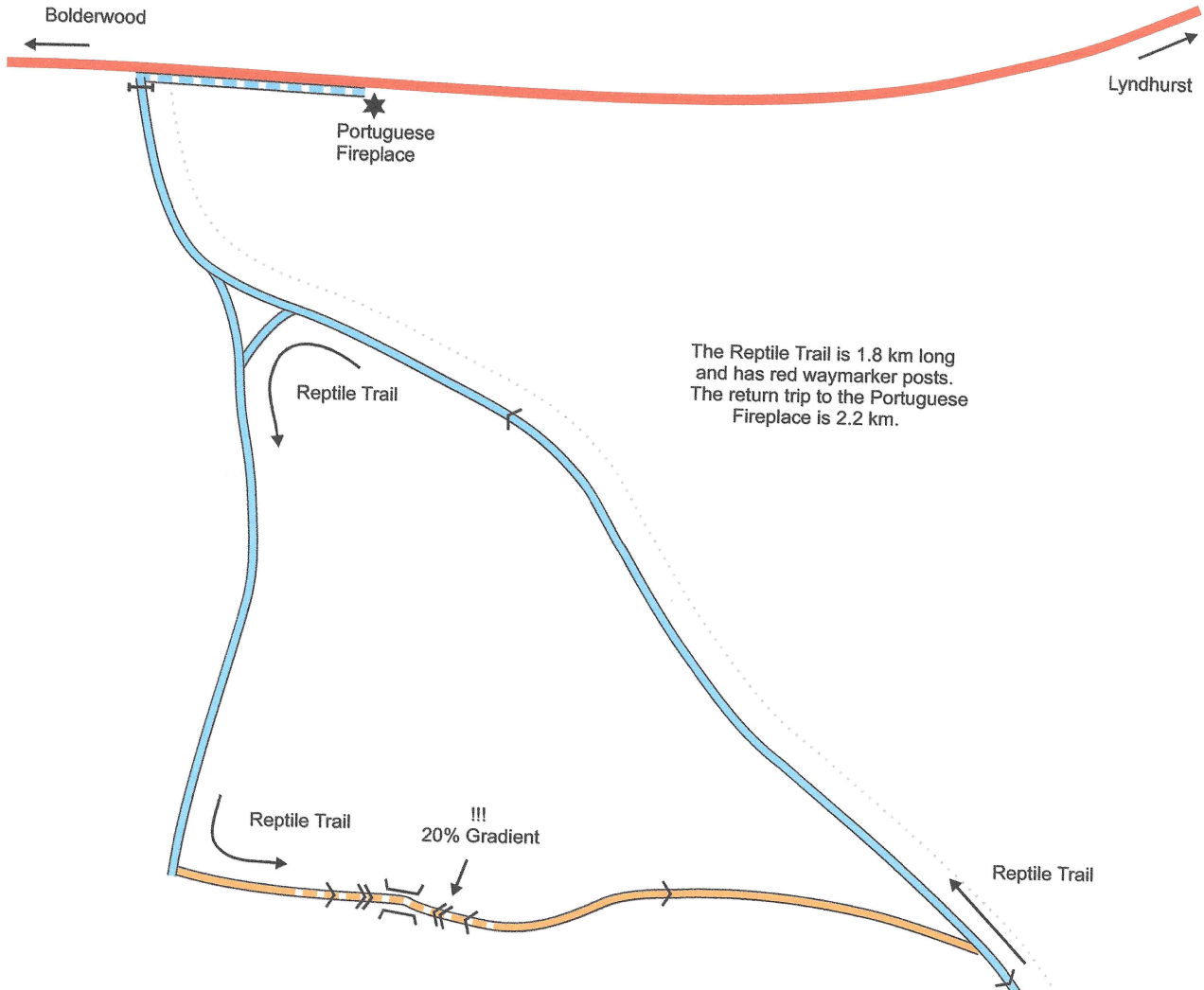
SID says; This is a marked circular trail from the car park. The path has a 10 metre long section with a gradient up of 16-20% just after the bridge, travelling anti-clockwise. **This path is not suitable after heavy rain** as the slopes on either side of the stream can become very muddy and slippery.

For more information on the Reptile Centre go to the Forestry Commission website.
www.forestry.gov.uk/newforest or www.new-forest-national-park.com/new-forest-reptile-centre.html

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New Forest Access For All Easy-Going Walks Reptile Centre & Portuguese Fireplace

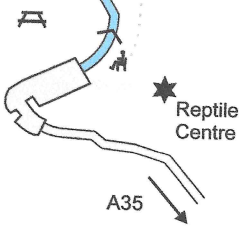


The Reptile Trail is 1.8 km long and has red waymarker posts. The return trip to the Portuguese Fireplace is 2.2 km.

Key

	Disabled Parking		Road
	Accessible Toilet		Trail - good
	Gate		Trail - good bad when wet
	Bridge		Trail - poor
	Seat		Trail - poor bad when wet
	Picnic Area		Other Paths
	Information Board		Gradients (Arrows point downhill)
	Point of Interest		> 5-10% >> >10%
			Cycle Route

Reptile Centre Car Park





SID & FLOSS's EASY- GOING WALKS **THE OBER WATER TRAILS.**

Sat nav. coordinates 50°49'20" N 01°36'44" W
Ordnance Survey coordinates SU 274 026

The marked Ober Water Trails start from Whitefield Moor car park, which is 3km. (2 miles) due west of Brockenhurst village. There are two circular walking trails. The Trails go along a beautiful stretch of the Ober Water river under the trees on a good gravel path; then they both cross over the river and return over the open Whitefield Moor on a firm, grass surface. Whitefield Moor is a large open grassy area ideal for family games and picnics.

FACILITIES.

Car park - 2 blue badge spaces.

Toilets - with a separate disabled toilet.

LENGTH of walks

The **Yellow** Trail is 1.6 km. (1 mile)

The **Red** Trail is 2.4 km. (1.5 miles).

OBSTACLES. All 3 bridges need a little care. **The Ober Water is liable to flooding in the winter and some of these paths may become impassable, particularly across the bog area.** The marked Trails return along the edge of the Whitefield Moor. They have a significant cross fall for much of their length and are not recommended. The Moor is a domed hill on the side nearest the Ober Water river and you may find it easier to pick your own route across the grass (see map).

THE YELLOW TRAIL - **Yellow** way markers - Difficulty level 3

SID says: Immediately after the Puttles Bridge there is a tight 90 degree turn just after the down slope. There is a path alongside the car park, but it has a significant cross fall at the far end of the car park. At bridge **B** there is a lovely view of the river and the only seat on the Trail. After the bridge there is a 12% slope for 3 metres off the bridge and 2 concrete outcrops although it is possible to pass to the side of them. The Trail returns on a good path through an interesting bog area with some rare plants. To climb back onto the Moor choose a route which suits you; the faster you climb the less the cross fall. The maximum slope is just over 10%.

THE RED TRAIL - **Red** way markers - Difficulty level 4.

SID says: The Red Trail continues to the bridge **C**. The gravel has worn away at the far side and there is a 4cm. step off the bridge. Just beyond the bridge, a path to the right goes back very close to the river bank and is well worth a detour for views of the river. This is a good path which continues for some distance until it reaches a culvert. After this the path deteriorates with tree roots and muddy areas, and there is no exit at the other end for wheelchairs. When you return over the Moor, if you keep south toward the road, the surface is much more level and you avoid the valley (see map).

PUTTLES BRIDGE WALK - Difficulty level 2

SID says - If you want to avoid too many slopes you can start from the Puttles Bridge car park and walk along the river woodland route, retracing your steps. There are no facilities at this car park.

For more information on the Ober Water Trails go to the Forestry Commission website. www.forestry.gov.uk/newforest or the National Park Authority website www.newforestnpa.gov.uk

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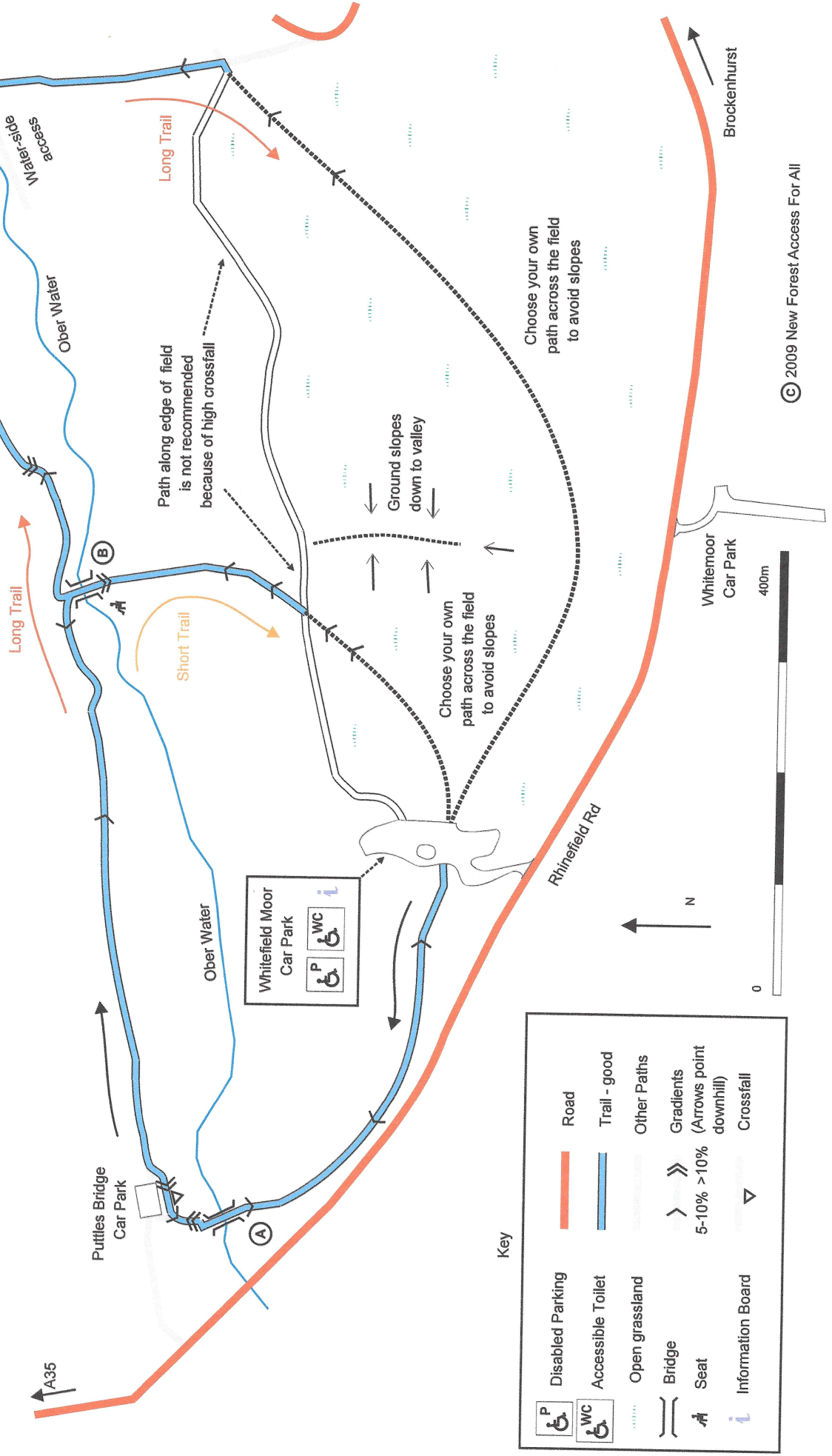


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Easy-Going Walks

Ober Water Trails

There are two Ober Water Trails:
 Short trail - 1.6 km with yellow waymarker posts.
 Long trail - 2.4 km with red waymarker posts.



Key

	Road
	Trail - good
	Other Paths
	Gradients (Arrows point downhill)
	5-10% >10%
	Crossfall

Additional Walks

Produced by New Forest National Parks and other sources.

More accessible walks in the area are available via the view ranger app – available on OS and Android as of 8/2017

<http://my.viewranger.com/>

Lymington Marshes Trail

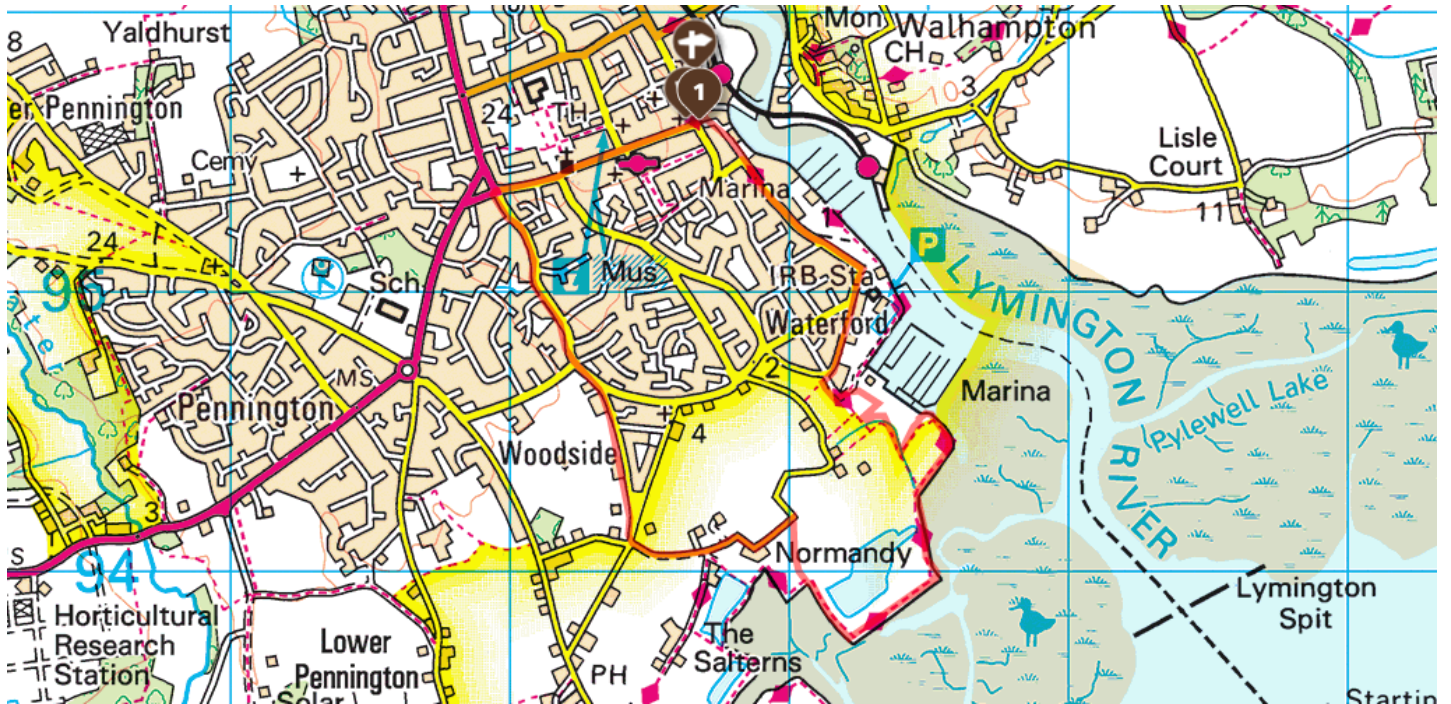
An easy, flat walk around Lymington Marshes from the railway station.

