

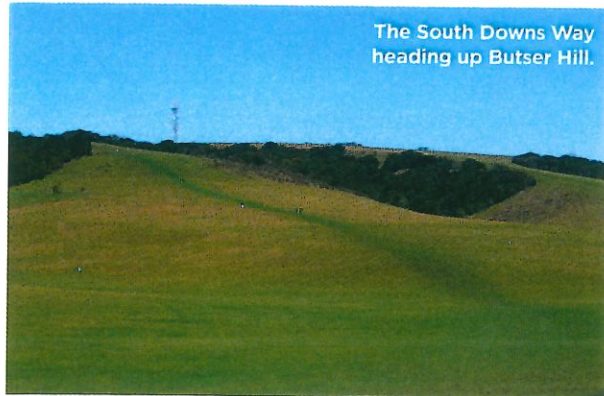
04 HAMPSHIRE BURITON & BUTSER HILL

▶ Distance: 8½ miles/13.6km ▶ Time: 4-5 hours ▶ Grade: Moderate

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04 HAMPSHIRE BURITON & BUTSER HILL

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The South Downs Way heading up Butser Hill.

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Starting from the picturesque pond and Norman church in one of Hampshire's most attractive villages, this walk follows woodland trails through the eastern side of Queen Elizabeth Country Park, and heads up the open chalk downland of Butser Hill, which is part of the western side of the Park. At 270m/886ft, Butser Hill is the highest point on the South Downs with views out to the Solent and Isle of Wight. Four long distance paths, including the South Downs Way, run through the wooded eastern section of the Park. This walk takes in sections of all the routes.

1 Start From car park turn L along road, then L again along South Lane, pond on L. Beyond some dwellings, continue up track/path past Buriton Chalk Pits, now a local Nature Reserve, with an interesting history (see info panels). At top turn R to cross road into Halls Hill car park.

2 ½ mile/0.8km Turn L through gate along a footpath (waymarked as both Hangers Way and Staunton Way, not currently on OS map). This leads across fields and up into woodland where you reach a crossing track, SDW. Cross this diagonally and follow path waymarked as Hangers Way down through some trees to

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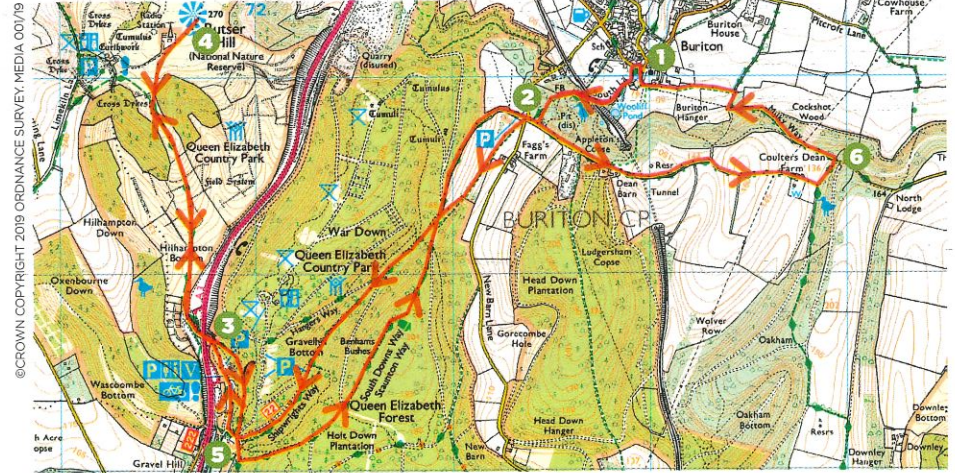
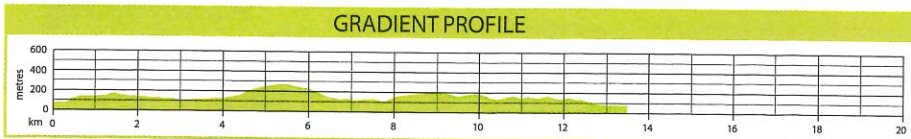


ROUTE

Start/parking Village car park, GU31 5RT, grid ref SU739200 or Halls Hill car park pt 2, SU733198
Is it for me? Good paths and tracks, including waymarked South Downs followed for most of return leg. Ups and downs including one long ascent of Butser Hill. Note: SDW has been re-routed through Park, so old OS maps may show former route. Leaflet with map of Park trails at Visitor Centre
Stiles None

