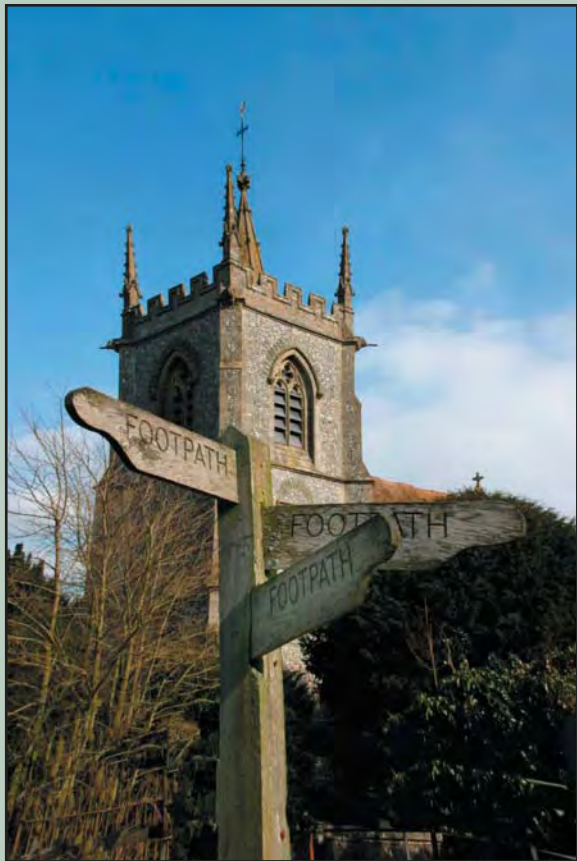


Circular Walks Around Oakley & Deane



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Walk 3 ○ ○ ○ ○

4 miles. Start at Beach Park. Cross carefully over B3400 to Malshanger Lane, and walk to the Lodge. Enter the Drive here and continue towards Malshanger House, and past the high yew hedges on the left. At the end of the 2nd yew hedge turn left at the finger post and head for the buildings of Sheardown Farm. Thread right through them to join minor road (U24); go left to corner, take left track (7115) and follow it past Lockley Copse, to 5-barred gate and road (C123). Turn left, go down hill to crossroads and over into White Lane. Walk to the end and turn left after the last house, over the stile, with Patchbourne Wood on the right. This track (1) is part of the parish boundary and the Wayfarers Walk. The track issues into Ivydown Lane. Either - continue right to the 'Beach Arms', and cross B3400 (look both ways before crossing!) to stile beside hedge-line right. Head for St Leonard's Church crossing 3 more stiles and horse pastures to kissing gate opposite the church. Turn sharp left, walk along Station Rd. to railway bridge and Beach Park on the right. Or - at corner of Wayfarers Walk and Ivydown Lane continue forward (east) past Summerdown Farm to the Lodge and follow the road back to B3400 and Beach Park.



Walk 1 ○ ○ ○ ○

6 miles. Start at Kennet Way lay-by. Facing letter box turn left into path between wooden fences and then right at cross-path (743) following it through play area to far corner, and squeeze-gate on to Oakley Lane. Turn right, cross carefully to Croft Road and continue north-west along Highland Drive. Turn left into Arran Close and find FP9 before you. Turn right and go north to the B3400. Go left to the X roads. Turn right and CROSS CAREFULLY into Malshanger Lane. Carry on north through the Park gates past Malshanger House to cottages opposite a high yew hedge. At the end of the 2nd yew hedge a finger post indicates your way (4) to Sheardown Farm buildings. Thread your way right through these buildings to reach Hook Lane. Turn right, and just after the corner, go right again through a 5-bar gate on to track (3). Continue south east through woodland, kinking left in hollow, and uphill to facing stile. Cross and follow path (3) through sycamore and lime tree belt to metal gate into paddocks. Keeping hedge on the right cross 3 paddocks (stiles provided) to 3rd stile by cottage and on to Tangier Drive. Turn right and follow flint/concrete road south to the B3400. Cross, (carefully!) and go left to the hedgerow. Keeping it on your left continue south past Mother Copse (730) to Pack Lane. Cross with care and continue (731) to the railway lines. Cross these (with great care!) and turn right on very well-used track (732) going west to St. John's Road. Turn right over bridge, then left into The Drive and ultimately right into Kennet Way.

Walk 4 ● ● ● ●

3.5 miles. Start at 'Honeysuckle Interiors'. Opposite is FP736. Take it going south following the hedgerow to the railway bridge. Cross it and stile then continue south between field fences (737) and kissing gate to corner of Bull's Bushes Copse. Turn right and follow bridleway (729) to Dummer Lane. Go on west to the corner, where you cross the parish boundary, and straight on, on the Wayfarers Walk. Carry on past Itchen Row Copse, under the railway, (pretty muddy here in winter, but with a board walk), and uphill until you see a well marked track joining yours on the right; take it and head east, through mature beech-line to gap in hedgerow on the left. A little further on, at the finger post, (now in Oakley Parish), take the right branching path (14) to kissing gate ahead, cross the meadow to kissing gate into narrow wooded strip, through the gap and into the arable field. The path ahead takes you to the corner and on to Dummer Lane again. Turn left and right onto Rectory Road, and your starting point is 5 minutes further along the road on the left.



