

## Refreshments

The Candover Crown Inn, Axford 01256 389492

The Queen Inn, Dummer 01256 397367

The Woolpack Country Inn, Totford 01962 732101

New Alresford is a largely Georgian town, with a broad street and many local shops, including craft and antique shops. There is a variety of tea rooms, restaurants and public houses.

## Places of interest

Mid-Hants Watercress Line, New Alresford 01962 733810

Preserved steam railway.

The Grange, Northington. 1/2 mile west of Abbotstone Down car park. Restored remains of an important Georgian neo-classical country house.

Abbotstone Down. Downland and woodland picnic site with historic earthworks.

## Railways

Rail Enquiries 08457 484950  
[www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

Mid-Hants Watercress Line. 01962 733810  
[www.watercressline.co.uk](http://www.watercressline.co.uk)  
(runs from Alton to New Alresford and will take up to three bikes)

## Planning your own route

Once you have tried this trail you may like to plan your own route. Hampshire has more than 3,000 miles of rights of way throughout the countryside.

**Cyclists may ONLY use the following rights of way:**



### Bridleways

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### B.O.A.T.s (Byway Open to All Traffic) +--+--+--+--+

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### R.U.P.P.s (Roads Used as Public Path) - - - - -

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### FOOTPATHS ARE FOR WALKERS ONLY.

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## Maps

If you wish to plan your own route in this area, you may find the following Ordnance Survey maps useful:

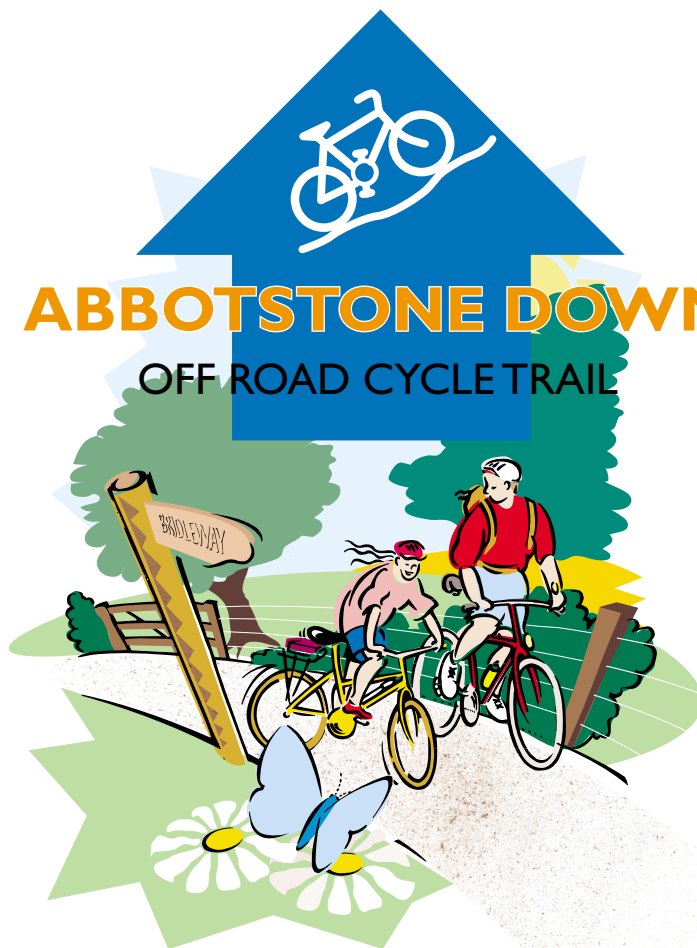
Landranger 185  
Explorer 132, 144

If you experience any problems following this trail, please contact:

Arts, Sport and Community Service,  
Hampshire County Council, Mottisfont Court, High Street, Winchester,  
Hampshire SO23 8ZF, or telephone 01962 845178.