PLANNING

Nearest town Petersfield
Refreshments Pubs in Buriton; Café at Queen Elizabeth Country Park
Public toilets Queen Elizabeth Country Park Visitor Centre
Public transport Bus 94, Mon-Fri, Petersfield-Buriton
Maps OS Explorer OL8; Landranger 197



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join another track, bearing L. This leads to a car park and the Forest Drive, which loops round at this point. Keep ahead to L of Drive soon forking L along path that runs parallel to it leading to Gravel Hill car park. Cross road and bearing round to R continue along paved path beside woodland on R to Visitor Centre and main car park.

3 2¼ miles/3.6km Exit car park and follow SDW signs that take you under A3, then up grassy hillside (blighted initially by sight and sound of traffic below). Nearing top head to R of radio mast and not far beyond you will find trig point atop Butser Hill, which can be explored by following Park's trail (posts marked with red band) around top.

4 3½ miles/5.6km Retrace steps same way but beyond A3 stay on SDW following path up through trees and then down to Forest Drive, near Gravel Hill car park. Cross it diagonally to L to continue along a wide track on R. Just past a bridleway turn on R you come to another junction.

5 5 miles/8km Turn L, continuing along SDW. Path leads up through woodland, with waymark posts from time to time (ignore any turnings), and then down to a track where you bear L. Another track soon joins from L. Continue along SDW descending to pt 2. Cross road and carry on along no-through road opposite past some cottages, continuing on broad track, which becomes a lane again at Coulters Dean Farm.

Stay on lane as it bears L (passing Coulters Dean Nature Reserve and bridleway turn on R). Soon road bends to R.

6 7¼ miles/12.3km Leaving SDW here, turn L down track (called Milky Way) which soon descends quite steeply, and can be muddy, especially in winter. At the bottom track levels out and curves round to R and very soon after you turn L along footpath that runs along edge of fields back to start.

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04 HAMPSHIRE WATERSHIP DOWN

► Distance: 11 miles/17.7km ► Time: 5½-6 hours ► Grade: Challenging

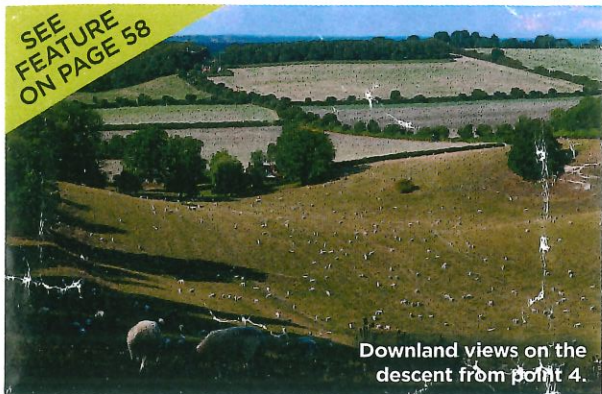
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Downland views on the descent from point 4.

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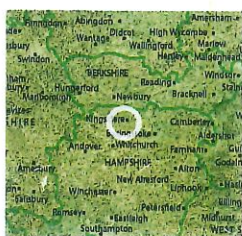


CHOSEN BY...
FIONA BARLTROP

Watership Down, the setting for Richard Adams' book of the same name, is to be found in the North Hampshire Downs, near the village of Kingsclere. In the novel, a group of rabbits leave their doomed warren in search of a new home which they find at Watership Down. This circuit leads you onto the chalk ridge via the village of Hannington, then along the top, passing a plaque in recognition of Richard Adams, 'a lover of Watership Down and its inhabitants'. Descending from the downs, the return is via the estate of Sydmonton Court and the village of Echchinswell back to Kingsclere.

1 Start Turn R out of car park down Anchor Road to Swan Street Turn R, then R again along George Street/B3051. Fork R at George & Horn along Basingstoke Road, then fork R again along The Dell. When lane bends R keep ahead along bridlway. Another bridlway joins from R and after this at a fork bear R through gap in hedge and continue across fields, mast atop Cottington's Hill ahead to R. After a level stretch, track bears L uphill passing turning on R (shortcut to pt 3). Keep ahead at next junction following bridlway south. After bending L then R you reach Meadham Lane. Turn R then turn L to T-junction. To visit Hannington turn L.

