



Walks from your doorstep to enjoy during your stay

Explore the beautiful Meon Valley on several walks we have compiled for you and your dog. Walks have been annotated with the length of time taken to walk the routes at a moderate walking pace.

Discover the local award-winning country pubs on walks 4, 5, 6 and 7 where you can pause your walk to enjoy your favourite tipple as well as delicious food.

Please adhere to [The Countryside Code](#) and respect the farming way of life by keeping to marked public rights of ways and byways and put your dog on a lead when you are in a field with livestock.

You can wash your dog's muddy paws at the thermostatically controlled dog shower located at the side of the car park at Wallops Wood Cottages.

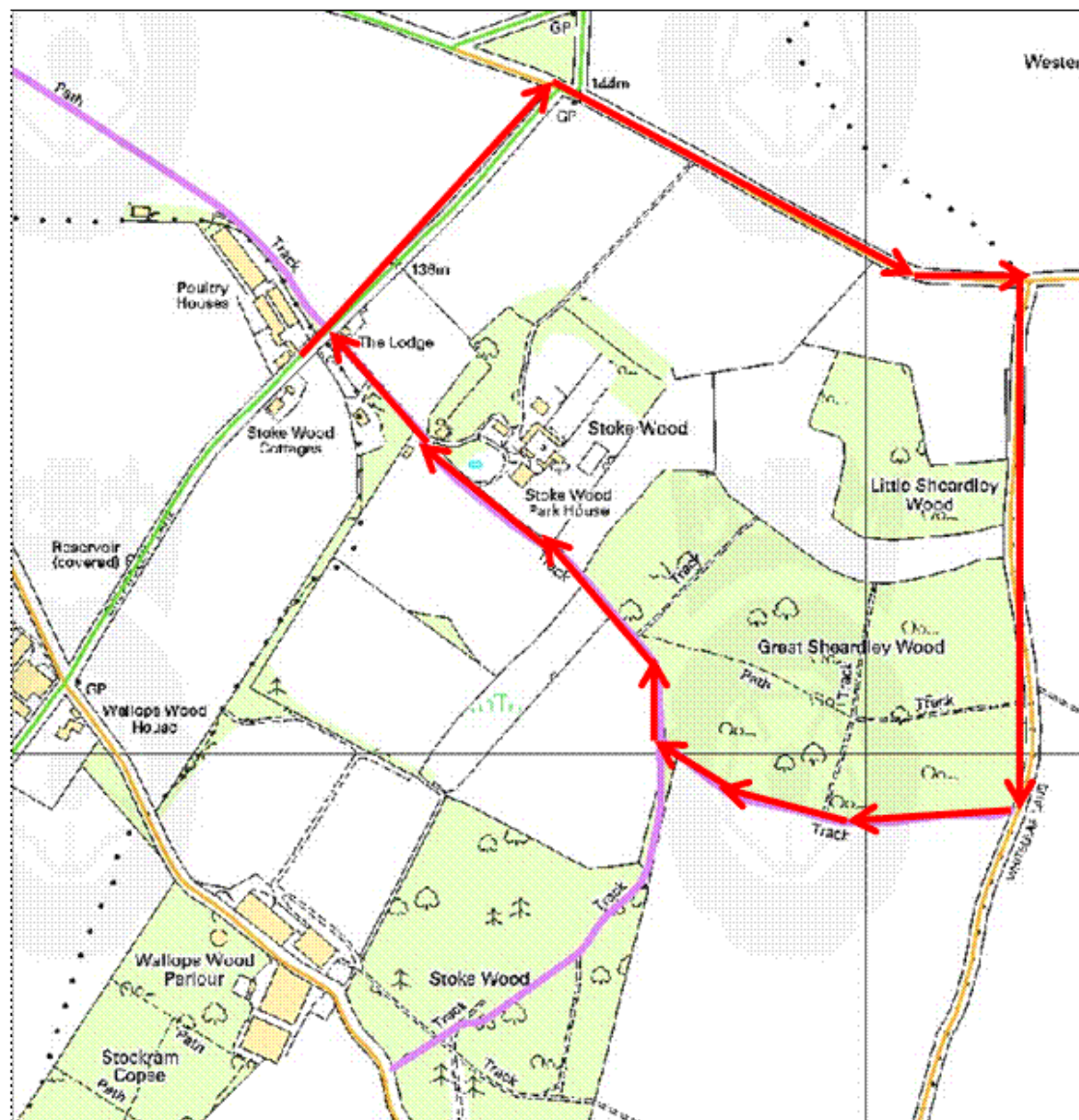
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Please be aware that the walks start from our Wallops Wood Cottages site, and therefore an additional 20 minutes needs to be added to the walk times.

