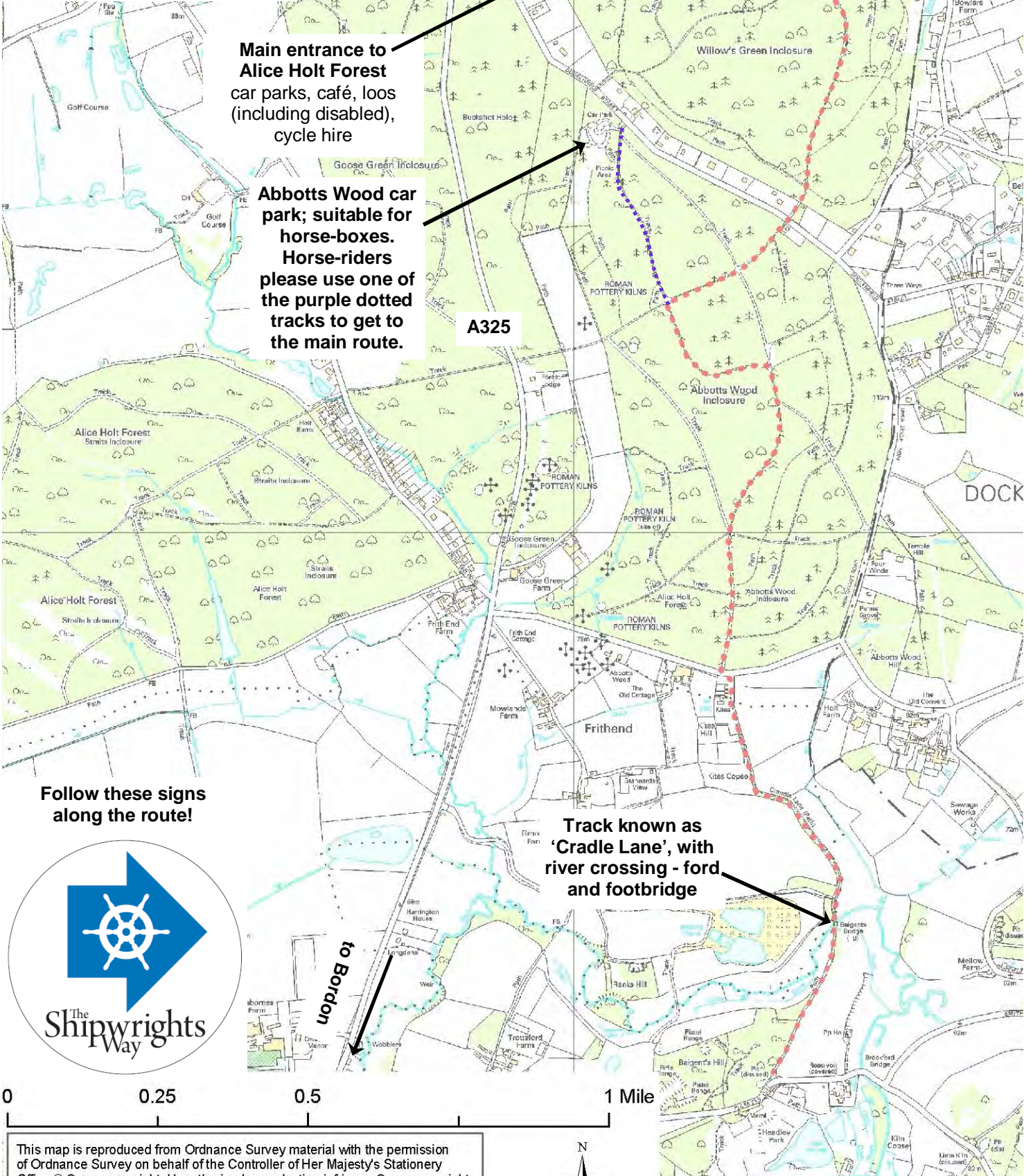




The Shipwrights Way

ALICE HOLT FOREST & CRADLE LANE SECTION



Route starts on 'Hardings Ride', just north of cycle hire shop

Access to start point for horse-riders

Main entrance to Alice Holt Forest car parks, café, loos (including disabled), cycle hire

Abbots Wood car park; suitable for horse-boxes. Horse-riders please use one of the purple dotted tracks to get to the main route.

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Follow these signs along the route!



Track known as 'Cradle Lane', with river crossing - ford and footbridge

to Bordon

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How far? This section is 3 miles long; you can return along the same route, or use some of the other forest tracks*

What will I see? The path winds through mature woodland, with occasional views beyond; the last mile uses an ancient trackway and includes a river crossing with a ford and footbridge.

Who can use it? This section is open to walkers (and dogs), cyclists and horse-riders, and provides a good route for pushchairs and mobility vehicles.



What is the path like?

The route is all on wide, well-surfaced gravel tracks with no stiles or gates. Take care at the two minor road crossings and at the ford (which has a footbridge); the route is not hilly but is undulating. Be aware that you may occasionally see motorcycles on both Hardings Ride (the start of this section) and Cradle Lane (the end of this section).

What facilities are available? The route starts near the main entrance to Alice Holt Forest, where there is pay and display parking, a café, loos (including disabled) and a cycle hire shop (Quench Cycles: 01420 520355) - adapted cycles are available for those with mobility or vision difficulties (please book in advance). There are many activities and events on offer at the Forest – see www.forestry.gov.uk/aliceholt or call 01420 23666.



What is the Shipwrights Way?

It is a new long-distance route which will link villages and towns in east Hampshire through some beautiful countryside. Eventually, it will run from Alice Holt Forest near Farnham, down across the South Downs to the sea at Portsmouth. The route will be open to walkers and cyclists and, where possible, horse-riders and people with disabilities.

Why 'Shipwrights'?

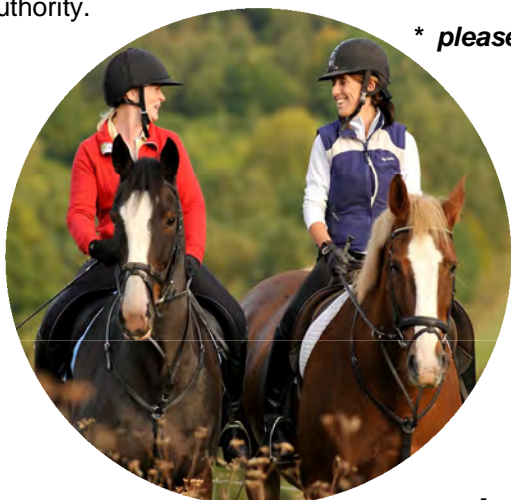
The name reflects the journey of oak grown at Alice Holt to dockyards such as Portsmouth for medieval shipbuilding; the route will finish at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard, home of the Mary Rose and HMS Victory.

Who is providing the route?

The project is a partnership between East Hampshire District Council, Hampshire County Council, the Forestry Commission and the South Downs National Park Authority.



*** please abide by any Forestry Commission signs; horse-riders will need a permit if leaving the Shipwrights Way (except link routes marked overleaf and byways/bridleways)**



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