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ROUTE

Start/parking Anchor Yard car park, Anchor Road – off Swan Street opp. church, RG20 5PQ, grid ref SU525586

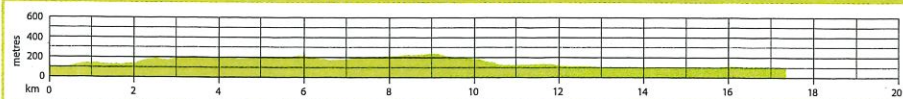
Is it for me? Downland paths & tracks, field paths, country lanes. Stretches along two waymarked routes: Wayfarer's Walk and Brenda Parker Way. Shortcut option via Cottington's Hill to pt 3
Stiles 2

PLANNING

Nearest towns

Newbury & Basingstoke
Refreshments The Crown, Bel & Dragon and George & Horn all in Kingsclere; The Vine, Hannington; Royal Oak, Echchinswell
Public toilets Kingsclere
Public transport LINK bus, Basingstoke-Newbury via Kingsclere, Mon-Sat, www.stagecoachbus.com
Maps OS Explorer 144; Landranger 174

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2 2¼ miles/4.4km Retrace steps to T-junction and keep ahead on footpath. At next junction go R along field edge, bearing round to L to reach gates and Meadham Lane again. Now joining Wayfarer's Walk (WW) keep ahead along Meadham Lane then soon turn R along byway which leads down to B3051 and White Hill viewpoint.

3 3½ miles/7.2km Cross road and continue along track by gallops passing a fenced enclosure where a beech tree has been planted (Richard Adams' plaque on fence). Continue on WW descending to a lane. Cross and carry on for about 200m.

4 4 6½ miles/10km Turn R at a pylon down footpath, L along lane and soon fork R along drive and R again before barn along path heading north. Continue along estate road passing Sydmonton Court on R. Carry on north until you reach a turning on R. This leads via Watership Farm to a lane, where you turn L to Echchinswell. Walk through village to war memorial on R.

5 5 9 miles/14.5km Turn R, ignore next R, and bear R over bridge at next junction now following Brenda Parker Way (BPW), a long distance path through North Hampshire,

commemorating a Ramblers member. Continue on BPW to an access road, going L then L again to follow path parallel to road.

6 6 10 miles/16.2km Take next L leaving BPW and follow footpaths across fields back to Kingsclere. Turn R at road back to church and car park. **CW**

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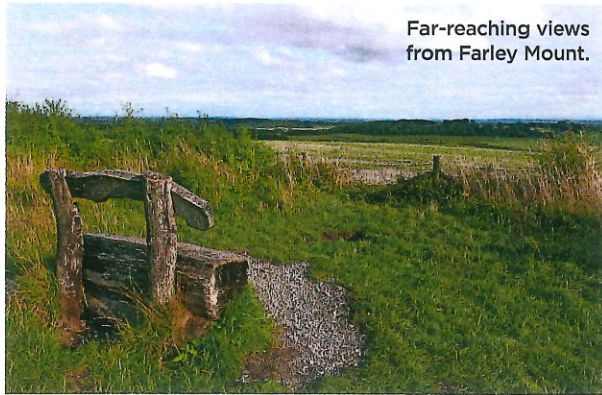
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03 HAMPSHIRE KING'S SOMBORNE

▶ Distance: 11¼ miles/18km ▶ Time: 6 hours ▶ Grade: Challenging



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Far-reaching views from Farley Mount.

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The village of King's Somborne can be found a few miles south of Stockbridge, situated on the edge of the Test valley. The Clarendon Way, a 24-mile waymarked route linking the cathedral cities of Salisbury (across the border in Wiltshire) and Winchester, runs through it. The way is named after Clarendon Park, once the site of Clarendon Palace, a royal hunting lodge for Norman kings, situated just east of Salisbury. This walk follows a stretch of the Clarendon Way eastwards up onto the Downs to Farley Mount Country Park, then heads southwards looping

round to pass the lovely little 12th century church at Farley Chamberlayne. The return leg is through Parnholt Wood and back down quiet country roads.