Walk along the Quayside for river views followed by the coastal marshes of the Lymington-Keyhaven Nature Reserve. This is one of several Rail Trail routes running from Brockenhurst or Lymington railway stations.

Learn about the amazing migratory journeys undertaken by some of the birds you can see on the Reserve. It provides a crucial stop-off for birds migrating north and south as well as a home for thousands of water birds, escaping the harsh Arctic weather.

A map of the marshes and further details are available at www.hants.gov.uk/lymington-keyhaven.

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1. Marshes Trail

Walk along the quayside for coastal views followed by the coastal marshes of the Lymington-Keyhaven Nature Reserve.

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Quick Info

Start / Finish

Start: Lymington Town Railway Station, SO41 9AU

Distance

3-4 miles

Duration

1-2 hours

Surface

Hard surfaces, gravel paths

Getting there...

Take the train from Brockenhurst to



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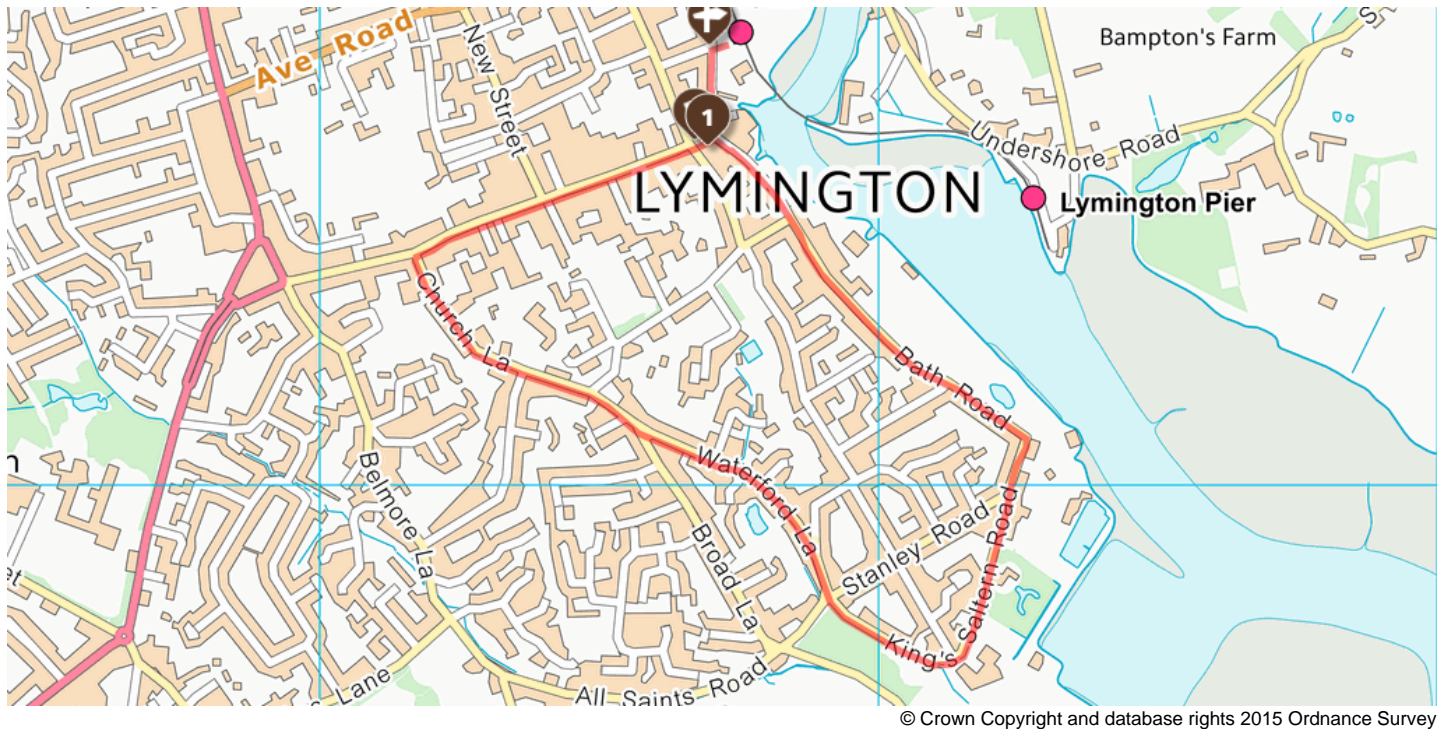
Lymington Town Trail

An interesting stroll around Lymington.

A shorter walk packed full of local history. Visit St Barbe museum, the modern day quay and the bustling high street. See yachts moored in the harbour, the sea water baths and fine coastal views.

There's plenty to keep you interested and entertained in this thriving market town. This is part of the [Rail Trail](#) series of walks from the Lymington-Brockenhurst branch line.

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1. Round the town

A shorter walk packed full of the history of Lymington.

Did you enjoy this route? Then let others know by rating it on our website



Quick Info

Start / Finish

Start: Lymington Town Railway Station, SO41 9AU

Distance

2-3 miles

Duration

1-2 hours

Surface

Hard surfaces

Getting there...

Take the train from Brockenhurst to Lymington Town



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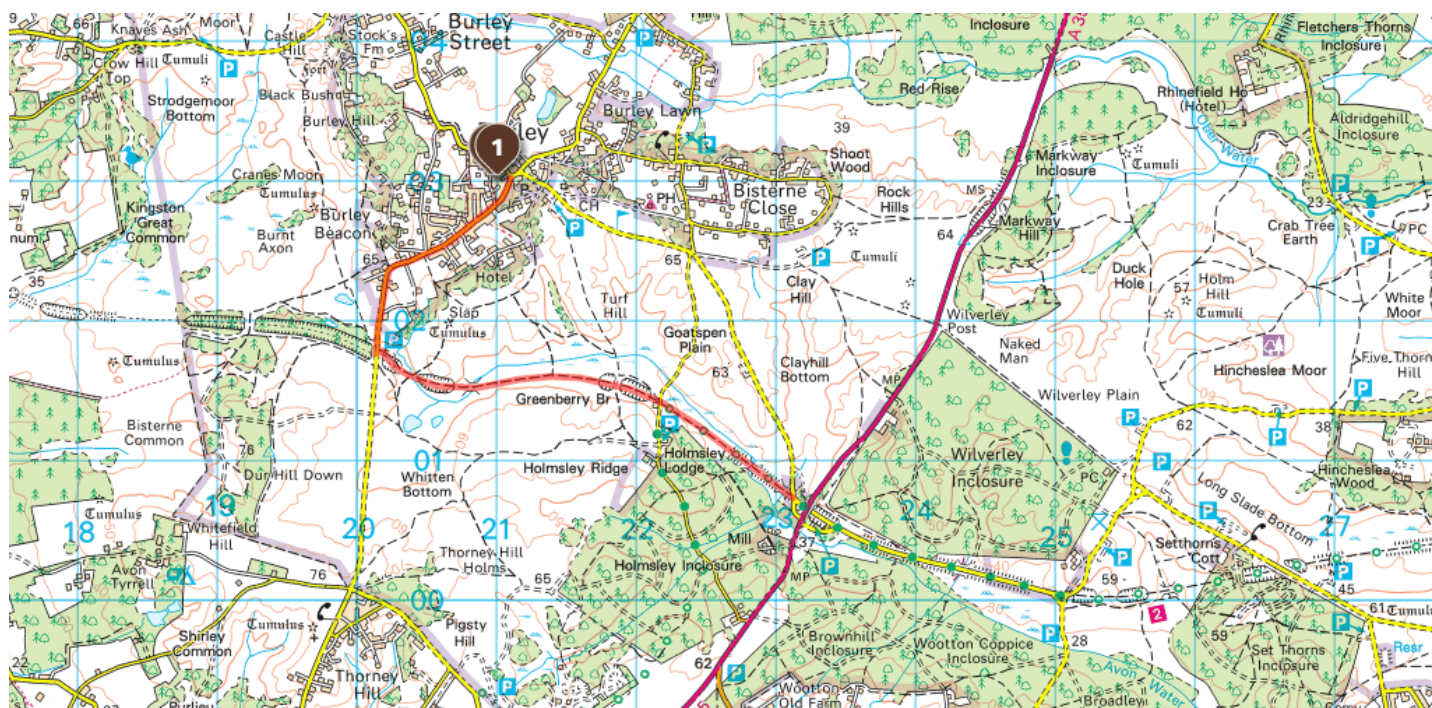


Ride to The Old Station Tea Rooms

A route ending at Holmsley tea rooms to download to your GPS device.

This cycle route is one of 11 on this site developed with local cycle hire companies for use on GPS devices, including the [Garmin Edge](#). No written instructions are currently available, but you can still download the PDF map or click 'Download GPX' to add this to your cycle sat nav for turn by turn directions.

Be Forest Friendly: Do enjoy the extensive network of off-road routes, but keep to the waymarked tracks and other designated routes. When approaching people and animals call out a warning and pass slowly and wide. Try to leave gaps for overtaking vehicles and never ride more than two abreast. Keep to a safe speed, wear bright colours to be visible and always use lights in the dark.



1. Start point

This is a linear route that starts at this point and ends at The Old Station Tea Rooms, Holmsley. No turn by turn written instructions are currently available, but you can follow the route by clicking 'Download GPX' and adding it to your cycle sat nav.

2. The Old Station Tea Rooms

This linear cycle ends at the tea rooms, Holmsley.

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Quick Info

Start / Finish

Burley Village Bus stop Grid ref. SU 221 031 Postcode BH24 4AB

Distance

5-10 miles

Duration

1-2 hours

Surface

Half off-road tracks and half minor roads

Getting there...

New Forest Tour Blue and Red Routes (summer only)



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Whitefield Moor: Longer Loop

The longer of two loops around scenic Ober Water.

Starting from Whitefield Moor car park, this walk takes you further along the Ober Water than the yellow route, giving more time to soak up the beautiful scenery and atmosphere of this beautiful stream and its surroundings.

Be Forest Friendly: To help ground nesting birds rear their young safely, keep yourself, dogs and ridden horses on the main tracks from the beginning of March to the end of July.



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1. Walk start and end point

This Forestry Commission trail is a waymarked walk. Just follow the red waymarker posts to enjoy an easy to follow route for all.

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Quick Info

Start / Finish

Whitefield Moor car park, grid ref SU 274 026, no postcode.

Distance

Under 2 miles

Duration

Under 1 hour

Surface

This trail is a mixture of moderately smooth gravelled surfaces and compacted grassy ground. During wet weather the path can flood and may be muddy in places.

Getting there...

No public transport links, parking



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Whitefield Moor: Shorter Loop

Take in the scenery of Ober Water on this short loop.

Starting from Whitefield Moor car park, this walk passes along gravel tracks through a variety of habitats around Ober Water - including heathland with gorse and bog, grassland, natural and formerly enclosed woodland, and Ober Water stream itself.

Be Forest Friendly: Make time to enjoy healthy exercise, fresh air, beautiful surroundings and the rich wildlife. Plan your route to be out of Forestry Commission car parks by dusk.



1. Walk start and end point

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Quick Info

Start / Finish

Whitefield Moor car park, grid ref SU 274 026, no postcode.

Distance

Under 2 miles

Duration

Under 1 hour

Surface

This trail is a mixture of moderately smooth gravelled surfaces and compacted grassy ground. During wet weather the path can flood and may be muddy in places.

Getting there...

