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All walks are circular, starting and finishing on the Village Green. Several are hilly and all walks can be muddy in places. Suitable footwear is recommended. On the village green is a map-board showing all local rights of way.

**Walk No 1. For Down 2 1/2 miles; 1 hr; Panoramic views to the south and west.**

Take the path to the right of the Church. Go through the picket gate, follow the path down to the next gate and onto For Down. Continue straight on and down to the Wayfarers Walk. Turn right, up the slope, through small field and along farm drive. Turn right into the field immediately before the main road, proceed to the disused barn and continue round the field returning to For Down gate and back to the village.

**Walk No 2. North Oakley 3 miles; 1 1/4 hrs; Stiles. Spectacular views to the west.**

Start as Walk 1 but turn left at the junction with Wayfarer's Walk. Follow bridleway for 3/4 mile to the T-junction turning left to North Oakley. Follow road past Manor Farm and turn left following footpath signs over a stile and across a paddock (might contain livestock). Cross the double stile, along the footpath for 1/4 mile and turn right across the field to the copse. Bear right through the copse to Summerdown Lane taking care when descending. Turn left, up hill past the Vine pub.

Historical note: From the top of For Down the site of Henry II's Royal house may be seen on the hillside in front of you.

See [www.southampton.ac.uk/archaeology/resources/fieldwork\\_projects/tidgrove.html](http://www.southampton.ac.uk/archaeology/resources/fieldwork_projects/tidgrove.html)

**Walk No 3. Around the village 3/4 mile; 25 minutes; No stiles; 3 kissing gates.**

Start as Walk 1 but at the picket gate beyond the barn, turn right along the field edge. At the road turn right and at the small green triangle turn right again. After about 100 yds, turn left and follow the footpath through the 3 kissing gates to the far side of the 2 fields. Turn right and join the track\* alongside Michael's Field. At the far end of the track turn right along the road to return to the Green.

\*Optional detour for more views; turn left and walk two hundred yards along the level path, then return.

**Walk 4. To the Woods 3 1/4 miles; 1 stile; 1 1/4 hrs. Panoramic views, and bluebells in Spring (Gaston's and Week Copses).**

From the Green walk down Ibworth Lane and turn left up track by Michael's Field. Turn right and enjoy the panoramic views. At the end of the tarmac bridleway turn right and follow the route leaving Gaston's Copse and Halves Wood on your right. Turn right to Ibworth Lane, left on Ibworth Lane for 130 yds and right over the stile to the top of Week Copse. Turn half right following the footpath across the field to the white post visible from the crest of the hill. Follow the track to English Wood and up the gravel track. At the top of the hill turn right through the gap in the hedge with English Wood and Buckland's Pightle Copse on your right follow the field edge. At the end of the Copse turn right through the gap in the hedge leaving the Vine and Craven kennels on your left. At Summerdown Lane turn right past The Vine public house.

**Walk No 5. Plantation Hill 3 miles; 1 1/4 hrs; Open views.**

Start as Walk 4 and 100 yds past the reservoir turn left down the metalled farm track, cross over Summerdown Lane and continue up the farm track.\* Turn left before Plantation farm, follow the bridleway, left again by the big metal storage tanks and along the farm track back to Hannington.

\*Optional Extension. Pass through Plantation farm, join the metalled road for 330 yds and turn left down the track just after the farm. After 1/2 mile turn left again to return towards village – add 40 minutes.

**Walk No 6. Cottington's Hill 3 3/4 miles (4 1/2 miles option); 1 1/2 - 2 hours; Stiles. Magnificent views.**

Start as Walk 1 but at the gate at the top of For Down, turn right following the headland path; at the road junction cross diagonally to join Wayfarers Walk heading NW. Continue for 3/4 mile, at the bottom of the dip turn right up the hill, go through the gate halfway up, continue towards the mast on the top of Cottington's Hill.\* Go straight ahead over the stile, and follow the farm track & road for about 1 mile & return to the village along Meadham Lane.