1 Start From the war memorial (by Edward Lutyens) facing the Crown Inn opposite turn R along pavement beside main road for a short distance, then fork R along Old Vicarage Lane. At the thatched Corner Stores turn R over the bridge (or use one of the bridges before then) and bear L to continue along what is now Winchester Road through the village.

2 ½ mile/0.7km Turn R along a track/

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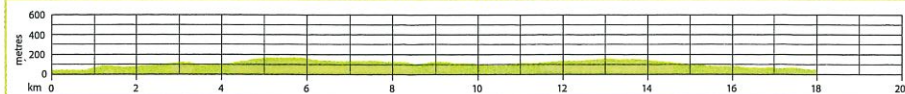
ROUTE

Start/parking War memorial/church, King's Somborne - considerate roadside parking alongside church or elsewhere (eg Old Vicarage Lane), SO20 6PN, grid ref SU360310
Is it for me? Downland paths & tracks, village & country roads over undulating terrain. Graded 'challenging' only because of distance
Stiles None

PLANNING

Nearest town Stockbridge
Refreshments The Crown Inn, King's Somborne (01794 388360)
Public toilets None
Public transport Bus service 16 from Winchester to Stockbridge via King's Somborne, Wheelers Travel (023 8047 1800)
Maps OS Explorer 131 and OL32; Landranger 185

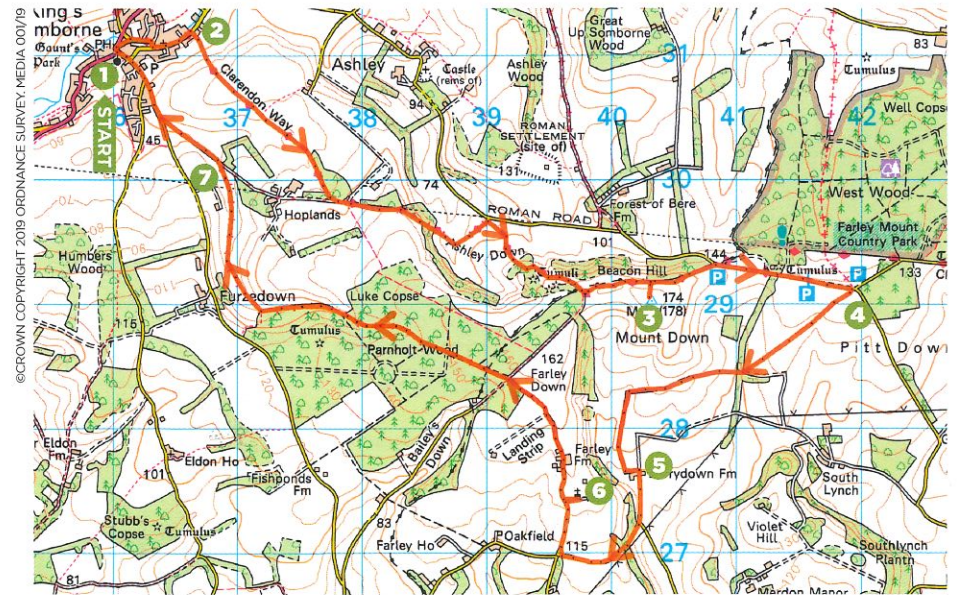
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footpath signed Clarendon Way, and head on up the L hand edge of fields. The path goes through a gap and continues by gallops/paddocks, then goes through a copse joining a track where you bear L. The route heads up through trees, then downhill and L to a lane, then R uphill to Beacon Hill. Maintain direction at a junction and soon, at a fork in the path, take the L one (by fence on L) for better views, rejoining the other path just before the unsigned turn on R to Farley Mount monument.

3 3½ miles/5.6km The striking white pyramid shaped monument was erected on a mound in honour of a

horse, buried below. There are far-reaching views to be enjoyed from up here. Rejoin main track which leads to a car park and road. Continue along edge of grass on the opposite side of the road (passing other car parks) to a road junction.

4 4¼ miles/7.4km Cross the road and follow the restricted byway via Heath Close Corner, then turn L down to Berrydown Farm, bearing L then R to join a lane.

5 6¼ miles/10.2km Continue along the lane, bearing R at the road junction uphill and R at the next junction heading north. Turn R to visit St John's Church at

Farley Chamberlayne.