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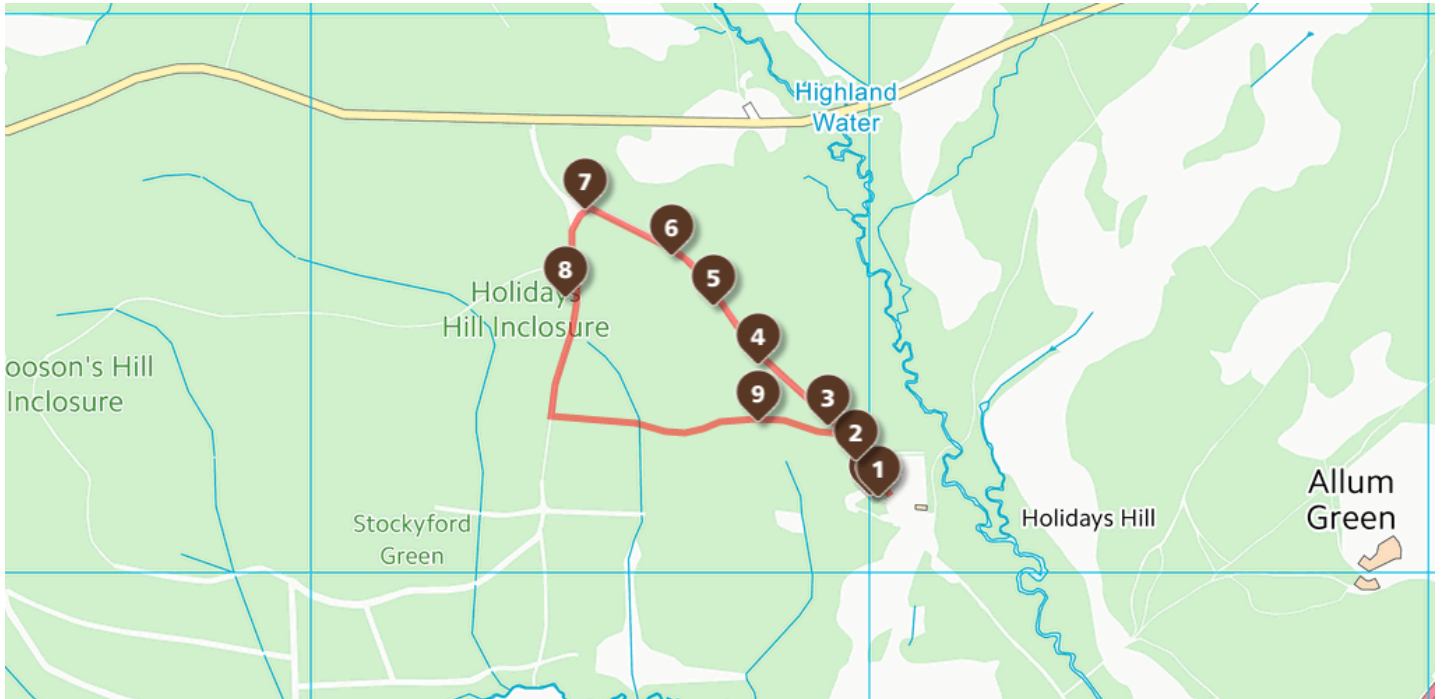


Reptile Centre Discovery Trail

An easy walk from the New Forest Reptile Centre.

This circular walk and sensory trail for children start and finish at the [Reptile Centre](#) near Lyndhurst, with its wide range of native reptiles for you to spot. This walk can be followed without a map, simply follow the red marker posts on the ground.

Be Forest Friendly: The speed limits on unfenced roads greatly reduce the number of accidents involving animals. On the way to your walk slow down and give walkers, cyclists, horse-riders and animals a wide berth. Be especially careful at night.



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1. Walk start and end point

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2. Spruce trees

Sensory trail for children

Start your trail at the picnic area. You'll see lots of spruce trees as you start the trail. They stay green all year. Their dark needle leaves are really spiky but the new shoots are bright green and soft. Rub some in your fingers - what do they smell like?

3. Tree stump

Sensory trail for children

Look at that big tree stump on the bank! Some of it has rotted down into soil with the help of minibeasts and plants are growing on it. How many plants can you count? Can you see the rabbit hole underneath?

4. Douglas Firs

Quick Info

Start / Finish

New Forest Reptile Centre, grid ref: SU 270 071, postcode: SO43 7NH

Distance

Under 2 miles

Duration

Under 1 hour

Surface

The path has a fairly smooth gravelled surface, although some of the trail is a grassy path that can become muddy during wet weather.

Getting there...

No public transport links, parking at Reptile Centre car park.

Sensory trail for children

Most of these tall trees are called Douglas Fir and they're really old. Did you know this kind of tree can live for hundreds of years? Can you reach right round one of the fir trees? How many people do you need? On a warm day and after rain the trees give off a wonderful scent that's a bit like lemon and a bit like pine. Can you smell it?

5. Small trees and bracken

Sensory trail for children

There are small trees growing up between the big trees where sunlight reaches the ground. The wind blows the seeds off the trees to the ground where they grow. In spring and summer you'll see bracken (a type of fern) here, too. It starts all curled up and uncurls as it grows, sometimes taller than you! Crouch down and jump up as high as you can to be as tall as the trees!

6. Minibest hunt

Sensory trail for children

Trees are planted close together so they'll grow up tall. Sometimes some of them are cut down to leave room and help the others to grow. The stumps and logs left behind make great homes for lots of creatures like woodlice, beetles, centipedes and ants. They recycle leaves and dead wood into new soil, and they're food for bigger animals. Look for beetle holes in the logs... Can you see any minibeasts around here?

7. Pond

Sensory trail for children

At the pond look out for some beautiful dragonflies darting about on a sunny summer's day. At other times if the water's clear you might well see insects in the water, including dragonfly nymphs. Tadpoles swim about in spring, and later in the year, tiny frogs emerge from the pond. Try jumping about like a frog or holding out your arms and flying round the pond like a dragonfly.

8. Wobbly log

Sensory trail for children

Look out for a giant log. It must be very old! Do you think it could tell you stories about the forest and all the things that have gone on here? Get up on the log and see how well you can balance! Get an adult to help, and be extra careful if the log is wet.

9. Old chestnut tree

Sensory trail for children

Look for the funny old chestnut tree on the left of the path. He has branches like arms and 'eyes' looking in all directions. He sees everything and can tell you all about what happens in the forest when people aren't around. Put your ear to his trunk, ask a question, listen to his answers. What does he say?

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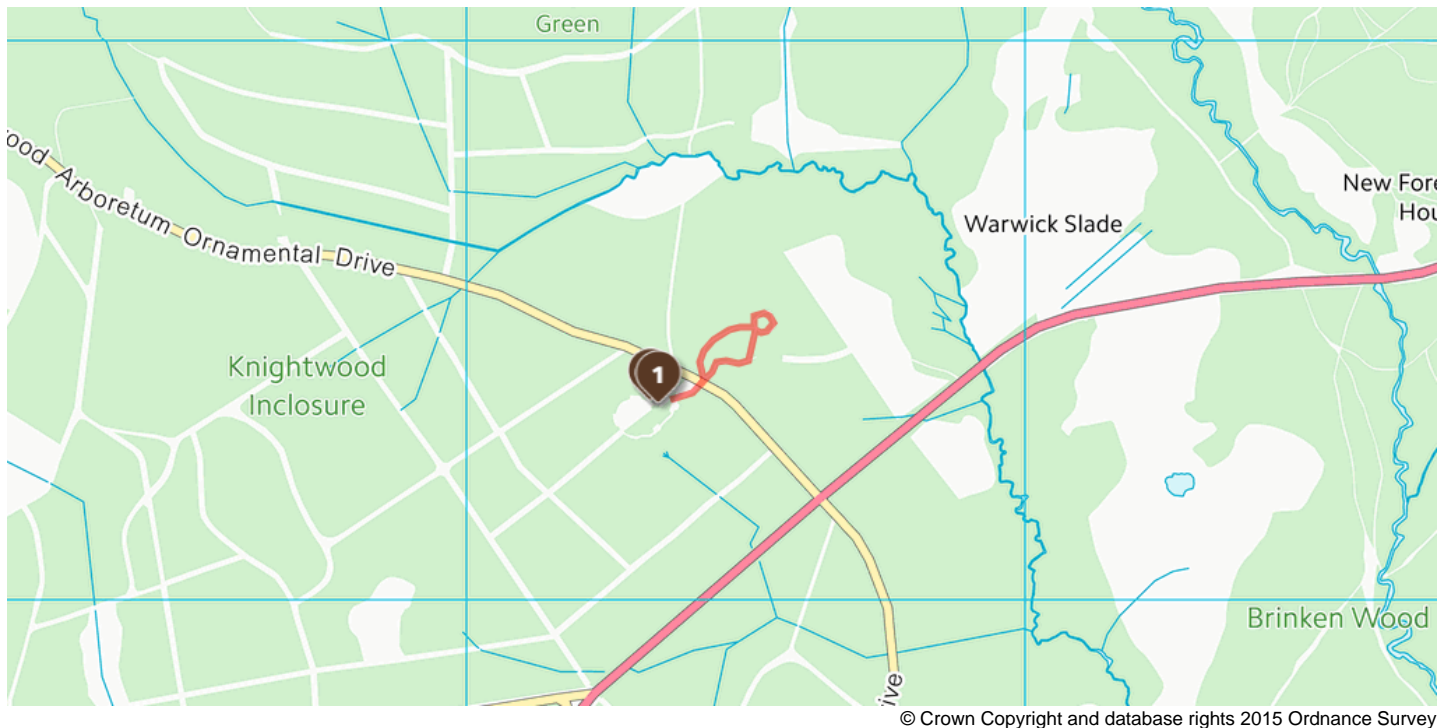


Knightwood Oak Stroll

See the largest and most famous oak tree in the New Forest.

Starting from Knightwood Oak car park, this walk visits the Knightwood Oak. This is the largest oak in the forest and is protected by a traditional cleft oak fence - once all New Forest fences would have been made this way. During this walk you can see an example of 'inosculation' which is when the branches of two adjacent trees unite. The Forestry Commission have pollarded some of the young oaks around the Knightwood Oak, and planted out a number of saplings from the Knightwood Oak itself.

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1. Walk start and end point

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Quick Info

Start / Finish

Knightwood Oak car park, grid ref SU 263 062, no postcode.

Distance

Under 2 miles

Duration

Under 1 hour

Surface

The trail is suitable for all users. The path is a fairly smooth gravelled surface and is flat with frequent resting places.

Getting there...

No public transport links, parking

at Knightwood Oak car park.



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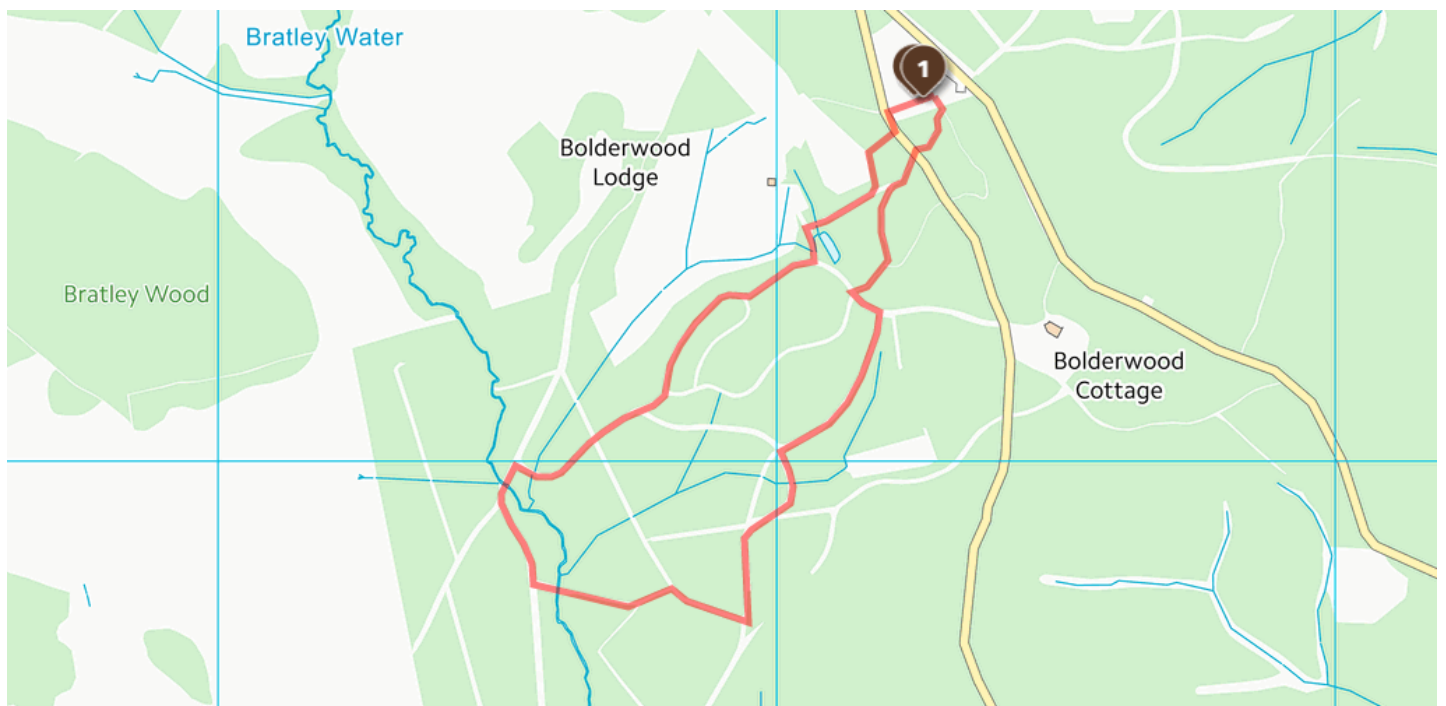
Bolderwood: Radnor Trail

Head deep into ancient and ornamental woodland.

Once past the Radnor Stone, this trail passes through sweet chestnut, oak and beech dating from the 1860s. It then skirts the fenced boundary of Mark Ash Wood, an ancient and ornamental woodland, where you can see pollarded beech trees.

Bratley Water, flowing south to join the Blackwater, a tributary of the Lymington River, is an ideal spot to rest and have your picnic. Here you will find stands of Norway spruce planted in the 20th century which are thriving in the moist valley bottom. The trail finally leads you past the deer viewing platform where you can often see a herd of fallow deer.

Be Forest Friendly: The New Forest is a Site of Special Scientific Interest with over 2,000 varieties of fungi, many of which are rare and internationally-important species. We appeal to people to look but don't pick. Commercial harvesting is not permitted and foray leaders must obtain a licence. Visit www.forestry.gov.uk/newforest for latest details.



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1. Walk start and end point

To start the Bolderwood trails go through the gate, which has a low, soft latch, to the right of the information unit and follow the coloured waymarker posts which will guide you around the trails and back to the car park.

This Forestry Commission trail is a waymarked walk. Just follow the waymarker posts to enjoy an easy to follow route for all.

Did you enjoy this route? Then let others know by rating it on our website



Quick Info

Start / Finish

Bolderwood car park, grid ref SU 243 086, no postcode.

Distance

Under 2 miles

Duration

Under 1 hour

Surface

The path is a moderately smooth gravelled surface, with two short but fairly steep slopes, and frequent resting places.

Getting there...

No public transport links, parking at Bolderwood car park.