\* Optional extension. At the gateway/stile turn left down the hill, across the stile and turn right following the path alongside the wood. On reaching the field (might contain livestock,) go straight ahead to the stile in the corner. Turn right up the farm track, down through the dip and eventually rejoin Meadham Lane.





- Keep back side growth and overhanging vegetation
- Reinststate paths across fields after ploughing or planting crops
- Maintain most stiles and gates
- Should not obstruct paths or deter use of them
- Should not plough paths at field edges
- Should not keep dangerous animals (including certain bulls) on paths

**Landowners:**

- Ensures that rights of way are not obstructed
- Maintains the surface in a fit condition for its intended use
- Maintains some bridges
- Signposts and waymarks
- Authorises stiles and gates
- Keeps the definitive map up to date

**Hampshire County Council:**

**Maintaining rights of way**



- Many rights of way cross private land, and we ask you to bear this in mind by keeping to the path and being responsible when using them. There are four types, as shown on the map key; please check which paths you are entitled to use (for example, cyclists cannot use footpaths). Wheelchairs, pushchairs and dogs are allowed on all types of right of way. Any permissive paths or areas marked are not rights of way, but the landowner has given permission for the public to use them.
- To ensure that the countryside is protected for future generations be sure to:
  - Be safe – wear suitable clothing and shoes and take care when crossing roads
  - Plan ahead and follow any signs
  - Leave gates and property as you find them and take your litter home
  - Protect plants and animals
  - Keep dogs under close control
  - Consider other people

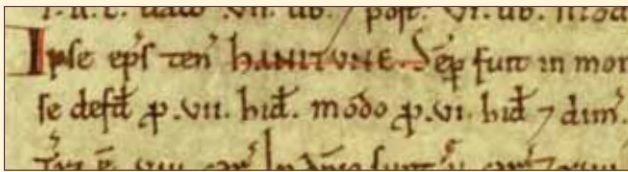
**Using local paths**



Hampshire boasts an extremely rich and diverse countryside and an extensive network of public paths which provide a range of opportunities for enjoying the great outdoors. Rights of way are linear routes, often ancient trackways through deep countryside; there are over 3,000 miles of these in Hampshire. The map in this leaflet may also show access to other areas of land, such as commons, woodland, recreation grounds or conservation areas, and your Parish Council may know of guided walks or events. Many people will be able to reach countryside within a few hundred yards of home and the plants, trees and views along the same paths often change dramatically through the seasons. We hope that this leaflet will encourage you to explore and enjoy your local countryside.

**Enjoying the countryside**

**Welcome to Hannington**



**The Village**

Hannington is recorded as a settlement in 899AD, and is listed in the Domesday Survey. We are a vibrant village community of 140 households. The Church, Village Hall, Michael's playing field, The Vine pub, Hannington Country Fair, the Hannington Silver Band (founded in 1924) and wonderful countryside contribute to this unique place.

**All Saints Church**

People have worshipped here for over 1000 years.

The sundial on the south wall used to help parishioners arrive on time to enter through the 12th Century doors. Inside are two fine window engravings by Laurence Whistler.

The millennium tapestry shows how Hannington residents lived in 2000AD.

The Squint allows the priest to see those in the south aisle.



**Countryside**

Situated high in the North Wessex Downs AONB, Hannington is surrounded by a network of public rights of way affording walkers and riders superb opportunities to explore and enjoy this beautiful landscape.

Spectacular views extend south and west from For Down, and north and south from Michael's Field with its children's play area and parking.

Skylarks, yellowhammers and many other wild birds can be seen and heard during most seasons. Fieldfares and redwings are regular visitors in winter.

Wild flowers abound in the hedgerows and field margins. The bluebell woods are a delight in spring.

There is evidence of a bronze-age barrow, a large Romano-British farmstead and a royal house used by Henry II at Tidgrove Warren Farm, west of the village.

Our village pub is a popular stop for walkers and cyclists, and a good meeting place for Hannington residents.