6 7½ miles/12km Return to road turning R to continue to Farley Farm. Carry on along the track to a four-way junction, where you keep ahead through Parnholt Wood.

7 10½ miles/16.7km Bear L along the lane and maintain direction at road junctions back to start. **CW**

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05 HAMPSHIRE BEAULIEU ROAD

▶ Distance: 6 miles/9.6km ▶ Time: 3 hours ▶ Grade: Easy

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Gnarled trees in this ancient Forest.

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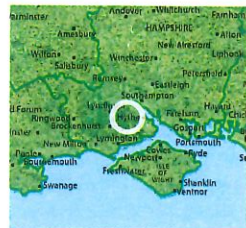
The largest area of unenclosed land in southern England, the New Forest is a walker's paradise, with virtually free access rights to every nook and cranny of its 92,000 acres. This walk starts from Beaulieu Road, an isolated station on the Southampton to Bournemouth railway. Five times a year, however, the place takes on a carnival atmosphere as dealers gather for the New Forest pony sales that are held in the enclosures across the road from the railway. This walk explores the area to the south of Beaulieu Road, where further attractions include

an ancient landmark in the form of the Bishop's Dyke, as well as areas of exceptional New Forest bog.

1 Start
Beyond a wooden barrier in the corner of the car-park, follow a path ahead across the open lawns of the New Forest. In 0.8km, ignore a path on the L that leads to a railway bridge; instead keep walking ahead across the forest lawns. In another 0.8km, just past two footbridges, follow a path to the L for 0.8km to a railway bridge.

2 1½ miles/2.4km
Cross the railway, walk ahead through a series of pony pens to reach an area

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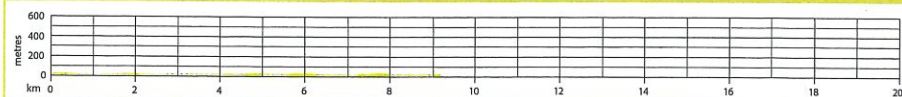
Start/parking Shatterford Bottom car park, southeast of Lyndhurst on the B3056, SO43 7FZ, grid ref SU348063

Is it for me? Well-defined paths and tracks; no hills
Stiles None

PLANNING

Nearest town Hythe
Refreshments The Drift Inn alongside Beaulieu Road Station. It advertises itself as welcoming wellies, dogs & walkers (023 8029 2342; www.driftinn.co.uk)
Public toilets Nearest in Lyndhurst & Brockenhurst
Public transport Beaulieu Road Station is located just 2 minutes from the start of the walk and is on the Southampton to Bournemouth line (southwesternrailway.com)
Maps OS Explorer OL22; Landranger 196

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of open grassland. Turn R down to a gate and follow a path directly ahead for 600m to a crossroads where the path crosses a prominent gravelled track. Turn R and follow this track for 1.8km to a cattle grid, beyond which is a T-junction, ignoring all side turns along the way. Turn R and follow a track through the woodland for 2.4km to a clearing with paddocks and properties.

3 4½ miles/7.2km
Walk ahead to Denny Lodge, the last property on the L, before continuing for another 100m to a point where there is a concrete 'bunker' on the L. Turn R at this point and follow a path into the woodland to reach open grassland in 600m. Follow the path ahead for 1.2km to a rank of conifer trees beyond which is the car park. **CW**



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New Forest ponies grazing.

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Nearby Beaulieu with the National Motor Museum; www.beaulieu.co.uk

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27 HAMPSHIRE CHEESEFOOT HEAD



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▶ Distance: 15 miles/24km ▶ Time: 6-7 hours ▶ Grade: Challenging



The huge, natural amphitheatre at Cheesefoot Head.