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# ABBOTSTONE DOWN OFF ROAD CYCLE TRAIL



**Distance:** 18 miles, 14 of which are off road  
Short cut trail (easier than main route) total 18

**Start:** Abbotstone Down car park on the B3046, 2 1/2 miles north of New Alresford.  
(Grid ref: 584 361)

**Grade:** Moderate

**Description:** This trail commences from Abbotstone Down, site of an ancient settlement, and follows both 'The Ox Drove Way' and 'Wayfarers Walk' for part of its length. Rolling chalk hills and bluebell woods abound. 'The Queen Inn' at Dummer is one of several hostelieries available on the route.

**Links with:** The Ox Drove trail



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# ABBOTSTONE DOWN Off Road Cycle Trail

- 1** Start at car park 1 at Abbotstone Down on the B3046.
- 2** **Cross the B3046** to track signposted *Oxdrive Way* **Bear Left** along track continuing north, passing through linear woods on right.
- 3** Join tarmac road and **Continue Straight Ahead** following road through s-bend.
- 4** At second s-bend **follow the road to the right** passing farm on left. As road bears left take Ox Drive track to the right as signposted.
- 5** **Cross over two roads**, continue along track passing buildings on right, **Cross Over** Xroads of tracks (known as the Avenue). Continue to road jn.
- 6** **Go Straight Across** at jn along track, passing Preston Down on right, to road.
- 7** **Turn Left** onto road, and continue for approx. 1/4 mile.
- 8** **Turn Right** via gate along track, and continue first uphill then downhill.
- 9** At track T-jn, **Turn Left** and follow track for approx. 1/2 mile.
- 10** At road, **Turn Right** and continue into Preston Candover.
- 11** At T-jn, **Turn Right** along B3046, signposted *Basingstoke/Cliddesden*. Continue uphill along B3046 to Axford.
- 12** At Axford continue uphill **Across the Xroads**, along the B3046 to Nutley, passing the *Candover Crown Inn* on the right.
- 13** At Nutley, where the B3046 bears right, just past the post box in the wall, **Turn Left** onto track signposted *bridleway to Dummer*. **Take Right Track**, continue up through Nutley Wood, ignoring turns for approx. 3/4 mile.
- 14** **Bear Left** leaving woods, along track which merges with minor road, **Turn Left** onto road into Dummer.
- 15** At Dummer, continue to T-jn by *All Saints Church*. **Turn Left** along road signposted *North Waltham/Micheldever*. Continue for 50 yards, then **Turn Left** onto the *Wayfarers Walk* track, passing Manor Farm. Continue for approx. 1/2 mile.
- 16** At end of concrete road, **Turn Right** and continue for approx. 1/4 mile, **Turn Left**, go downhill passing Dummer Grange on your left. **Turn Right** onto the estate road.
- 17** At Dummer Grange Farm, **Turn Left**, go to bottom of hill. **Turn Right**, go straight on for 1/4 mile entering copse by Breach House.
- 18** At track Xroads, **Turn Left** and continue uphill along *The Wayfarers Walk*, onto Becket's Down. **Bear Right** on descent. Beware of open pit beside bridleway!
- 19** Join road at Lone Barn. **Turn Left** at T-jn.
- 20** **Turn Right** at T-jn onto B3046, signposted *Alresford/Swarraton*.

## SHORT CUT

- 20a** At jn, **Turn Right** onto B3046, and then **Immediately Left** along track signposted *right of way*. **Take First Right** track, then **First Left** track.
- 20b** Continue along track, retracing earlier route, to Abbotstone Down car park 1.

**21** At Totford **Turn Left** by the *Woolpack Inn* onto track signposted *Wayfarers Walk* and continue uphill. The track surface might be slippery in the wet.

**22** **Turn Right** onto track and continue uphill for approx. 1 1/2 miles, retracing earlier route to Abbotstone Down car park 1.

**NOTE:** 'Off Road' routes indicated on this map represent either: White Roads, Bridleways, R.U.P.P.s or B.O.A.T.s