Originally called The Wellington Arms, it stood on ground belonging to the first Duke, the Master of the Vyne Hunt, formed in 1791. When the hunt kennels moved to Hannington in 1960, the name of the pub was changed.



**Public House**

The Vine **01635 298525**

[www.thevineathannington.co.uk](http://www.thevineathannington.co.uk)

**Tourist Information**

Hampshire County Council Information Centre **0800 028 0800**

For further information on access to the countryside please contact Hampshire County Council on:

0800 028 088 (Freephone) or [www.hants.gov.uk/countryside](http://www.hants.gov.uk/countryside)

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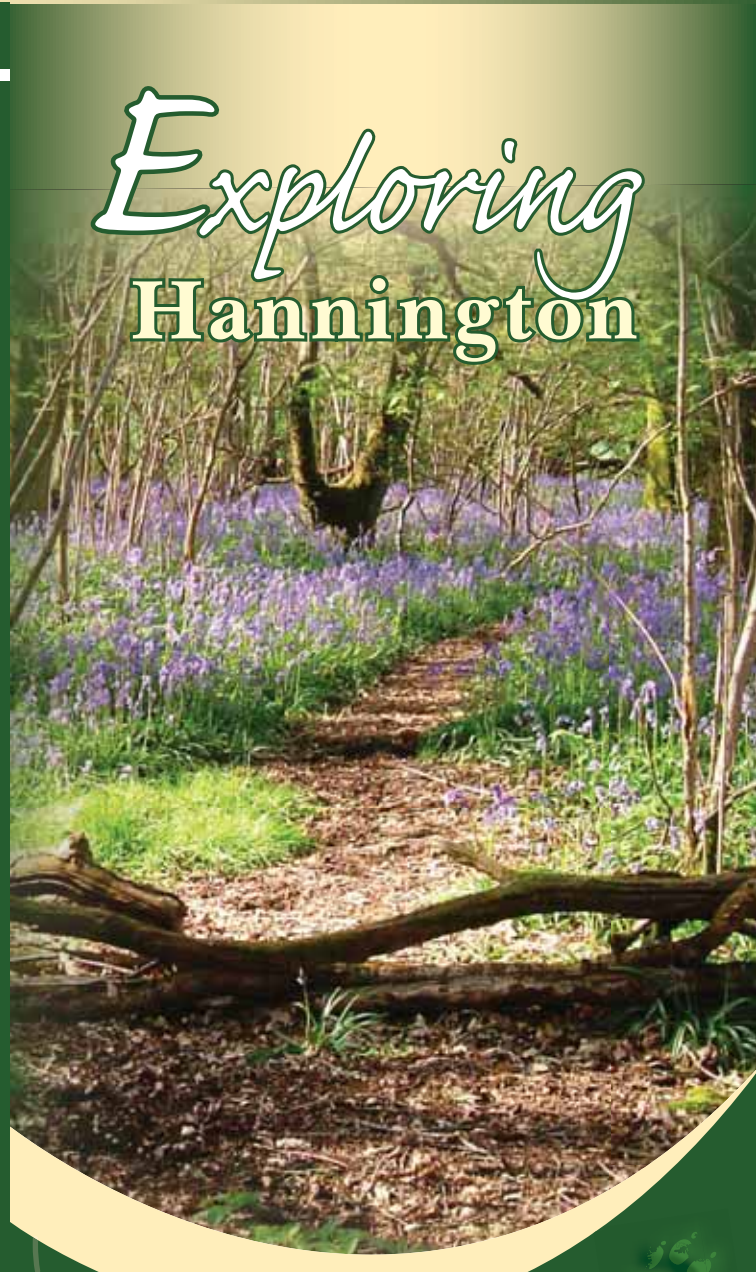
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Walking in Hampshire [www.hants.gov.uk/walking](http://www.hants.gov.uk/walking)  
OS Explorer map no 144 covers this area

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**Exploring Hannington**



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