

Trail	: HAMPTR0044
Activity	: Cycle
Type	: Country Escape
Terrain	: Towpaths and Cycle Tracks
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Distance	: 21.3 miles / 34.2 kms
Ascent	: 620 feet / 189 metres
Location	: SU641236 / GU32 1JQ



River Meon at Meonstoke
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Cottages and Houses of Wickham
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Trail Summary

The Meon Valley Railway Line used to stretch from Alton to the Knowle Junction near Fareham. Following its closure in 1955 the track fragmented. There remains a stretch of railway bed from West Meon to the Knowle Junction that can be navigated on bicycle or foot. We start the trail at the car park in West Meon and head south to the Knowle Junction.

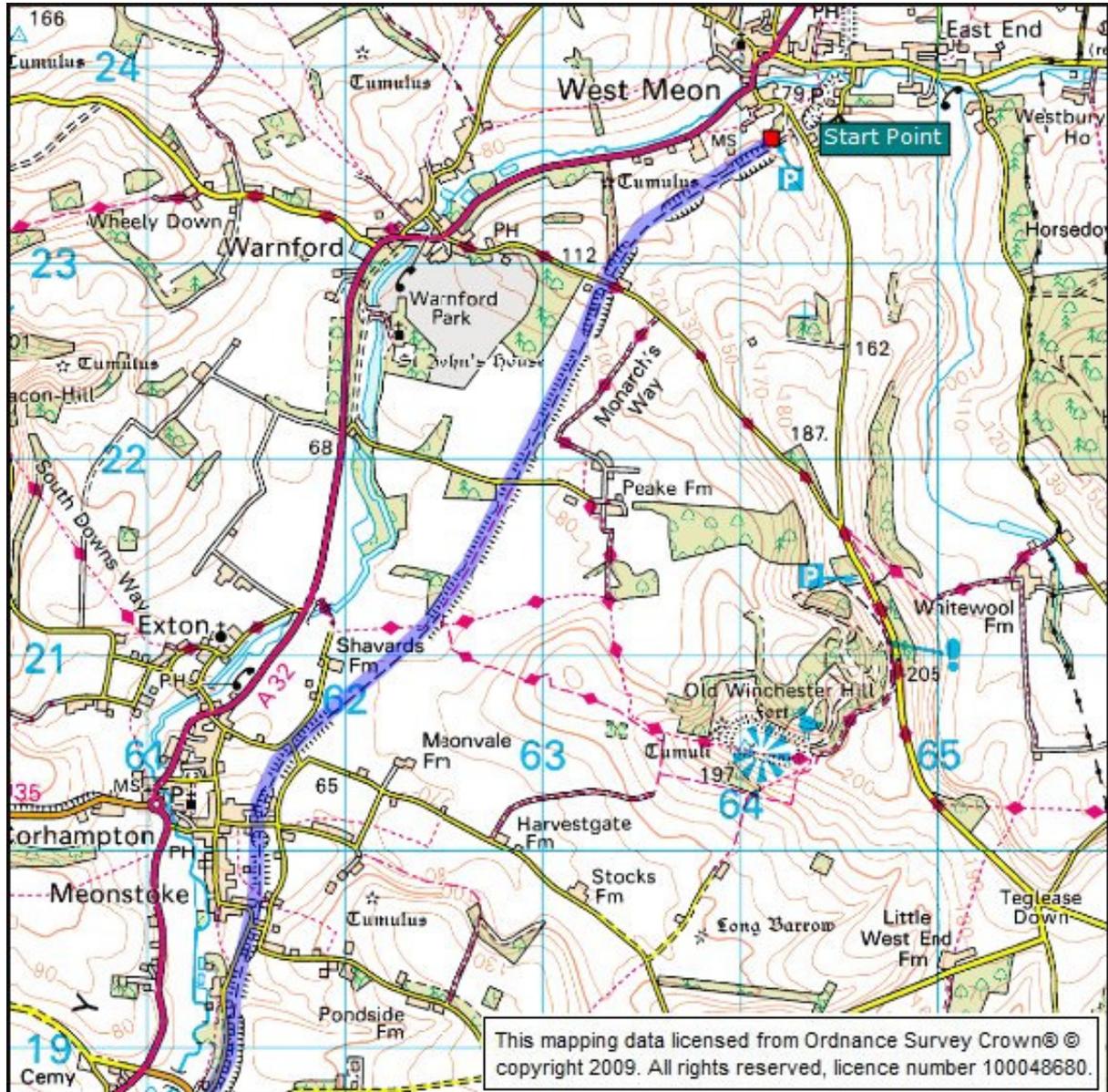
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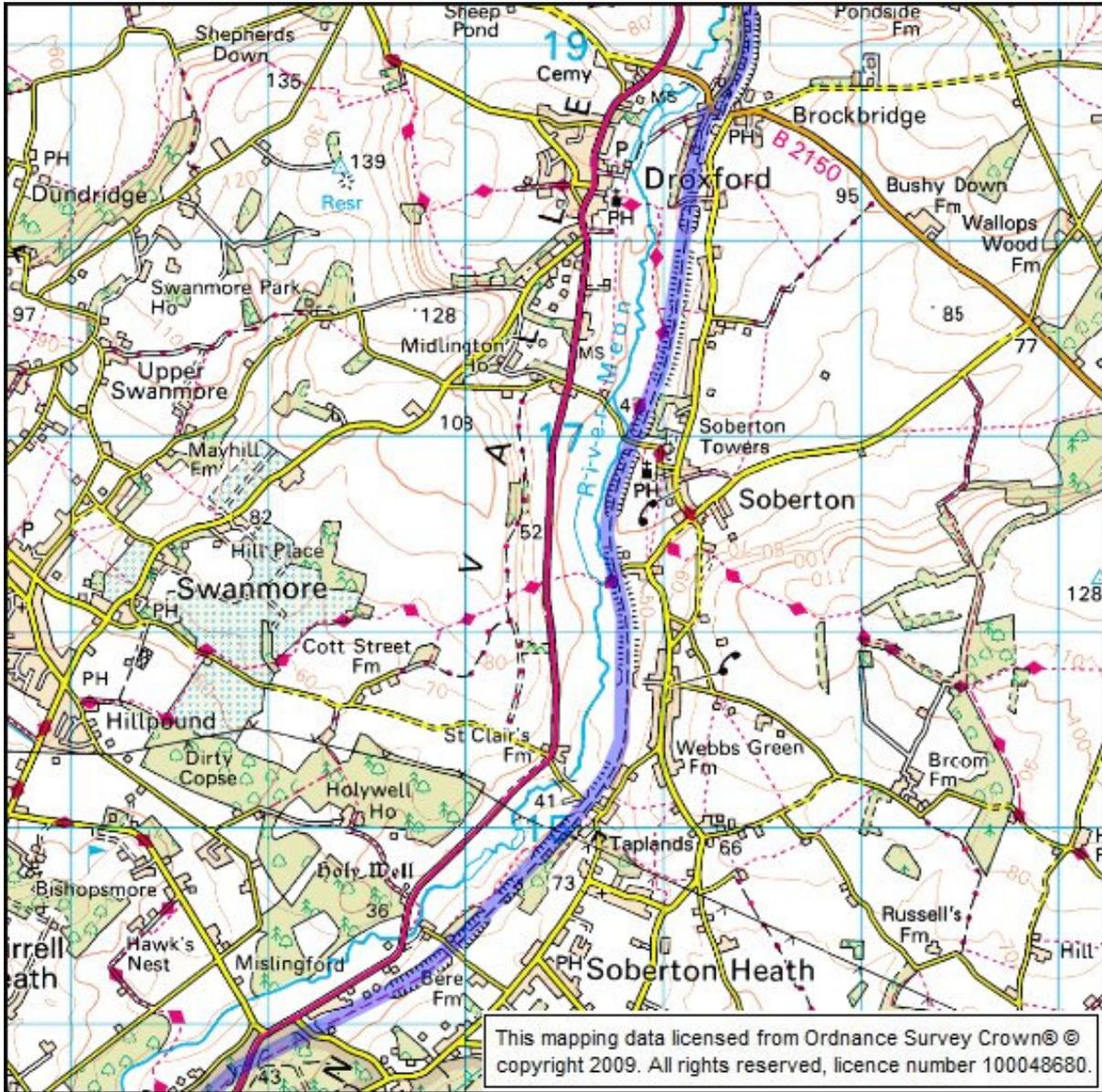
From West Meon the trail winds its way through the beautiful Meon Valley passing quaint villages and hamlets along the way. Stop off for refreshments in the many country inns and pubs that can be found a stone's throw from the path. You may of course join the trail at numerous points along the way. As the route is linear, on arrival at Knowle Junction you will need to turn around and retrace your steps.