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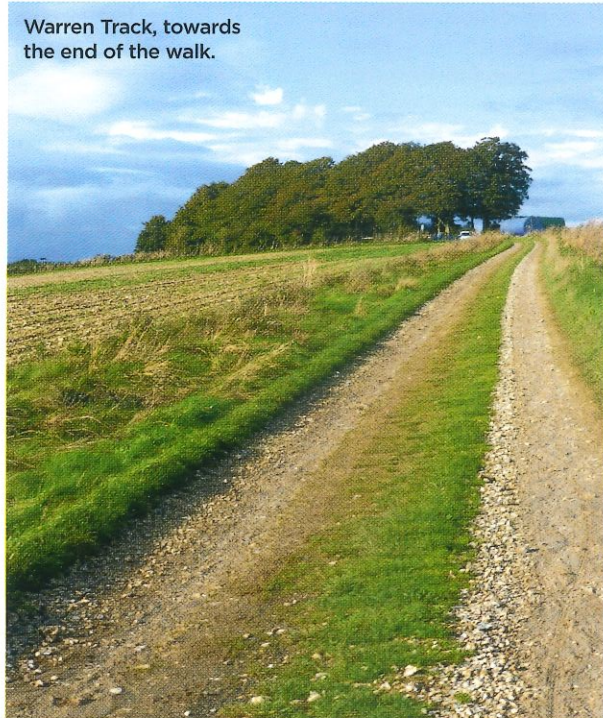
GETTING UP IN THE DOWNS



CHOSEN BY...
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Despite its length, this walk over the undulating chalk downland of Hampshire mostly follows good tracks along which you can stride out easily. Starting from Cheesefoot Head (car park/viewpoint on the A272 east of Winchester),

the first part of the walk takes you along a fine stretch of the South Downs Way, and then heads south on another long-distance path, the Monarch's Way. There's a welcoming pub in the village of Upham if you need refuelling before the return leg north back to Cheesefoot Head.



Warren Track, towards the end of the walk.

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27 HAMPSHIRE CHEESEFOOT HEAD

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1 Start
R out of car park, walk along verge a short distance, then turn R along South Downs Way (SDW). Before D-Day in 1944, General Eisenhower addressed the troops in the large natural amphitheatre below. Keep straight on and take first R just past the flint-walled cottage. Maintain direction for 2 miles/3km, crossing lane on route. R then L brings you back to A272. Cross and continue past Holden Farm and along track which joins access road. Carry on up road and at T-junction turn R, reaching pub at corner of crossroads. Turn L and just past a lane on the L leave tarmac and follow path alongside road, and cross it.

2 5½ miles/8.75km
Here you leave the SDW and head south along a track,

following the Monarch's Way, which takes you past Preshaw House. Turn L at next junction continuing on Monarch's Way via Middle Preshaw (where track becomes surfaced access road) and Lower Preshaw Farm to a road. Cross and continue along track to Dean Farm.

3 8½ miles/13.5km
Opposite thatched barn turn R onto footpath, still the route of the Monarch's Way, which crosses the field diagonally to a gate, then slants up the hillside. Go through gate, turn R and follow path to a road. Bear L and fork R at the road junction. Carry on to Street End Farm on R.

4 9 miles/14.5km
Turn R here (still on the Monarch's Way). Go past the farm buildings and round to

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the L as signed, then follow the path across the fields, crossing a stile on the way. Turn L at the lane and bear round to the R at the next junction. Keep ahead past the village pond on L.

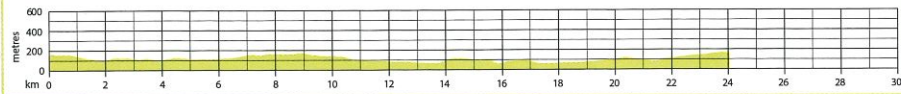
5 10½ miles/16.5km
Fork R at the next junction passing the Brushmakers Arms on your L. Maintain direction heading north for 1¼ miles/2km ignoring a R turn, then a L fork.

6 11½ miles/18.5km
At the next fork where the road curves gently R bear L along an access road, continuing in the same direction along a track to the next road. Cross and carry on along the bridleway, crossing another lane. Maintain direction, ignoring turns. The final stretch is across open downland. Turn L at the A272 back to the car park. 



The Brushmakers Arms pub after point 5.

GRADIENT PROFILE



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ROUTE

Start/parking Cheesefoot Head car park, on A272, 3 miles east of Winchester, grid ref SU529277

Is it for me? Fairly easy walking on clear tracks and paths (including South Downs Way and Monarch's Way) over open downland and through woodland; stretches along quiet lanes. Take care on busy A272 at start/finish

Stiles 1

PLANNING

Nearest town Winchester

Refreshments Milbury's, Beauworth, on SDW

Brushmakers Arms, Upham

Public toilets None

Public transport None to start

Maps OS Explorer 132; Landranger 185

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