Enjoy your walks!

The Wallops Wood Team

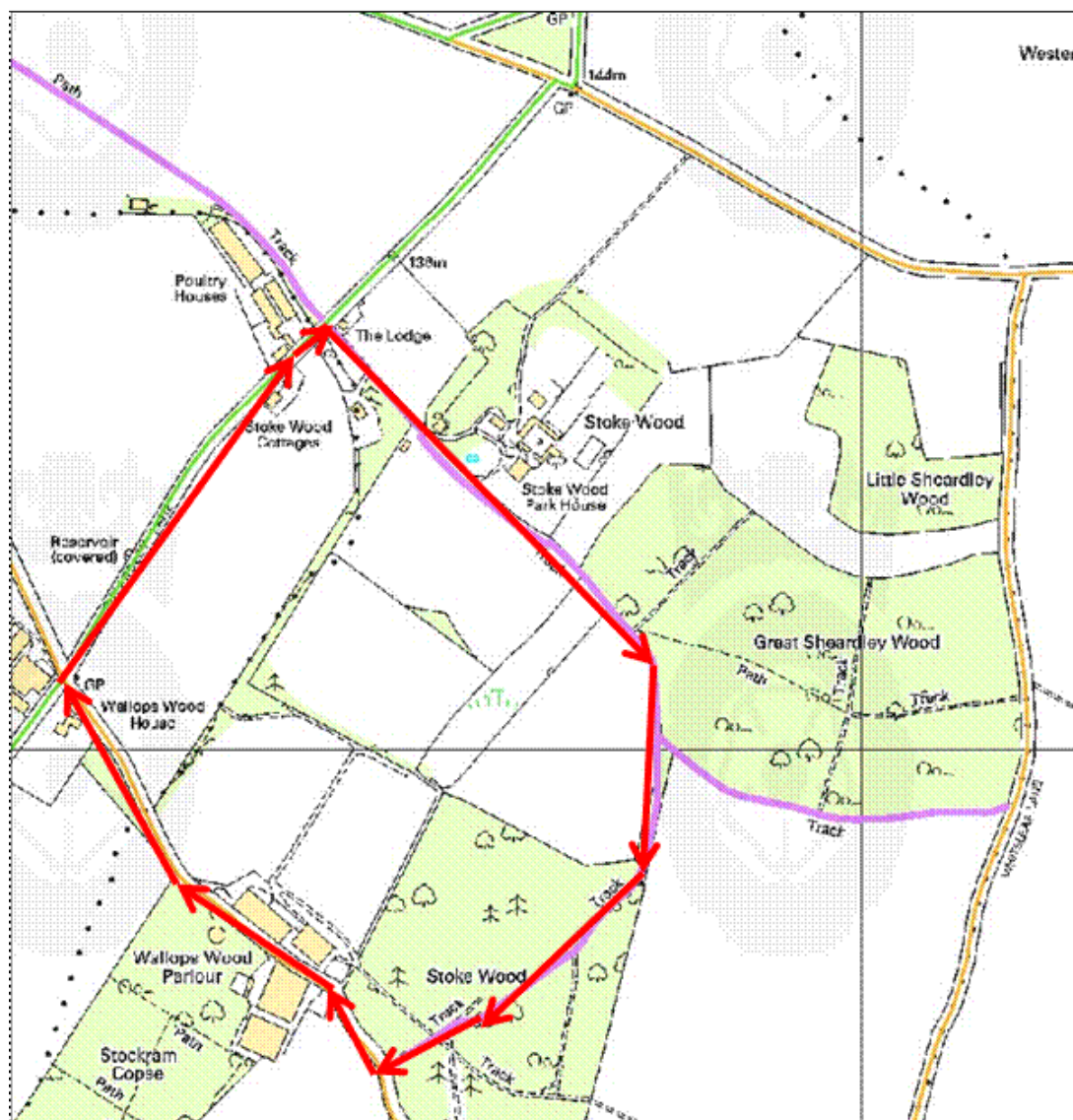
Walk 1: Great Sheardley Wood (40 minutes)



A circular route, following country lanes and footpaths, with gates but no stiles. In the spring the woods are carpeted in bluebells.