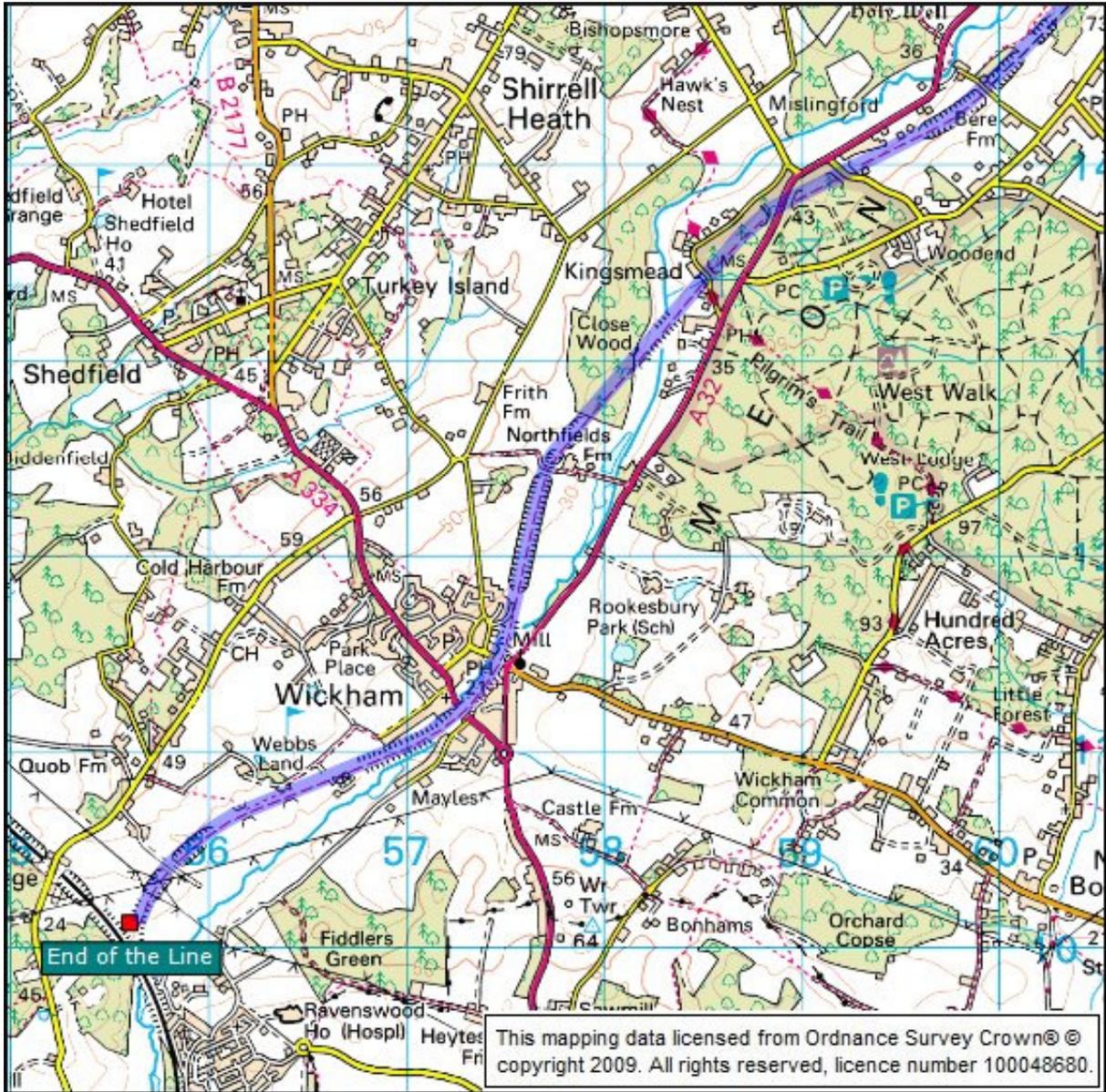
In the winter months the trail can become very boggy and impassable on two wheels. This is perhaps most noticeable below Old Winchester Hill, from which water drains into the River Meon.



Trail Map







Trail Location



Location Details

The A32 road runs parallel to the trail until Wickham, providing several access points. The car park at West Meon can be found beside the train line on the southern edge of the village. There is a bus service to West Meon from Winchester and Petersfield.