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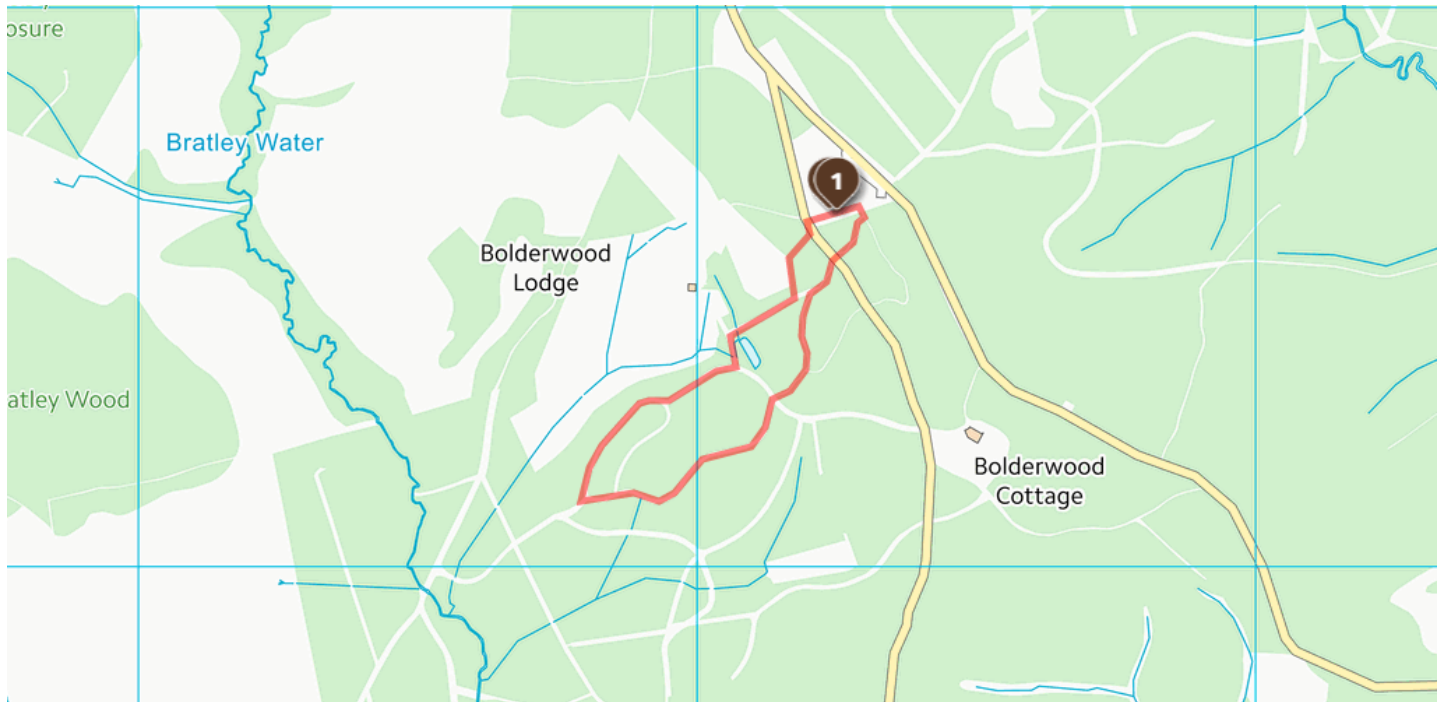


Bolderwood: Jubilee Grove Trail

Wander into Blackwater Arboretum and back via the deer viewing platform

Starting from Bolderwood car park this meandering route leads you past the deer fields and some majestic trees, the oldest of which date back to 1860. Unfortunately a large number of trees were lost in the Great Storms of 1987 and 1991, but many new trees have been planted and more will be planted over the coming years.

Be Forest Friendly: Take notice of any warning signs and keep a safe distance from work sites. Only pass a vehicle loading timber when told it is safe to do so.



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1. Bolderwood Jubilee Trail

To start the Bolderwood trails go through the gate, which has a low, soft latch, to the right of the information unit and follow the coloured waymarker posts which will guide you around the trails and back to the car park.

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Quick Info

Start / Finish

Bolderwood car park, grid ref SU 243 086, no postcode.

Distance

Under 2 miles

Duration

Under 1 hour

Surface

The path is a moderately smooth gravelled surface, with two short but fairly steep slopes, and frequent resting places.

Getting there...

No public transport links, parking

at Bolderwood car park.



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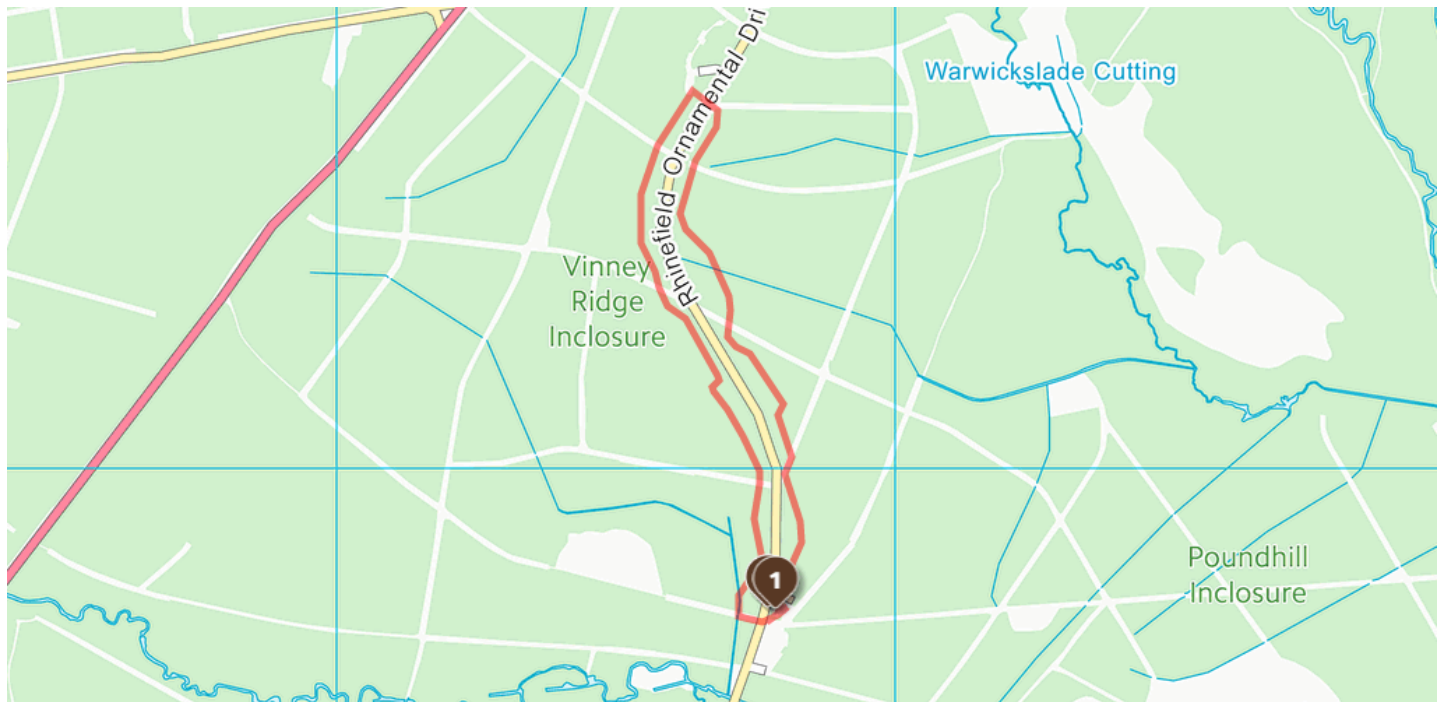


Blackwater: Tall Trees Trail

A waymarked woodland walk for all seasons.

Stimulate your senses on this short trail around the Forestry Commission's Blackwater Arboretum, with its small but nationally important collection of trees from all over the world. Sensory information boards along the trail provide fascinating facts about the tallest, heaviest and toughest trees in the world. This walk takes you past majestic conifers planted in the 1850s, some of the oldest Douglas fir trees in Britain and includes views of two enormous redwoods.

Be Forest Friendly: Make time to enjoy healthy exercise, fresh air, beautiful surroundings and the rich wildlife. Plan your route to be out of Forestry Commission car parks by dusk.



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1. Walk start and end point

To start the Tall Trees Trail go under the oak archway, cross over the Rhinefield Ornamental Drive and the start of the trail is a few metres up the gravel track.

This Forestry Commission trail is a waymarked walk. Just follow the waymarker posts to enjoy an easy to follow route for all.

Did you enjoy this route? Then let others know by rating it on our website



Quick Info

Start / Finish

Blackwater car park, Grid ref. SU 268 047

Distance

Under 2 miles

Duration

Under 1 hour

Surface

The path is a fairly smooth gravelled surface and is level with frequent resting places and no gates.

Getting there...

No public transport links, parking at Blackwater car park.



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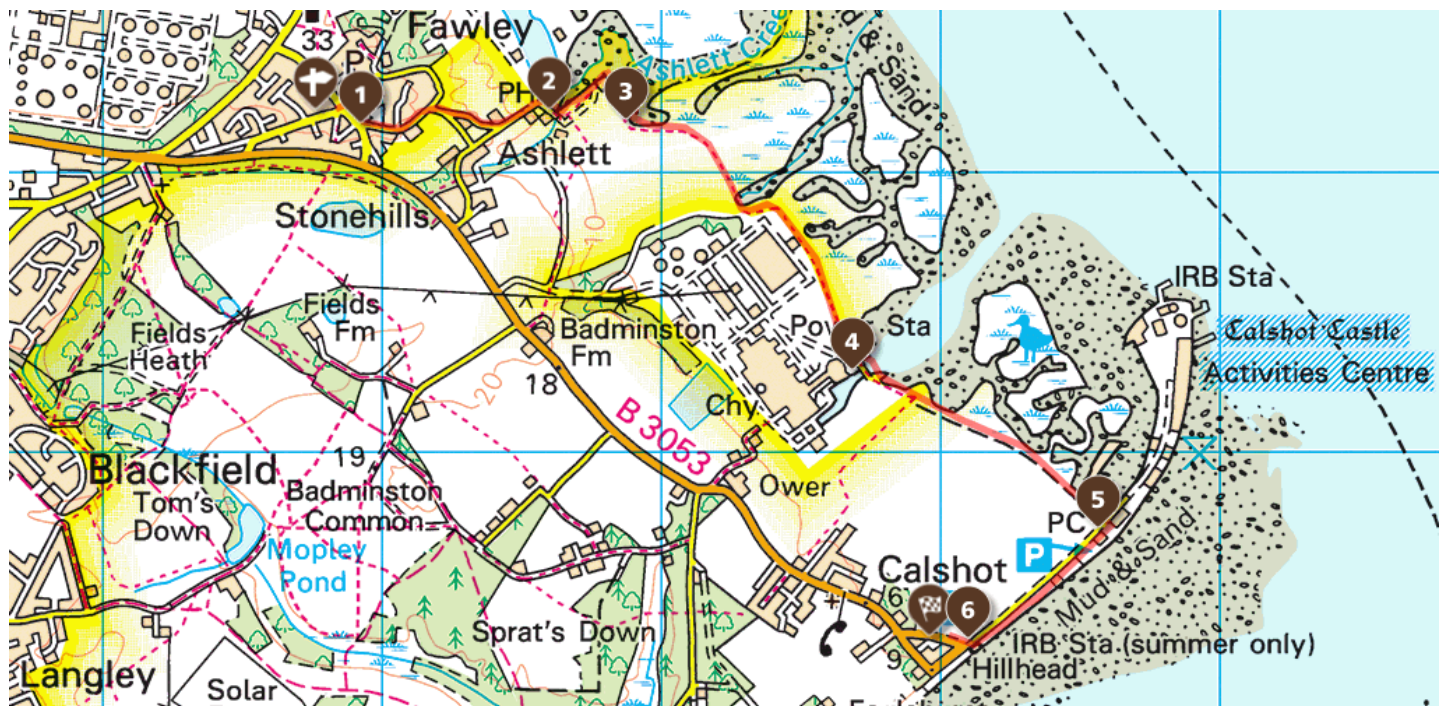
Ashlett Creek to Calshot Spit

This unusual and easy walk has some super views, a fascinating history and a shingle beach.

This walk is great for families with young children, starting from Fawley town centre and following a pretty country lane with views over Southampton Water to the small and historic inlet of Ashlett Creek. It then passes the Jolly Sailor pub and 19th century tidal mill before following the coast through a contrasting landscape of industry and wildlife.

Be Forest Friendly: Please take your litter home.

This **Google Street View** window allows you to look around the beginning of Calshot Spit, which is waypoint number five on the map above.



1. Ashlett Road

From the bus stop in Fawley town square go past the Falcon Inn on your right and cross the road towards a sign for Ashlett Creek. Turn left onto Ashlett Road (waymarker 1) and walk past houses before the road becomes a country lane that gently dips down to the creek. As you walk downhill you can see across Southampton Water to the busy marine terminal. Ahead is the Jolly Sailor pub, Ashlett Creek Mill and Victoria Quay.

2. Gate into Fawley Green

Turn right at the quay and walk along the waterfront through a gate into Fawley Green. Turn left at the waymarker and continue ahead along the narrow creekside path, through a gate and alongside a small boat yard. Where the path turns right past Ashlett Sailing Club stop to look across Southampton Water to Calshot. Go through the gate into Fawley Green, which is grazed by New Forest ponies (Waymarker 2).

3. Gravel track

Continue ahead along the edge of the green on a flat grassy lawn. After a short section that can be muddy join a wider gravel track (Waymarker 3). Turn left and follow this track through

Quick Info

Start / Finish

Start: Fawley town square bus stop
Grid SZ 458 032 Postcode SO45
1EA. End: Calshot bus stop.

Distance

2-3 miles

Duration

1-2 hours

Surface

Country lane, grass and woodland paths, coastal footpath and shingle

woodland and then between a hedge to Fawley Power Station. Turn left past some concrete bollards and follow the power station fence.

4. Swing bridge

Keeping the fence line on your right, continue to a swing bridge with a metal safety cage (waymarker 4). Just before the bridge there is a bench to rest and enjoy the views. Cross the swing bridge via the gates and continue along the track into Calshot Marshes Nature Reserve. This section of path is tidal with a higher narrower path through grass on your right. Look for a tall concrete post ahead which marks where the track splits.