- 1) Turn left out of the car park up Sheardley Lane and turn right into Watton Lane.
- 2) Follow the Lane until the junction with Whiteleaf Lane and turn right again.
- 3) There's a finger post to your right indicating the path beside Great Sheardley Wood on your right and field to your left, follow this to T-junction and turn right.
- 4) Follow the path, through a couple of gates, skirting the hedge of Stoke Wood Park House, and out onto their access road which takes you back to Sheardley Lane.

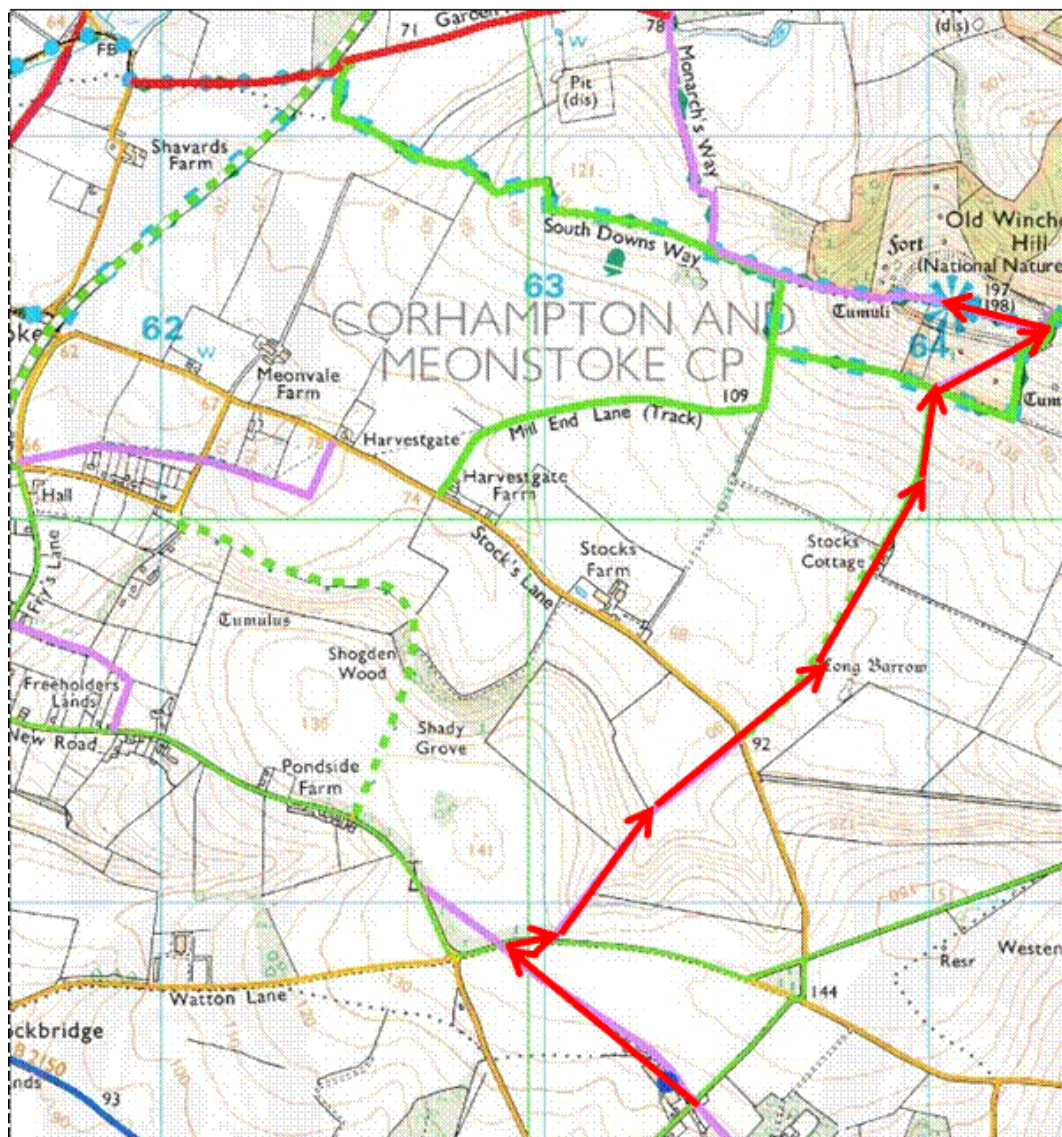
Walk 2: Stoke Wood (30 minutes)



Circular route, following country lanes and footpaths, with gates but no stiles.

