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Useful websites
For information about other walks or our ten long distance walks leaflets visit
www.hants.gov.uk/walking
www.visit-hampshire.org.uk
www.metoffice.co.uk
Public transport in Hampshire:
www.hants.gov.uk/passengertransport

Useful contacts
For National and Local Public transport contact: traveline 0871 222 3333 or www.traveline.info. Centre lines open 7am until 10pm daily. Calls cost 10p per minute plus network extras.
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1 Yateley Common Country Park
Heathland Walk

**Distance:** 2km approx – 1.24 miles approx  
**Duration:** 40 mins approx  
**OS Explorer maps:** No 144 and 145  
**By Train:** The nearest train station is Blackwater a mile east of the site.  
**By Bus:** Stagecoach No3 from Blackwater and Stagecoach No200 from Basingstoke.

**Structures along the route:** None.

For further walks please visit:  
http://www.3.hants.gov.uk/countryside/yateley-country-park.htm

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2 Brockenhurst
A gentle stroll around Brockenhurst village

**Distance:** 3km – 1.85 miles  
**Duration:** 45 mins  
**OS Explorer maps:** OL22  
**By Train:** Brockenhurst Station.

**Why not have a car free day with an additional tour on The New Forest Tour bus:** The New Forest Tour – Green route 30 June to 16 September, every hour daily  
http://www.thenewforesttour.info/

**Structures along the route:** 2 bridges and level crossing.

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3 Ecchinswell
War Memorial Walk
A gentle country walk with beautiful views.

**Distance:** 2.8km approx – 1.75 miles approx  
**Duration:** 45 mins approx  
**OS Explorer maps:** No 144 and 158  
**By Train:** Basingstoke Station – Winchester station.  
**By Bus:** Cango 23 & 24, The Link.

**Structures along the route:** 6 stiles and 3 bridges.

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4 Bishops Waltham
Heritage Walk
Level countryside, but can be muddy at times.

**Distance:** 6km – 3.78 miles  
**Duration:** 2 hours  
**OS Explorer maps:** No 119  
**By Train:** Winchester Station  
**By Bus:** Stagecoach in Hampshire No 69

**Structures along the route:** 16 stiles.  
**Car Parking:** Bishops Waltham pay & display.

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5 Selborne
The Monks’ Walk

**Distance:** 7 miles – 11.27Km  
**Duration:** 3 to 4 hours  
**OS Explorer maps:** No 133  
**By Bus:** Stagecoach in Portsmouth No38

**Structures along route:** 2 gates, 6 stiles, 3 bridges.

**Refreshments:** Two Public Houses and the Tea Room at Gilberts White House.

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A little history of Selborne
Selborne may not be as well known as it is for the fens White as it is for the writings of Gilbert White in ‘The Natural History and Antiquities of Selborne’. It is while curate of Selborne that Gilbert White would walk the lanes and Hanger recordings all that he found and saw.

The Hanger behind Gilbert’s House has a path running along an ancient track which was built by Gilbert White and his brother as a means of climbing the steep Silurian ridges. It is possible to visit the site.

The word Hanger derives from the name ‘hanging’ which means wooded slope and those in this area are a mixed deciduous woodland containing a mixture of oak, beech and hazel.

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A little history of Brockenhurst
Brockenhurst is well known for the diversity of its shops, tea houses, pubs and restaurants. It is here that ponies and donkeys roam freely, and drink from ‘The Waterpail’ at the bottom of the main street on their way to graze on the open heathland and ancient woodland which surround the village. It is the only village within the partnership of the New Forest whose value in the Domedary survey of 1863 was doubled (¼d) to which many others was reduced, and was also the only village mentioned as having a church. St Nicholas, built upon a mound, may date back to pagan times. The main attractions of the village are the Fords, running across the end of Brookly Road, the main shopping area, and the cottages many of which built by the Morant family who lived in Brockenhurst Park (now demolished and replaced by a modern house) have the letter M incorporated in the woodwork.

Start from the Railway Station car park in Brockenhurst.

Turn left out of the station towards the Cycle Experience shop then turn left into Brookly Road and continue down through the village shops to the “The Waterpail”.

Cross the bridge and turn left onto Hurdle Road (minor road).

Continue past the “The Rose” and go to the fence on the left at last house before a green forest Linn.