5. Tidal pond and beach huts

Continue along the edge of the marshes to the road where the path ends at a nature reserve sign and a tidal pond on your right (waymarker 5). This section can be very muddy in wet weather. Straight ahead are public toilets and just beyond are colourful beach huts. Looking out from the gravel beach there are panoramic views of the Solent and the Isle of Wight. On a clear day see if you can spot the Spinnaker Tower in Portsmouth.

You now have the option to turn left along the road to explore the history of Calshot Spit or continue to Calshot where the walk ends via a bus back to Fawley square.

6. Seasonal café

To continue to Calshot, turn right and follow along the road or beach, past the beach huts, to the main car park where the bus stop (Bluestar 8 bus service to Fawley) and public toilets are located. There is a seasonal cafe (waymarker 6).

Getting there...

Bluestar 8 bus between Hythe and Calshot. Arrive at Fawley town square and return from Calshot bus stop.

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Hawkhill Trail

A ride of discovery through woods, heath and the former site of a World War Two airfield.

A completely traffic free cycle, this route takes you past some of the most interesting features of Beaulieu Airfield with some very visible evidence of its WWII past. Combine this with stunning views of the New Forest's changing landscapes, it's a ride not to miss.

Be Forest Friendly: The New Forest is a working forest, with forestry, farming and equestrian activity on its narrow roads and tracks. Take notice of any warning signs and keep a safe distance from work sites.



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1. Roundhill campsite entrance

Driving? Park at Beaulieu Heath car park, point nine on the map, and follow instructions numerically from there.

If not then this ride starts at Roundhill campsite. Head out of the main entrance past the reception and cycle along the entrance road until you reach the main B3055 and waymarker 313. Cross over the main road and the cattle grid at waymarker 312.

Caution: Please be careful of cars when crossing the road as this is one of the main routes between Brockenhurst and Beaulieu.

Follow the gravel track down a hill and continue straight over at the cross roads at waymarker 308.

2. New Cope cottage railway bridge

Follow the gravel track and continue straight ignoring other junctions past waymarker 308. Continue through the gate adjacent to the cottage and cross the railway using the bridge. Pass through another gate and past waymarker 307.

3. Pignal Inclosure

After passing through several gates and waymarkers 305, 304 & 303 continue to follow the

Quick Info

Start / Finish

Start: Roundhill Campsite. Grid ref. SU332020. Postcode SO42 7QL

Distance

5-10 miles

Duration

2-3 hours

Surface

100 per cent off road gravel tracks and old concrete roads

Getting there...

If driving then park at Beaulieu Heath car park, point nine on the map and follow instructions numerically from there. Otherwise

track around a right hand bend after a gate (ignoring a grass track ahead). At the next crossroads continue straight over at waymarker 288 and enjoy the meander through the wood.

4. Parkhill Inclosure

After following the gently curving track through woodland you will reach a T-junction (waymarker 286). Turn right and follow the track until a fork (waymarker 285). Take the right fork and follow the straight track past waymarker 298.

5. Denny Wood

Follow the track up a hill and round a right hand bend before passing through a gate and up a hill. After you have seen the woodland change from confier plantation into the more natural ancient woodland you will reach a T-junction (waymarker 296). Turn right here down a tarmac road.

Follow the track taking the left hand fork at waymarker 297 when the track splits and head down the hill past a few houses.

6. Perrywood Haseley railway bridge

Pass through a gate and past waymarkers 299, 300, 301, 324 & 325 continue straight and cross the railway line. After crossing the bridge and reaching the junction (waymarker 326) turn left, cross over the cattle grid and onto another long straight track, continuing past waymarker 329.

7. Frame Heath Inclosure

On arrival at the junction with waymarker 330 take a right hand turn

You eventually arrive at a set of gates with waymarker 331 between the two. Go through both and head down the hill

8. Hawkhill Inclosure

At the cross roads take a left at waymarker 332. Continue along the track until waymarker 337 where you make a sharp right.

Head up the hill and past waymarker 344. Continue to follow the track straight on passing through several gates, past waymarkers 345 and 346, and the car park on your left.

9. Beaulieu Airfield

Cross the road carefully, heading straight over and past a gate at waymarker 348. Continue on this track until a T-junction waymarker 319. Turn right onto the paved section of the old airfield and follow it around a left-hand turn. This used to be the old perimeter track for the WWII Beaulieu Airfield.

Caution: please be careful of cars when crossing the road as this is one of the main routes between Brockenhurst and Beaulieu.

Caution: after heavy rain standing water can be present on the airfield.

10. Beaulieu Airfield hanger

Where the tarmac turns to gravel take a right at waymarker 318 (the path continuing straight on is a footpath only). Look out for the concrete patch that used to be a hangar on your right.

After a short distance on the gravel track there is a junction at waymarker 317, take a left here. This can be easy to miss so keep an eye out. If you end up at a road you have gone too far and will have to double back on yourself.

11. Roundhill campsite

Follow this path over broken concrete until you reach the back of Roundhill campsite at waymarker 316. Pass the gate and continue to the left along the outskirts of the campsite on the tarmac road.

Follow the road around a bend at waymarker 315 and continue towards the campsite reception past waymarker 314.

Caution: please be aware of other campsite users and cars when cycling in the campsite.

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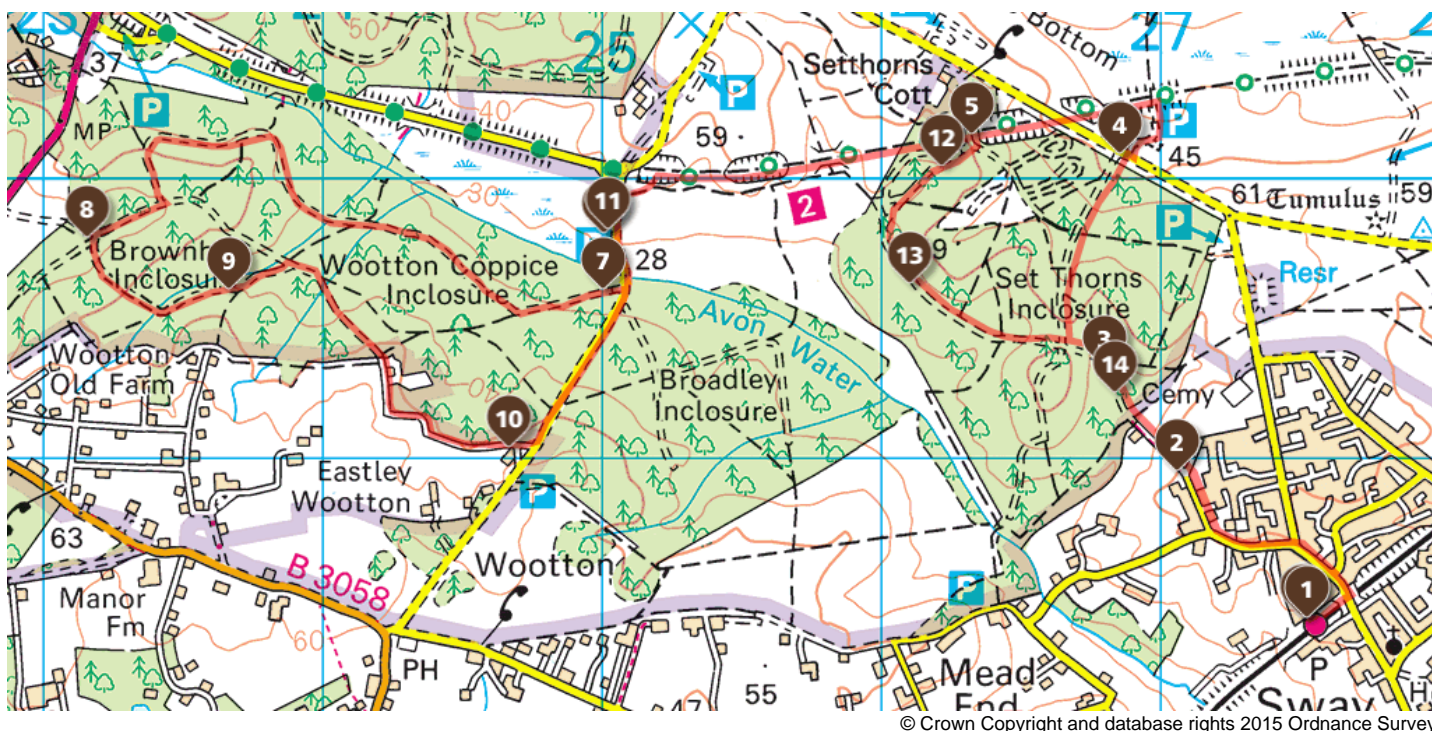


Sway and Setthorns Loop

An idyllic journey through the stunning changing landscapes of the New Forest.

An enjoyable family friendly bike ride, this ride showcases the very best of the New Forest's landscapes. The cycle is predominantly an off-road route on shared gravel tracks starting and finishing at Sway Railway Station. For little ones the route can easily be shortened to provide 3.5 miles of cycling (see directions).

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1. Sway Railway Station

On arrival at the Railway Station ticket office, follow the entrance road up the hill to a T-junction. At the T-junction, turn left onto Station Road. Follow Station Road past the village shop and butcher and over a crossroad.

Take a left onto Mead End Road. Then a right onto Adlams Lane.

2. Into the Enclosure

The tarmac road turns to gravel.

Caution: there is a steep downhill section.

At the bottom of the hill, go through the gate, (way marker 201), and straight on through the second gate into the enclosure.

3. Towards the Old Railway

Follow the track up a slight hill until, at a crossroads (waymarker 200), turn right.

Follow the track up hill and continue straight ahead at the crossroads (waymarker 202).

Quick Info

Start / Finish

Start: Sway Railway Station Grid ref. SZ275984 Post code. SO41 6ET.

Distance

5-10 miles

Duration

2-3 hours

Surface

85 per cent off-road tracks, 15 per cent minor roads.

Getting there...

Sway Railway Station. Driving?
Start from Wootton Bridge car park (map point six)

4. The Old Railway

Go through the gate (waymarker 212). **Caution:** cross the road into Longslade Bottom car park (waymarker 211).

At the opposite end of the car park, pass through a vehicle access gate (towards waymarker 210).

The track narrows towards an old railway bridge (waymarker 210). Before you cycle under the bridge, (at waymarker 209), turn left up a steep track onto the old railway line, turn left again to continue straight and pass under two bridges.

5. Setthorns Campsite

After the bridges, you will see Setthorns Campsite to both sides (waymarker 195).

Proceed straight ahead at (waymarker 195), continuing along the old railway line (waymarker 194).

Route Alteration: If you wish to shorten the route, skip ahead to where you turn left at waymarker 195 (presently your left up a hill) instead of continuing straight ahead (you are about half way around the shortend route).

6. Wootton Inclosure

Follow the track around to the right (waymarker 189), and then straight ahead (past waymarker 188).

Continue uphill past waymarkers 187 and 186 until a right turn at a T-junction (waymarker 181).

7. Out of the Enclosure

Take a right at the triangle junction (waymarker 182).

At the gate, (waymarker 183), continue straight ahead through gate.

8. The Old Railway Line

Turn right off of the road (waymarker 191) towards the old railway track (waymarkers 192, 193 & 194).

At Setthorns campsite (waymarker 195), turn left (or right if skipped from the previous alternate route direction) off the railway track into the campsite, and follow the track up around to the right, onto a bridge, that crosses over the railway track previously cycled on.

9. Around the Campsite

Once over the bridge take an immediate right and look out for (waymarker 196), stay left at a fork and follow the track round the left hand edge of the campsite past waymarker 197.

Take left hand fork around a gate and out of the campsite (waymarker 198).

10. Past Wootton Bridge car park

The railway track ends, (waymarker 193), petering out towards a road (waymarker 192). Turn left onto the minor road (waymarker 191) to head downhill, passing over Wootton Bridge and

past the car park.

Driving? Begin your cycle at this car park and follow the instructions numerically from this point.

Just after the bridge turn right onto a gravel track (waymarker 190), go through a gate into the woods.

11. Left turn down hill

Continue along the track before taking a left hand for at waymarker 179, ignoring a right turn and a track going straight on. Follow the track down hill past waymarker 180.

12. Back to the bridge

The path splits into two directions (waymarker 184), stay left. On arrival at the road, take left turn onto the road (waymarker 185).

Go back over Wootton Bridge and up the hill (opposite to earlier).

13. Out of the Enclosure

Follow track along a nice long downhill (waymarker 199), followed by an uphill section until crossroads (waymarker 200). Go straight over the crossroad and follow track round right hand bend, through gate and out of the enclosure.

14. Back to the Station

Go through the gate (waymarker 201) back onto the steep country lane and onto the same road network as earlier.

Left at the end of Adlams Lane, right at the end of Mead End Road, along Station Road until a right turn into the railway driveway.