Walk 2 ○ ○ ○ ○

6 miles. Start at St. John's lay-by. Cross railway by footbridge and turn left immediately. Follow FP41 and the railway to Hill Rd. Turn left. Walk a short way east, cross Hill Rd. into Sainfoin Lane (734). Follow it to Pardown, cross onto bridleway (735) called Fuzzy Drove and continue to Kempshott which can be seen after Small's Copse, in the distance. Carry on towards Kempshott to gravel cycle-way and then tarmac bridleway crossing the way. This is the Roman Road linking Silchester to the north-east and Winchester to the south-west. Turn right on Roman Road or the cycleway. They meet in open land where you keep to the hedgerow on your right and continue through beech belt to Southwood Farm. Go right at barn (way-marked), then left past cottages. Follow metalled way past houses on the right and turn right through wicket gate on to WW. Go ahead past copse and gap, then past further copse to "T junction" track across your way. Turn right and walk to hedgerow on the left. Keep it on your right by turning left along it; left again at corner, through the hedge right (WW marker) and over stile (or through the gap) to Bull's Bushes Farm. Stay right of hedge past the farm, turn left through farm gate and right again to kissing gate. Follow the path to stile before the railway bridge. Turn right on path by railway to Sainfoin Lane. Turn left to Hill Rd. and cross it, go right, then left into St John's Piece and follow pavement back to St John's lay-by.

The Rights of Way Network

Rights of way are paths and tracks which you, the public, can use. These routes generally cross over private land, and we ask you to bear this in mind and be responsible when exercising your rights to use such routes.

Hampshire County Council Responsibilities

Ensuring that rights of way are free from obstruction and that they can be used by the public
Clearing the surface vegetation from rights of way and ensuring that the surface is in a fit condition for its intended use
The maintenance of some, but not all bridges
Signposting and, where appropriate, waymarking rights of way
Authorising stiles and gates on rights of way
Keeping the definitive map up to date

Landowner Responsibilities

Keep back side growth and overhanging vegetation which may be encroaching onto the path
Refrain from obstructing rights of way
Refrain from ploughing a footpath or bridleway which constitutes the headland of a field, or runs alongside a hedgerow
Ensure that paths across fields are reinstated two weeks after ploughing and making sure that the line of a right of way is clear through crops
Obtain the consent of the County Council before erecting new stiles or gates on rights of way and ensuring that all are kept in a safe and usable condition and replaced when necessary
Not allow any dairy bull over ten months of age free range of any field through which a footpath or bridleway passes

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Walk 5 ●●●●●

5 miles. Start at St. Leonard’s Church. Go right of lych-gate between graveyards, and through kissing-gate. Turn right and follow 2 more kissing gates towards Deane on Oakley FP10 which becomes Deane FP4, crossing the two drives for Oakley Hall to the B3400. BEWARE OF TRAFFIC! and cross to opposite bank. Go left on it (or inside tree belt on field edge for safety) to minor road leading right, into Deane. Follow it to corner, left then right at WW post and follow the fence round to the right to a hedge gap into an arable field. Head NNE to the power post in the corner then continue NE passing 2nd power post in the next field and on to the railway bridge. Cross the bridge, go through the two kissing-gates on to the Harrow Way (an ancient pack road from Dover to the West Country). Turn right past Deane Down Farm until you find a kissing-gate on the left. Go through this NNE past oak trees to a kissing-gate in the far corner, turn left to finger post at cross tracks. Your way (still on WW) bisects the corner of the large field and continues NNE to the Deane/Oakley parish boundary, (where you could extend your walk in the north of the parishes. See map). Turn right at marker post on Oakley FP1 to Ivydown Lane. Go east to stile on the right just before Summer Down Farm. Take this path (FP6), round fence, turn right with hedge on the left to the sewage works fence. Keep the works fence on your right and follow it to B3400 under the railway bridge. PAUSE! Note the galvanised gate opposite on the south side of the road. TAKE GREAT CARE in crossing to it. Go through it and next metal gate, and a stile. Head for the corner of the field and the Church to a stile, then two more stiles, and to the kissing gate opposite the Church.



wood anemone

Walk 6 ●●●●●

(Pubs and Churches) 4.5 miles. Start at the Barley Mow pub and turn right to the pond and Rectory Road. Opposite Honeysuckle Interiors take FP736 to the marker post. Here turn SW on to FP15 across the arable field to the North Waltham/Dummer road. Go right, pass small copse on the left to finger post on the bank. Cross to it and head for St Leonard’s Church diagonally across the field on FP13 to where a well-walked path crosses yours. Turn left on to it (FP14) and follow it through a tree belt and kissing-gate into a pasture. Cross this to another kissing-gate and continue past a three-fingered post and through a hedge into Deane Parish and FP6. Continue WSW to meet the WW track and two fingered post. Go right on WW stony way to Steventon Road, turn right again to the Deane Gate pub.... Cross the B3400 with care and head for All Saints Church.....



sweet brian



Follow the road round to the right and right at the end back to the B3400. Turn left, walking on the verge for safety or cross to opposite bank. Turn left and walk east to finger-post. Continue over Oakley Hall’s 2 drives and 3 kissing gates to St Leonard’s Church. Go left to Rectory Road turn right and follow the road, passing the roadside pond, for about half a mile until you reach the village pond. Turn left to the Barley Mow pub.

To ensure that the countryside is protected for future generations a 'Countryside Code' exists. The Country Code advice for the public is as follows :-

- Be safe
- Plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people

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