Leave the road and turn left over the lane – known as Culverley (the downs) Green.

Cross over the small bridge and go past the school on your left.

At the B3055 main Swan Road cross the road, turn left and after a few yards a right turn will take you through an alley leading to the End of the Close. Leaving the car left with Brockenhurst Station on your right.

Cut through to the Railway Station car park, leave the Station by the steps through fields and Long Lane across the track.

Continue the main road (towards Lymington), ignore Mill Lane but take the next track and follow the lane to “St Nicholas’s Church”.

At the bottom of the lane bear to the left and follow the track to North Lodge, the original gatehouse to Brockenhurst Manor which has many interesting features.

Cross Mill Lane (taking care of traffic) to the cottage and lane opposite (notice the M on the cottage – indicating that it once belonged to the Morant estate – probably a worker’s cottage).

Proceed along this footpath, over the railway lines and drop down to Brockenhurst College grounds on your right side.

This lane comes out to join the A317 at The Rose and Crown public house.

Turn left and follow the road to the “Th Island” and the little shop (Cycle experience), continue along the road to meet up with the New Forest Tour. If you are early why not visit one of the tea rooms or restaurants in the village centre.

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A little history of Ecchinswell
The village of Ecchinswell is believed to have derived its name from the word Eceleswelle meaning Oasis in Latin, describing the well by the oak tree which was called “Eceleswelle” in the Domedary Book and the land was used for “supplies for monks of Winchester”. More recently it was a small efficient village with two pubs, a post office, village shop, bakery, blacksmith, petrol pumps, waterworks and mill.

From Ecchinswell Village hall cross the main road, continue along the footpath to the left of the war memorial, bear right at the two kissing bridges crossing the stream, over the stile then left to the corner of the field, follow the path straight ahead to the gravel track. Turn left, following the track across the field on your right is Northwood Copse a beautiful wood. As the road passes over the stream turn left. Left at the next sign and cross the stream, turn right and follow the footpath around the edge of the field. Over the road and bridge over the stream (large house with ponds to your right) and then another stile. Keep to the right side of the field and continue to the stile in the corner and cross over the A3 road turn left and then immediately left down a wooded path. Continue straight ahead, hidden behind the tree is the next stile cross keep to the right hand side of the field past two oak trees, cross the stile at the right corner of the field and then bear left for approx. 50m. Turn right through the metal gate and cross the field to your left to St Lawrence’s Church.

Go through the gate and left onto the Ecchinswell Road. After approx. 300m you are back at the Village Hall.

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A little history of Bishop’s Waltham Palace
Bishop’s Waltham Palace was built by Henry de Blois once Bishop of Winchester (1136) it was during the Civil War the Palace was destroyed on the orders of Oliver Cromwell and the ruins are still there. Much of the old Palace can be found around the Town as it was used for building materials in the buildings that are still standing today.

The palace is managed by English Heritage:  
http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/daysout/properties/bishops-waltham-palace/

Cross over Tpon Lane, named after the port of Tangier being part of the overse of Catherine of Braganza, who passed this way from Portugal to marry King Charles II in 1662. Follow path to stile, then right diagonally down to bridges, and continue to road.

The tree line on the left horizon is the Park. A boundary of the medieval deer park. For the nearby Palace.

Cross over Wintonfield Road and follow signed footpath to Tun near the Church.

Cross care with short section of the Roman Road that ran from Winchester to Portchester. At junction turn right over stile and slowly follow round right boundary to track junction.

Turn right into field and continue straight on, joining track, Cross road at the sign and follow the footpath round right boundary to track junction.

Cross the bridge and follow the path straight ahead to the right of the church. Follow the path straight ahead to the gravel track. Turn right, following the track across the field on your right is Northwood Copse a beautiful wood. As the road crosses over the stream turn left. Follow the footpath around the edge of the field. Over the road and bridge over the stream (large house with ponds to your right) and then another stile. Keep to the right side of the field and continue to the stile in the corner and cross over the A3 road turn left and then immediately left down a wooded path. Continue straight ahead, hidden behind the tree is the next stile cross keep to the right hand side of the field past two oak trees, cross the stile at the right corner of the field and then bear left for approx. 50m. Turn right through the metal gate and cross the field to your left to St Lawrence’s Church.

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