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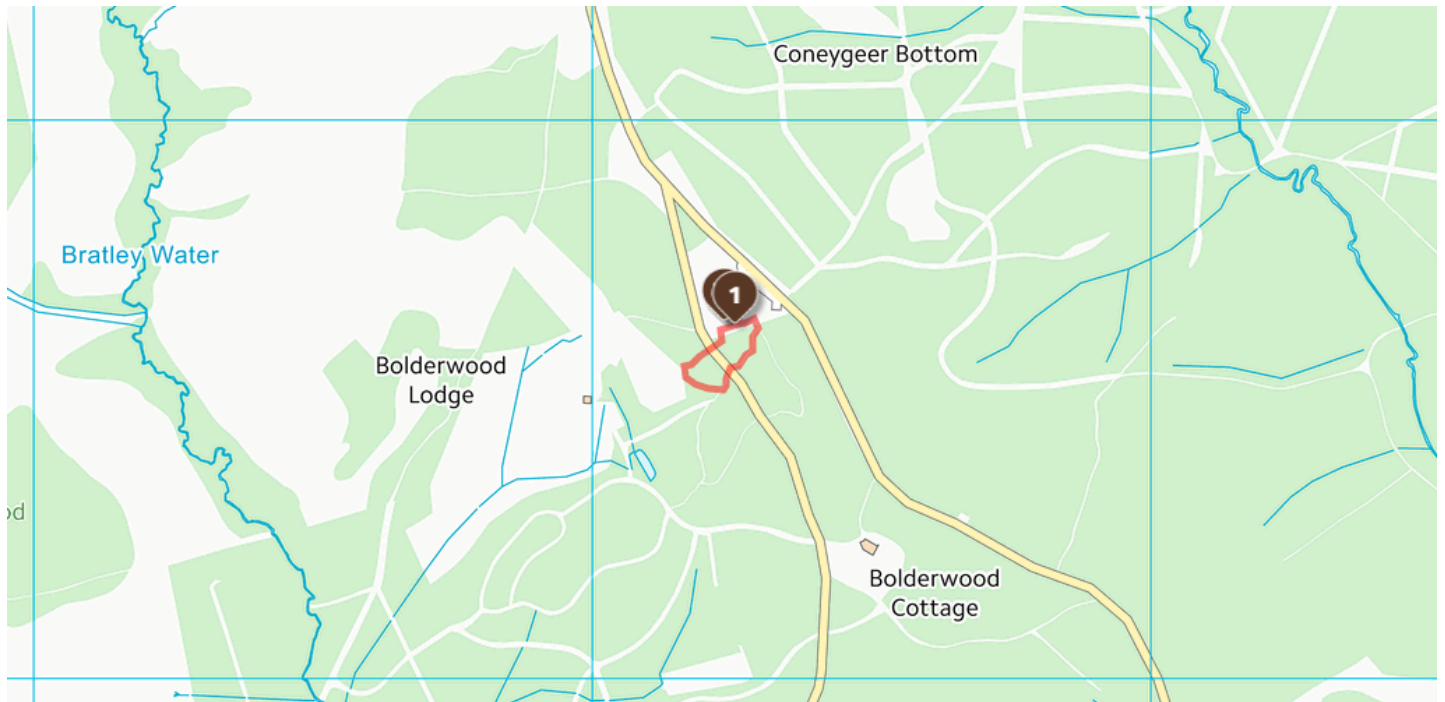


Bolderwood: Deer Watch Trail

Spot deer on this very short circular walk.

This short stroll from Bolderwood car park leads you to a deer viewing platform overlooking fields where wild herds of fallow deer are regularly seen. From Easter to mid-September the herd is fed daily by one of the Forestry Commission keepers.

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1. Walk start and end point

To start the Bolderwood trails go through the gate, which has a low, soft latch, to the right of the information unit and follow the coloured waymarker posts which will guide you around the trails and back to the car park.

This Forestry Commission trail is a waymarked walk. Just follow the waymarker posts to enjoy an easy to follow route for all.

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Quick Info

Start / Finish

Bolderwood car park, grid ref SU 243 086, no postcode.

Distance

Under 2 miles

Duration

Under 1 hour

Surface

The path is a fairly smooth gravelled surface, with gentle slopes along the way.

Getting there...

No public transport links, parking at Bolderwood car park.



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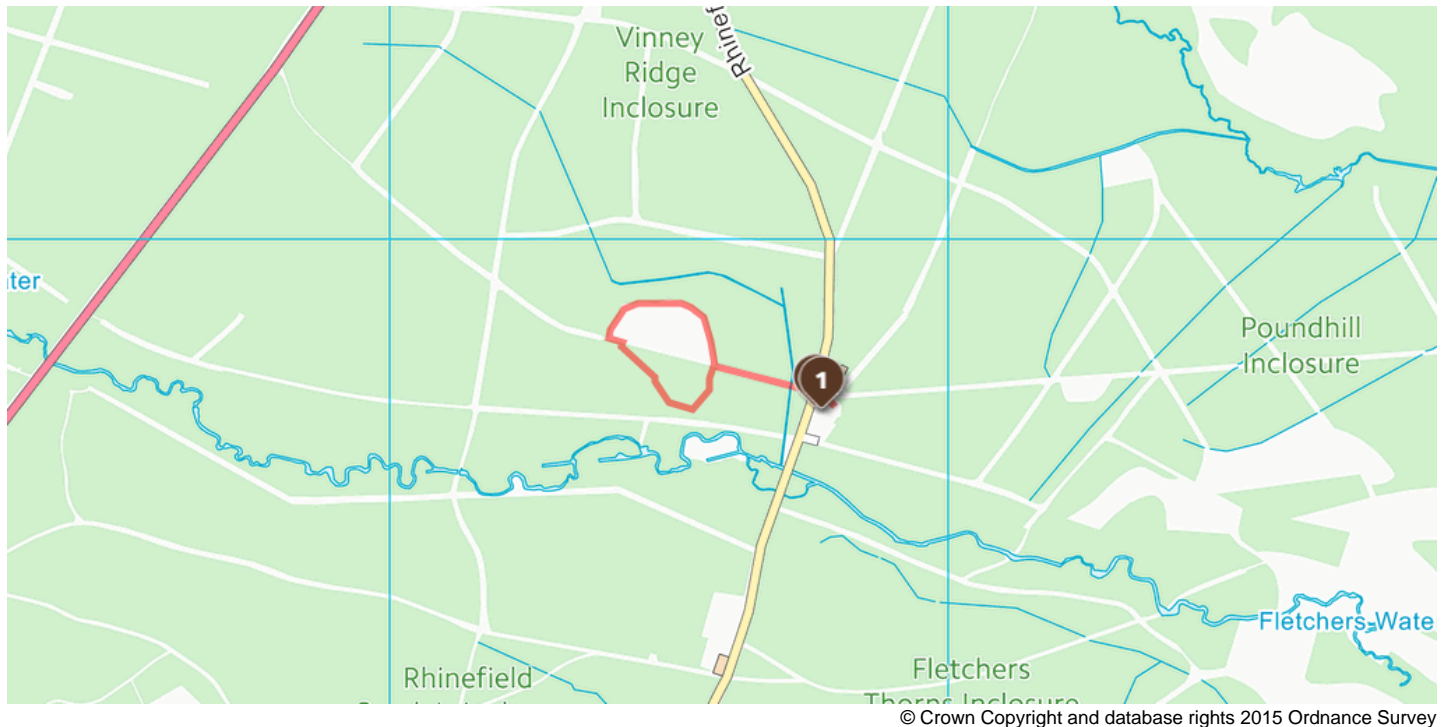


Blackwater: Heartwood Trail

A pleasant circular stroll around Blackwater Arboretum.

An easy waymarked walk through the Arboretum to experience the woodland and take in the variety of tree species. There are regular seats with backs to rest on along this route.

Be Forest Friendly: Make time to enjoy healthy exercise, fresh air, beautiful surroundings and the rich wildlife. Plan your route to be out of Forestry Commission car parks by dusk.



1. Walk start and end point

To start the Heartwood Trail go under the oak archway, cross over the Rhinefield Ornamental Drive and continue up the gravel track for a short distance to a second oak archway where the trail begins.

This Forestry Commission trail can be followed using the sensory information boards on the route. Just follow the boards round the trail to enjoy an easy to follow route for all.

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Quick Info

Start / Finish

Blackwater car park, Grid ref. SU 268 047

Distance

Under 2 miles

Duration

Under 1 hour

Surface

The surface is compacted gravel with some loose stones near the car park.

Getting there...

No public transport links, parking at Blackwater car park.



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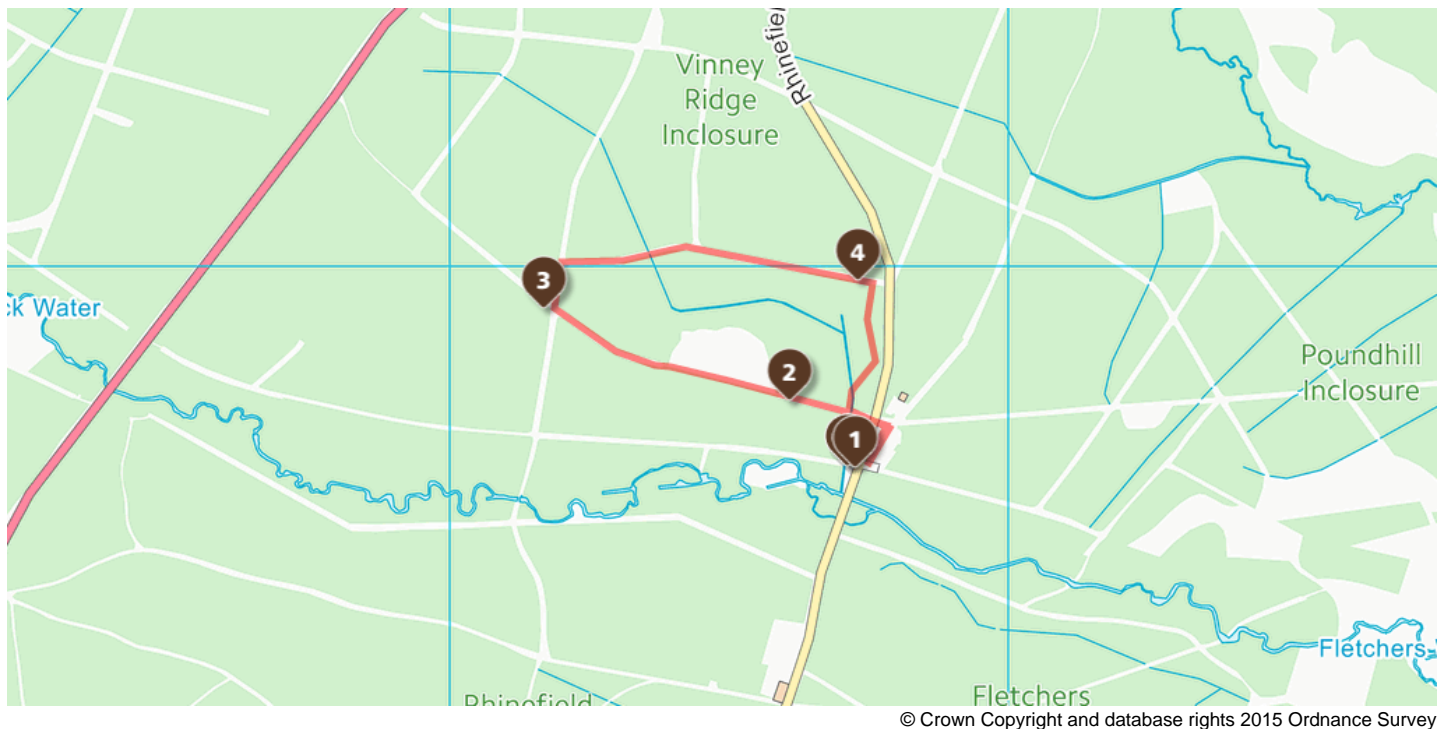


Blackwater: Tall Trees Arboretum Link

A leisurely walk through Blackwater Arboretum.

This is an easy walk through woodland, passing through the Arboretum which houses a beautiful collection of trees from many countries. The walk passes Scrag Hill Nursery and ends with a stroll down a short section of the Tall Trees Trail.

Be Forest Friendly: Please park only in designated car parks, not on a verge or in gateways. Lock your car, taking any valuables with you.



1. Walk start and end point

This walk starts and ends at Blackwater car park. To start the trail cross over the Rhinefield Ornamental Drive and continue up the gravel track.

2. Into the arboretum

Pass under a second oak archway where the trail through the arboretum begins.

3. Onto cycle tracks

After leaving the arboretum turn right at a cross roads, then shortly right again.

4. Right onto Tall Trees Trail

Turn right to join the tall trees trail back to the walk start point.

Quick Info

Start / Finish

Blackwater car park, Grid ref. SU 268 047

Distance

Under 2 miles

Duration

Under 1 hour

Surface

The surface is varied, with sections of compacted gravel with loose stones and short grass.

Getting there...

No public transport links, parking at Blackwater car park.

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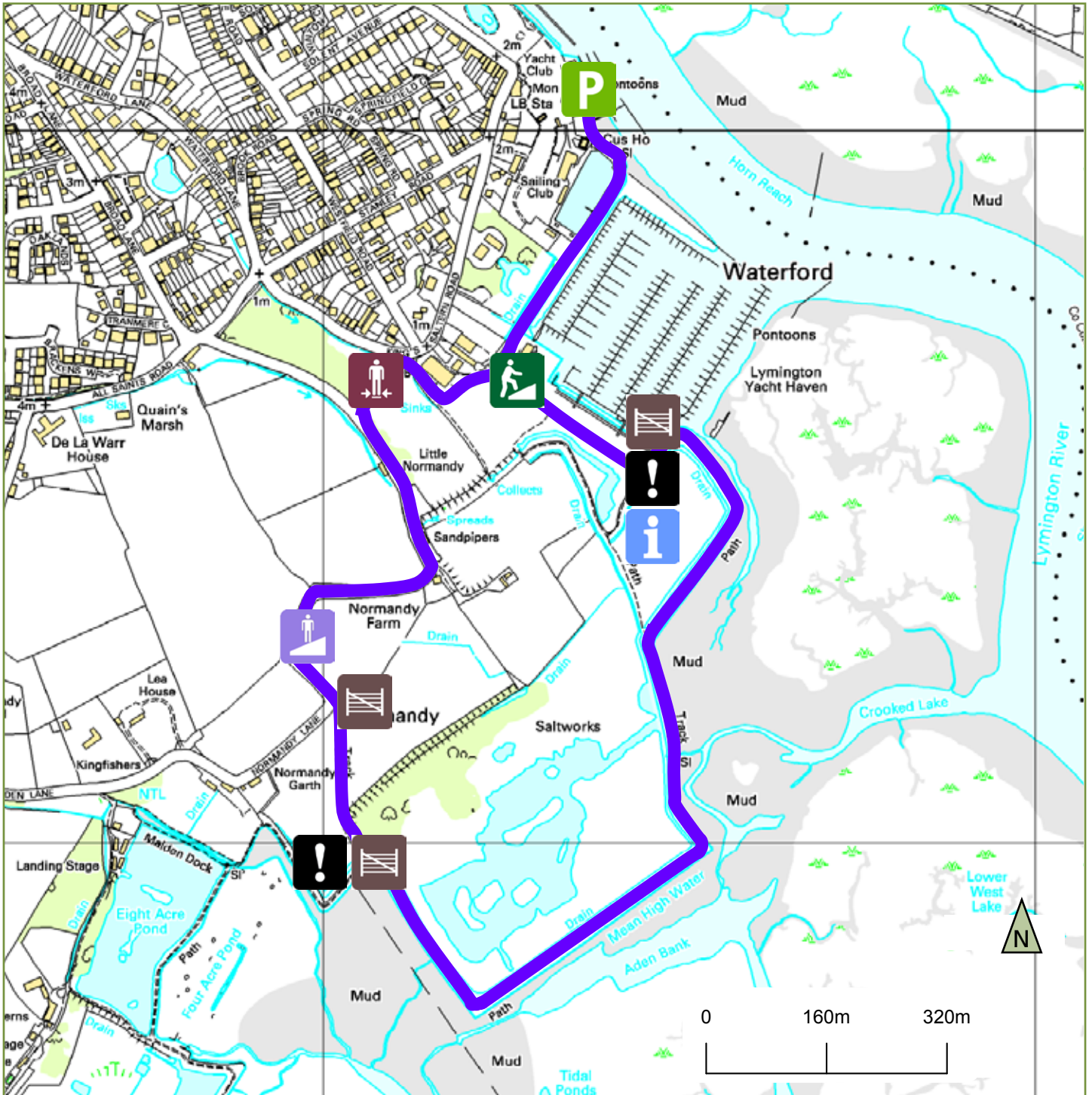
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Normandy Loop

map - 3.7 km circular route



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Key Information

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| minimum width = 0.7m | Parking | Picnic area | Accessible toilet | Cross slope |
| maximum gradient = 1:7 for 1m | Information | Gate | Hazard | Steps |
| three gates on route | Toilets | Gradient | Rest place | Clearance |
| uneven surfaces | | | Width restriction | |

