

## Refreshments

George and Horn, Kingsclere	01635 298281
The Swan, Kingsclere	01635 298314
Royal Oak, Echinswell	01635 298280
The Vine Inn, Hannington	01635 298525

## Places of interest

Watership Down viewpoint and car park at Whitehill, on the Overton to Kingsclere Road. Made famous by Richard Adams' book of the same name. Open at all times.

## Railways

Rail enquiries 08457 484950

## 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 use the following rights of way ONLY:**



### 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 and 174

Explorer 144



# WATERSHIP DOWN

## OFF-ROAD CYCLE TRAIL



- Distance:** 17 miles, 9 of which are off road.  
Short cut trail 11 miles.
- Start:** Car park in Anchor Road, Kingsclere.  
(Grid ref. 527586).
- Grade:** Strenuous
- Description:** An invigorating ride which takes in some of Hampshire's finest scenery. The route begins on a quiet country lane out of Kingsclere followed by a challenging off-road climb to the top of Ladle Hill. The route continues along the ridge of Watership Down, south past North Oakley, through Ibworth and off road back to Kingsclere.
- Links with:** Whitchurch trail (pack 1),  
Basingstoke trail (pack 1)

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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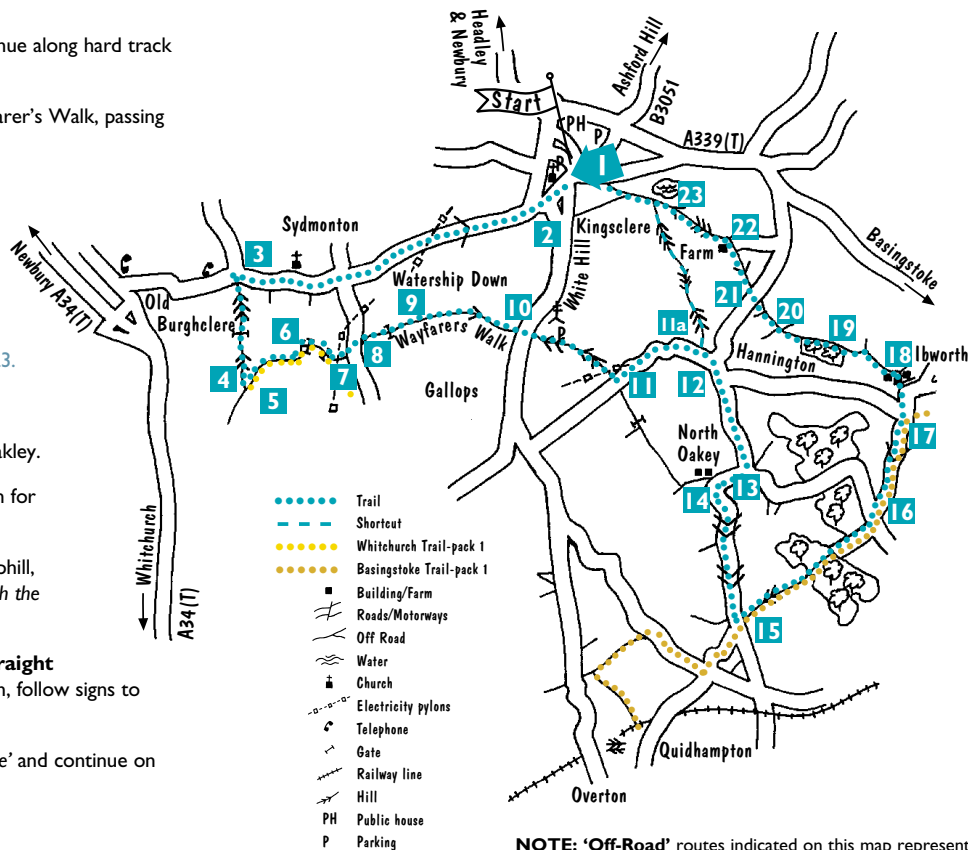


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# WATERSHIP DOWN Off-Road Cycle Trail

- 1** Start in car park in Anchor Road, Kingsclere (Grid ref. 527586). Cycle towards the church, then **Turn Left** into Swan Street.
- 2** **Turn Right** signposted *Sydmonton*, then **Turn Left** out of village towards Old Burghclere. Continue on minor road for 2 miles with great views of Watership Down to your left. At Xroads, **Continue Straight Across**, through Sydmonton to jn. by gatehouse.
- 3** **Turn Left** onto brideway and continue to a gate. A long, hard climb!
- 4** Follow track across field to a small pile of flint stones.
- 5** **Turn Left** at this point onto the Wayfarer's Walk. *The route links with the Whitchurch Off-Road Cycle Trail (pack 1).*
- 6** Passing Ladle Hill-Fort, **Bear Right** along track, following boundary fence and across open fields for 1/4 mile; follow track round to the left to edge of escarpment before continuing eastwards through gate.
- 7** Joining grassy track, **Bear Left** and continue down incline to T-jn, with views across to Watership Down. Go through gate to road.
- 8** Dismount and **Cross Over** road at Nuthanger Down, staying on Wayfarer's Walk. The track goes uphill to a gate.
- 9** Go through gate, heading left towards aerial; continue along hard track beside gallops to road.
- 10** **Dismount and Cross Road.** Continue on Wayfarer's Walk, passing under overhead cables to road.
- 11** **Turn Left** and continue along Meadham Lane to the edge of Hannington village (2/3 mile).
- 11a** **SHORT CUT**  
Just before Siddon Cottage, **Turn Left** onto brideway. Follow brideway around field to jn. of gravel tracks by water tank, continue **Straight Ahead** across field to rejoin main route at Point 23.
- 12** At T-jn, **Turn Right**, passing church and pub.
- 13** At sharp bend in road, **Bear Right** into North Oakley.
- 14** At next sharp bend, **Bear Left** and continue south for about 1 mile.
- 15** At junction, **Turn Left** onto track and continue uphill, through woods to White Lane. *This section links with the Basingstoke Off-Road Cycle Trail (pack 1).*
- 16** Continue along White Lane to junction. **Cross Straight Over** and continue uphill towards Ibworth. At T-jn, follow signs to Ibworth and Upper Wootton.
- 17** **Turn Left** up dead end road beside 'Corner Cottage' and continue on track to Bailey Hall Farm.

- 18** At farm, **Take Left** brideway.
- 19** At Halves Wood, continue northwest, **Take Right** brideway through woods.
- 20** After about 1/2 mile, the track splits into three. **Continue Straight On** on a good downhill stretch to road.
- 21** **Cross Road** and continue on brideway uphill to Plantation Farm.
- 22** Cycle between farm buildings and onto brideway. This is a nice downhill section, but the climb afterwards may be muddy in wet weather.
- 23** **Take Right Fork** uphill past reservoir, along brideway and into Kingsclere on a road called 'The Delf'. **Turn Left** at fire station onto George Street, **Left again** into Swan Street and **Left once more** beside church to car park.



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