Normandy Loop

route summary

Location	Lymington Keyhaven Nature Reserve
Length	3.7 km
Type	Circular route for walkers
Start / Finish	Bath Road amenity car park situated to the south east of Lymington town centre on the corner of Bath Road and Kings Saltern Road (SZ 333 950).
Experience	Circular route providing views of the Solent, the marina and saltworks.
Facilities	Bath Road Amenity Car Park is a New Forest District Council pay and display car park with a tarmac surface, 50+ spaces and 2 spaces reserved for disabled visitors. It is signed from the road, and has toilets and disabled access toilets. There are rail and bus services into Lymington. It is approximately 1km from Lymington Town railway station to Bath Road amenity car park.

Surface The surface along the route is varied.
The section on the sea wall is surfaced with concrete blocks infilled with gravel .
Other sections include compacted gravel with loose stones, tarmac and natural gravel and grass.
There is a short section of boardwalk on the path between Normandy Lane and King's Saltern Road (SZ 331 946).



Narrowest Width 0.7m on the section of path between Normandy Lane and King's Saltern Road.

Max Gradient The route is mostly level with a number of short steeper sections. The maximum gradient is 1:7 for 1m in the yacht haven car park and similar at King's Saltern Road.



Max Cross Slope There are short sections of cross slope on the harbour wall. The maximum cross slope is 1:11 for 3m on the corners of Normandy Lane. This can be avoided by using the full width of the road.



Normandy Loop *route summary (cont'd)*

Hazards

Some sections have protruding stones up to 2cm. There are 4 small steps between 5cm and 10cm along the route. There is an overhanging branch near King's Saltern Road.



Gates

There are three gates along the route, the narrowest of which are the two handgates at 0.88m wide located by the sea wall and off Normandy Lane.



Steps

None

Stiles

None

Bridges

None



Access Information

No additional access information applies to this route.

Seating

None



Waymarking

This route is not specifically waymarked as a named route, but you will see signposts and waymarkers along the route.

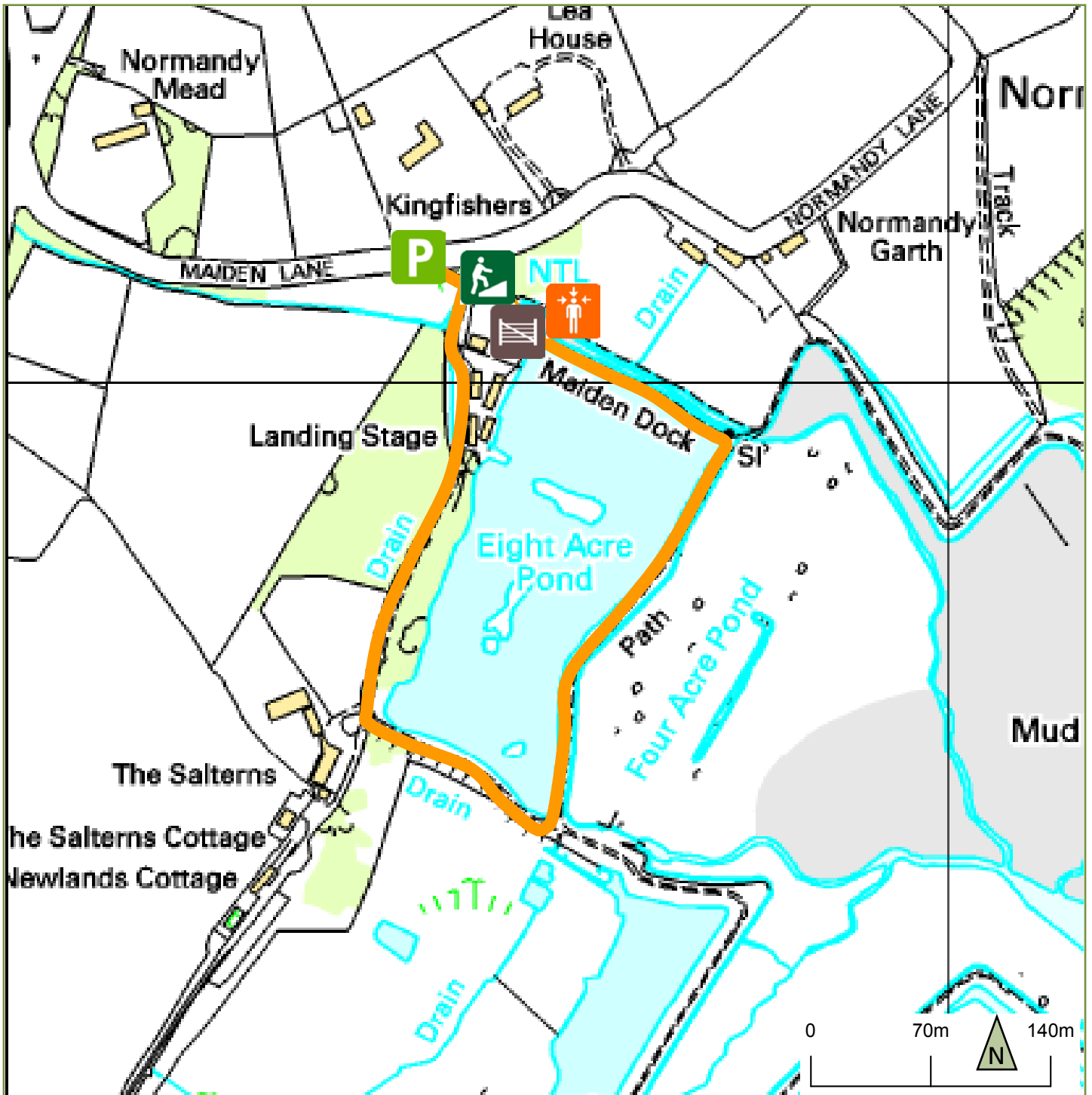
Information Panels

Information panel located at the entrance to the Nature Reserve.



Eight Acre Pond Loop

map - 0.9 km circular route



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Key Information

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| minimum width = 0.4m | Parking | Picnic area | Accessible toilet | Cross slope |
| maximum gradient = 1:5 for 2m | Information | Gate | Hazard | Steps |
| 0.4m kissing gate on route | Toilets | Gradient | Rest place | Clearance |
| | | | Width restriction | |

Eight Acre Pond Loop

route summary

Location Lymington Keyhaven Nature Reserve

Length 0.9 km

Type Circular route for walkers

Start / Finish This is an informal roadside car parking area situated on Maiden Lane, 1km south of Lymington (SZ 326 940). It has a tarmac surface with space for 5 cars (no reserved spaces).



Experience Circular route around Eight Acre Pond with views of the pond, wildlife and saltworks heritage.

Facilities There are no facilities on this route.

Surface The surface of the route is varied. The section on the sea wall is surfaced with concrete blocks infilled with gravel. Other sections are compacted gravel with loose stones, natural gravel and grass or tarmac.



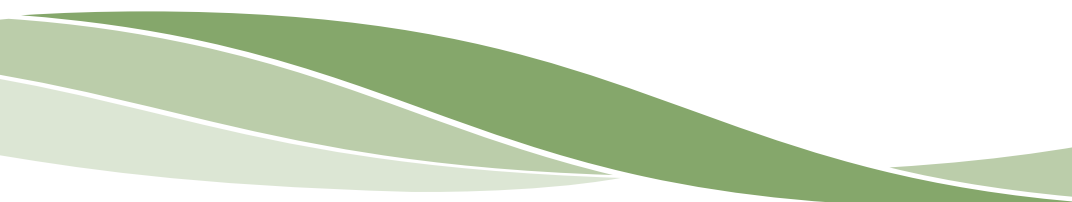
Narrowest Width 0.4m wide kissing gate

Max Gradient 1:5 for 2m near Maiden Dock

Max Cross Slope There is virtually no cross slope

Hazards Some sections have protruding stones up to 2cm

Gates One kissing gate which is 0.4m wide (SZ 327 940).



Eight Acre Pond Loop *route summary (cont.d)*

Steps	None
Stiles	None
Bridges	None
Access Information	No additional access information applies to this route.
Seating	None
Waymarking	This route is not specifically waymarked as a named route, but you will see signposts and waymarkers along the route.
Information Panels	None



Keyhaven Marshes

This walk follows part of the Solent Way through a nature reserve rich in wildlife.

Along the route there are views across the Solent to the Isle of Wight and the Needles and opportunities to watch the ever-changing bird life of Keyhaven Marshes. The path then cuts inland to follow an ancient highway behind the reserve before returning to Keyhaven.

Be Forest Friendly: To help ground nesting birds rear their young safely, keep yourself, dogs and ridden horses on the main tracks from the beginning of March to the end of July.



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1. Go through gate

From the bus stop continue along Keyhaven Road towards the coast. Take your first left onto a no through road directly opposite the Gun Inn. Pass Keyhaven public car park and toilets on your right and follow alongside the harbour wall to cross the mouth of Avon Water. Turn right at a waymarker post signed 'Solent Way Lymington' and through the gate (waypoint 1).

2. Information panel

Go past an information panel (waypoint 2) and follow the gravel path along the top of the sea wall. Be aware that cyclists also share this footpath. At this point there are good views across the saltmarsh to Hurst Spit, and Hurst Castle and lighthouse.

3. Follow the sea wall

Continue following the Solent Way along the sea wall (waypoint 3). Please keep dogs under close control and stay on the footpath to reduce disturbance to wildlife, in particular nesting, roosting and feeding birds.

4. Bird nesting island

Continue along the sea wall from which there are good views of the Isle of Wight and the

Quick Info

Start / Finish

Keyhaven green bus stop, SO41 0TG, Grid Ref: SZ 304 916

Distance

3-4 miles

Duration

1-2 hours

Surface

Gravel footpaths and quiet country lanes.

Getting there...

New Forest Tour - blue route (seasonal sightseeing bus).

Needles, the site of many a wrecked ship. On your left is Fishtail Lagoon with a large bird nesting island in the middle (waypoint 4). A grassy track drops down on your left to an information panel and a gate to access the edge of this lagoon. This is a good point to watch birds and then continue on the upper gravel track.

5. Viewpoint on sea wall

Continue ahead alongside Fishtail Lagoon. At the end of this lagoon there is a path leading off to your left down steps following alongside a wide-cut channel. Ignore this path and continue following the path ahead which bends to your right. Where the path turns left there is a grassy area on top of the steep sea wall where you can rest and admire the views (waypoint 5).

6. Walk towards jetty

Continue walking alongside the lagoon towards the pipe line and jetty (waypoint 6).

7. Continue along the footpath

Turn left opposite the jetty and follow along a wide gravel track, taking the upper path when the track splits, which takes you inland across the reserve to a small car park at the end of Lower Pennington Lane. This track goes through grassland and scrub on a reclaimed landfill site. Go through the wooden gate, beside an information panel, and turn left through the car park and past a wide gate to continue along the footpath (waypoint 7).

8. Efford Landfill Site

Follow an ancient highway alongside Efford Landfill Site (waypoint 8). This site has now been reclaimed and landscaped with a large lake. The path goes between two hedgerows, which act as a natural screen to watch wildlife. In early summer listen for stonechats, often seen perched on gorse, which make a loud 'tchack' alarm call like the sound of two pebbles being knocked together.

9. Join a single track road

Ignore two paths on your right and go past a wide wooden gate to join a single track road (waypoint 9). Follow along the road to the walk start and retrace your steps back past the Gun Inn and to the bus stop.

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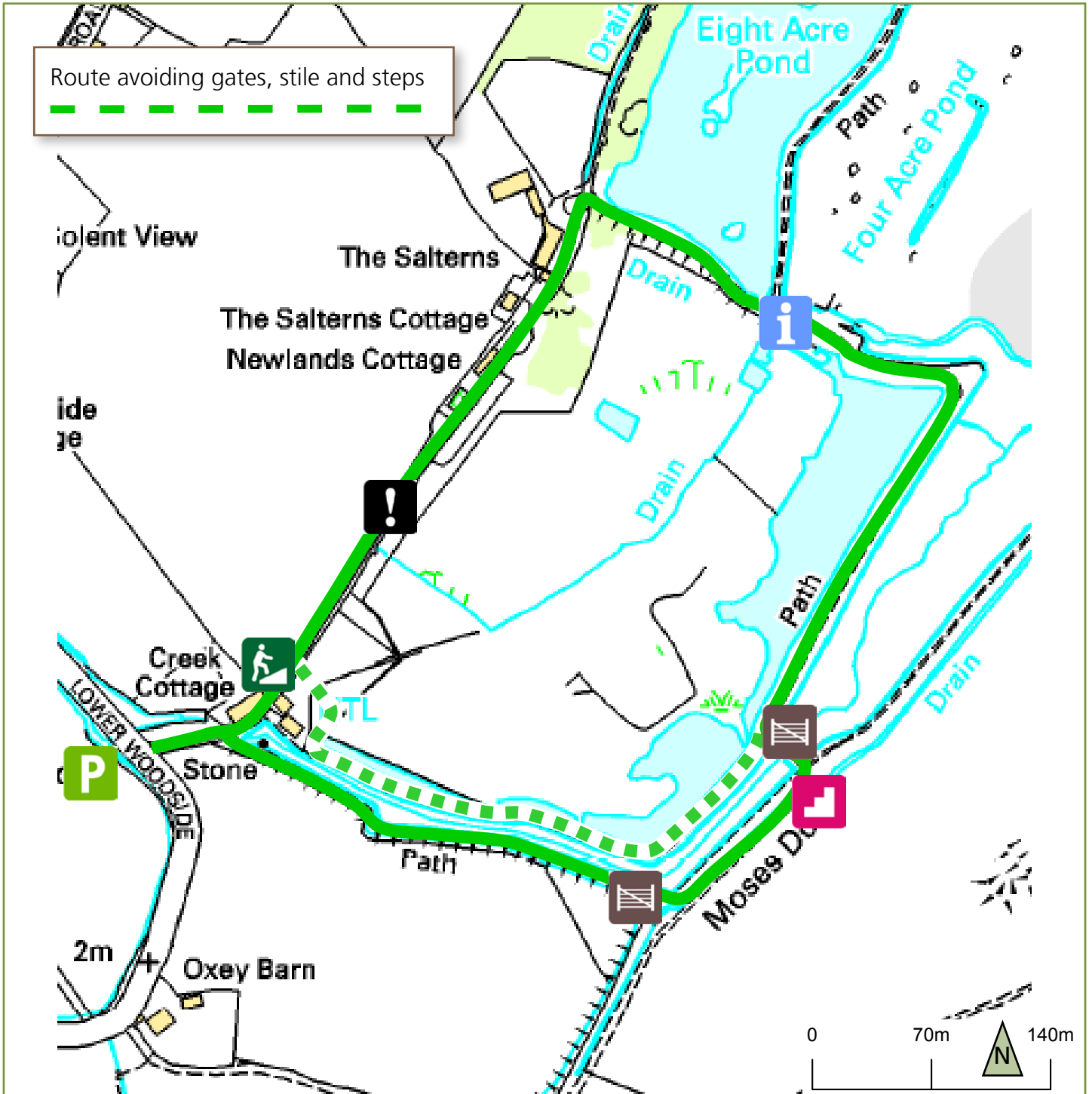
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Moses Dock Loop

map - 1.5 km circular route



Key Information

- minimum width = 0.6m at steps
- maximum gradient = 1:8 for 4m
- four gates on route
- some muddy sections in wet weather
- one set of steps

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| Parking | Picnic area | Accessible toilet | Cross slope |
| Information | Gate | Hazard | Steps |
| Toilets | Gradient | Rest place | Clearance |
| | | Width restriction | |

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Moses Dock loop

route summary

Location Lymington Keyhaven Nature Reserve

Length 1.5 km

Type Circular route for walkers.

Start / finish Informal roadside car parking area situated on Lower Woodside, 250m south of The Chequers public house (SZ 323 934) . It has a gravel surface and space for 10 cars (no reserved spaces). It is not signed from the road.



Experience Circular route providing views of the dock, the saltworks heritage and wildlife.

Facilities None. The Chequers pub is 250m from the start of the route on Lower Woodside.

Surface The surface along the route is varied.
The section on the sea wall is surfaced with concrete blocks infilled with gravel.
Others sections are compacted gravel with loose stones and loose gravel.
The bridge across Moses Dock has a metal decking surface.



Narrowest width 0.6m at the steps from Moses Dock.

Max gradient The gradient is mostly level with a number of short steeper sections, the steepest being 1:8 for 4m near Creek Cottage.

Max cross slope Virtually no cross slope.

Hazards Some sections have protruding tree roots and stones up to 2cm. Some sections can be muddy in wet weather.
The gate catch on the gate situated to the south west of Moses Dock (SZ 326 933) is difficult to open.

Moses Dock loop route summary (cont'd)

Gates

Four gates, the narrowest is 1.2m. Three of the gates are at Moses Dock and can be by-passed by using an alternative stretch of path.



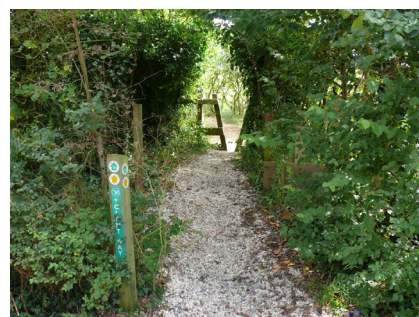
Steps

One set of four steps at the eastern edge of Moses Dock. The steps can be avoided by taking the alternative path shown on the route map.



Stiles

A squeeze stile is on the route (SZ 324 934). This stile can be avoided by taking the alternative path shown on the route map.



Bridges

One bridge which is 1.2m wide with a metal deck at Moses Dock (SZ 327 934).



Access information

None.

Seating

One bench on short grass 15m from the path on the sea wall.

Waymarking

This route is not specifically waymarked as a named route, but you will see signposts and waymarkers along the route.

Information panels

One.








Solent Way

map - 8.4 km linear route



Key Information

-  minimum width = 0.6m at steps
-  maximum gradient = 1:7 for 1m
-  1:8 for 40m
-  three gates on route
-  one set of steps

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|---|--|---|---|
|  Parking |  Picnic area |  Accessible toilet |  Cross slope |
|  Information |  Gate |  Hazard |  Steps |
|  Toilets |  Gradient |  Rest place |  Clearance |
| | |  Width restriction | |

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Solent Way

route summary

Location Lymington Keyhaven Nature Reserve

Length 8.4 km

Type Linear route for walkers and cyclists

Start / Finish Bath Road amenity car park situated to the south east of Lymington town centre on the corner of Bath Road and Kings Saltern Road (SZ 333 950).
Keyhaven amenity car park is a New Forest District Council pay and display car park on Keyhaven Road (SZ 306 915). It has a tarmac surface with 50+ spaces and 3 spaces reserved for disabled visitors.

Experience The route forms a short section of the 96 km (60 mile) long Solent Way and provides views of the Solent and wildlife, in particular birds.

Facilities Bath Road Amenity Car Park is a New Forest District Council pay and display car park with a tarmac surface, 50+ spaces and 2 spaces reserved for disabled visitors. It is signed from the road, and has toilets and disabled access toilets. There are rail and bus services into Lymington. It is approximately 1km from Lymington Town railway station to Bath Road amenity car park.
There are public toilets including an accessible toilet in the car park at Keyhaven. There is a pub (The Gun Inn) close to the car park.

Surface The surface is varied. The majority of the route follows the sea wall, which is surfaced with concrete blocks infilled with gravel.
Other sections are compacted gravel with loose stones or tarmac.



Narrowest Width 0.6m at the steps near Moses Dock.

Max Gradient The gradient is mostly level with a number of short steep sections where the route goes on or off the sea wall. The steepest section is 1:7 for 1m at the yacht haven car park.



Solent Way *route summary (cont'd - 1)*

Max Cross Slope

1:8 for 40m on the sea wall where the surface has become rutted.



Hazards

Some sections have protruding stones up to 2cm. Some sections may be muddy in wet weather. There is a 5cm step onto the tarmac joining the sea wall at the marina.



Gates

There are 3 gates, the narrowest of which is 0.9m. The gate catch on the gate situated to the south west of Moses Dock (SZ 326 933) is difficult to open.



Steps

There is one flight of 4 steps by Moses Lock.



Stiles

There is one squeeze stile at Creek Cottage but this can be bypassed by using an alternative path (see the Moses Dock Loop map for details).



Bridges

None

Access Information

No additional access information applies to this route.

Solent Way *route summary (cont'd - 2)*

Seating

There are frequent seats with backs near Lymington Yacht Haven and seats can be found along the route.



Waymarking

The Solent Way is waymarked with a Tern on a green arrow.



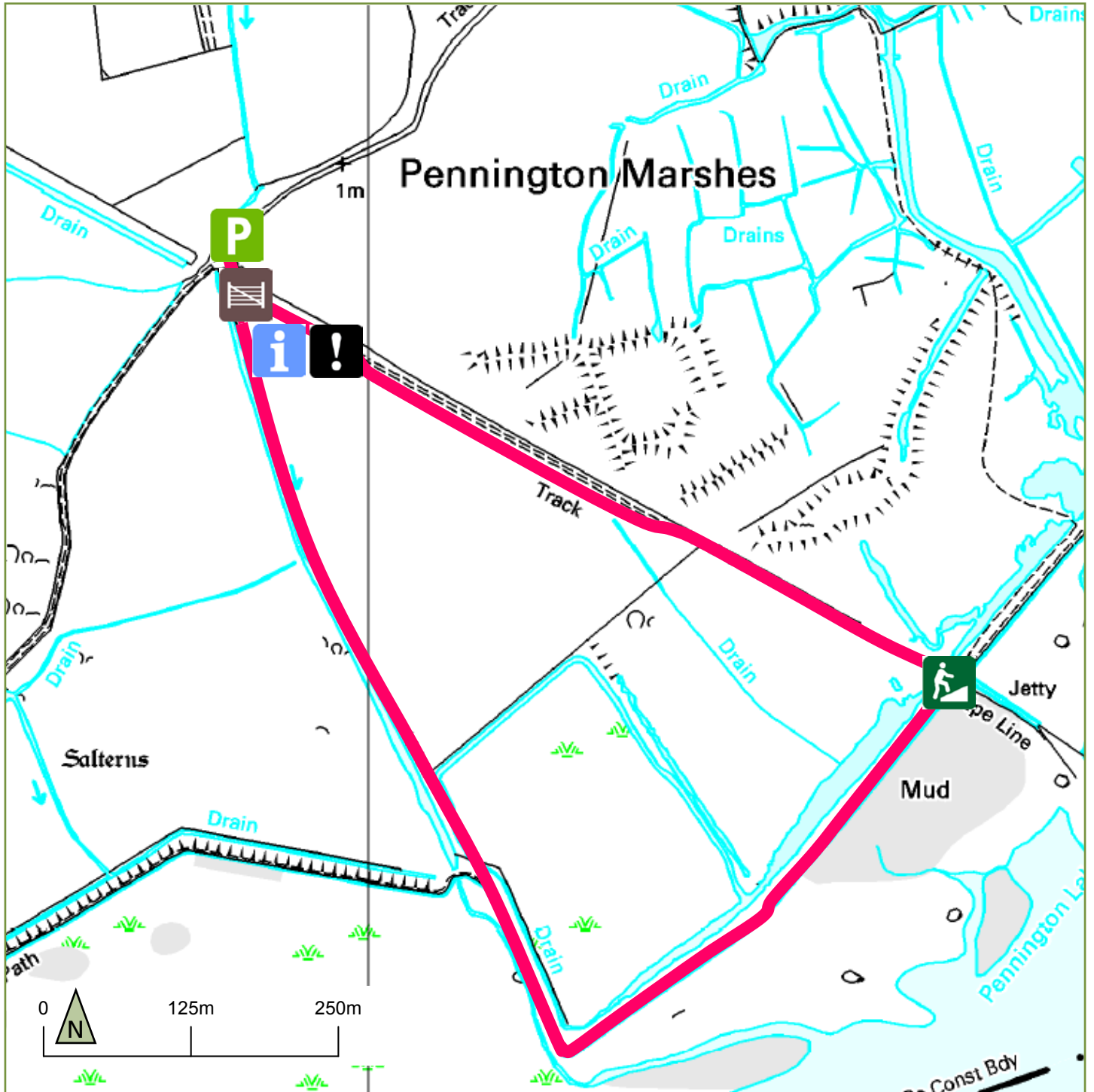
Information Panels

There are two information panels along the route, one at the entrance to the Nature Reserve and the other adjacent to the road at Keyhaven.



Fishtail Lagoon Loop

map - 1.9 km circular route



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Key Information

- minimum width = 0.85m
- maximum gradient = 1:7 for 25m
- 0.85m kissing gate on route
- some uneven surfaces
- Parking
- Information
- Toilets
- Picnic area
- Gate
- Gradient
- Accessible toilet
- Hazard
- Rest place
- Width restriction
- Cross slope
- Steps
- Clearance

Fishtail Lagoon Loop

route summary

Location Lymington Keyhaven Nature Reserve

Length 1.9 km

Type Circular route for walkers

Start / Finish Informal car parking area situated at the end of Lower Pennington Lane, half a kilometre south of Lower Pennington (SZ 318 927). It has a gravel surface and space for 10 cars (no reserved spaces). It is not signed from the road.



Experience Circular walk alongside Pennington Marshes providing views of the sea and wildlife.

Facilities There are no facilities on this route.

Surface The surface is varied and includes:

- soil and gravel
- short grass
- compacted gravel
- tarmac



Narrowest Width 0.85m at the gate

Max Gradient 1:7 for 25m at the sea wall



Max Cross Slope There is virtually no cross slope

Fishtail Lagoon Loop *route summary (cont'd)*

Hazards

Some sections are uneven with potholes and muddy areas or protruding stones up to 2cm. From the Fishtail Lagoon car park there is a rough slope of broken tarmac and gravel.



Gates

There is a hand gate from the car park which is 0.85m wide.



Steps

None

Stiles

None

Bridges

None

Access Information

No additional access information applies to this route.

Seating

1 bench

Waymarking

This route is not specifically waymarked as a named route, but you will see signposts and waymarkers along the route.

Information Panels

There is an information panel near the gate

Other

Once through the gate from the car park the path divides. The route to the left then splits into two parallel paths. Of these two paths the lower path to the left has less gradients but is likely to be boggy in wet weather.