- 1) Turn left out of the car park up Sheardley Lane and immediately right towards Stoke Wood Park House. As you reach a set of electric metal gates, turn right and through a white picket gate, following the Footpath signs. **Beyond the electric gates is private property**
- 2) Follow the path, through a couple of gates, with the hedge of Stoke Wood Park House and then Great Sheardley Wood on your left.
- 3) When path forks, keep straight on and enjoy the view over the field to your left before entering Stoke Wood.
- 4) You emerge on New Road and turn right passing through Wallops Wood Parlour (dairy farm).
- 5) At the junction turn right into Sheardley Lane to return to Wallops Wood Cottages.

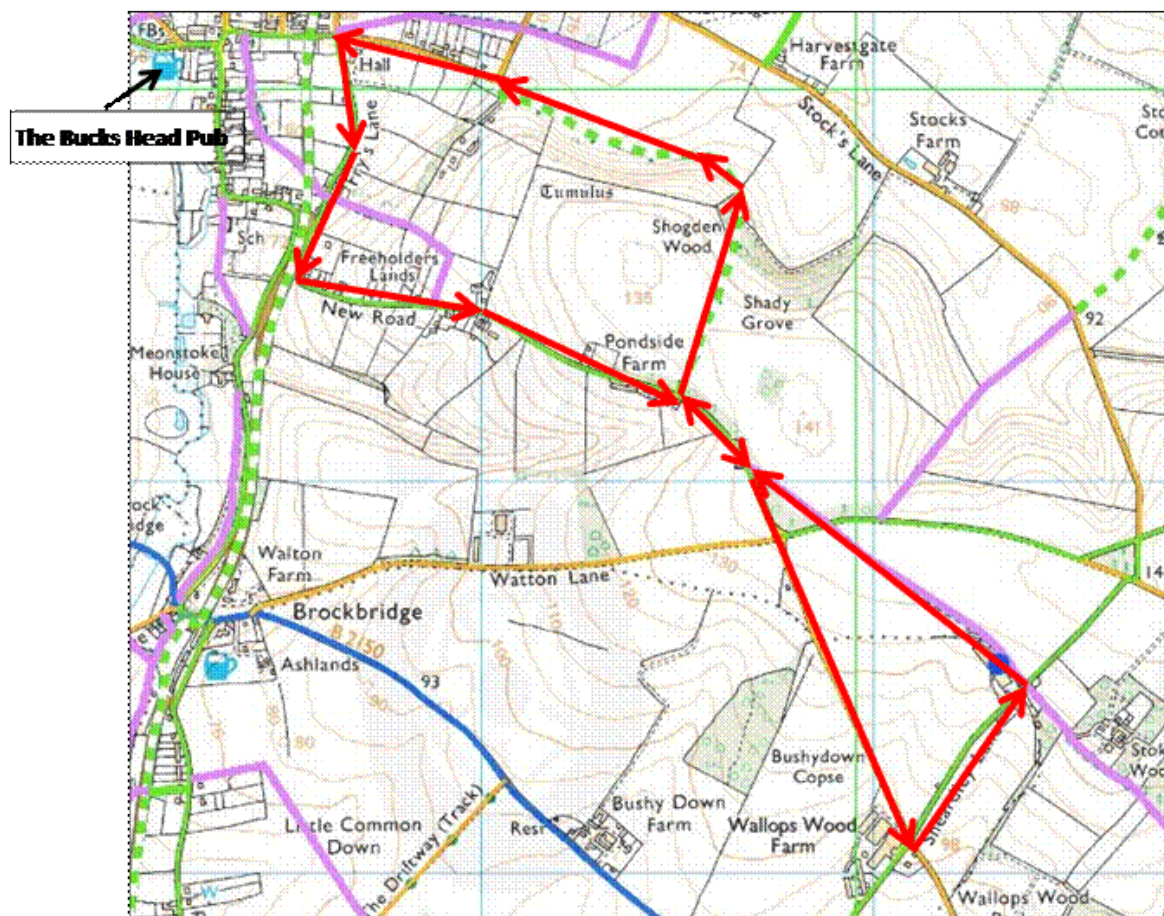
Walk 3: Old Winchester Hill (1 hour)



Linear route, following country lanes and footpaths, with gates and stiles to Old Winchester Hill National Nature Reserve; an Iron Age fort on the South Downs Way, with stunning views.

- 1) Turn left out of the car park up Sheardley Lane and immediately left following the footpath across the field. This can be difficult to identify when there is a mature crop, in which case you are better to continue up Sheardley Lane, across the junction down Stock's Lane.
- 2) There is a stile on to Watton Lane, turn right and then follow the finger post into the field on your left and head down the hill, crossing Stock's Lane and then heading up past Stocks Cottage to Old Winchester Hill.
- 3) Return by the same route.

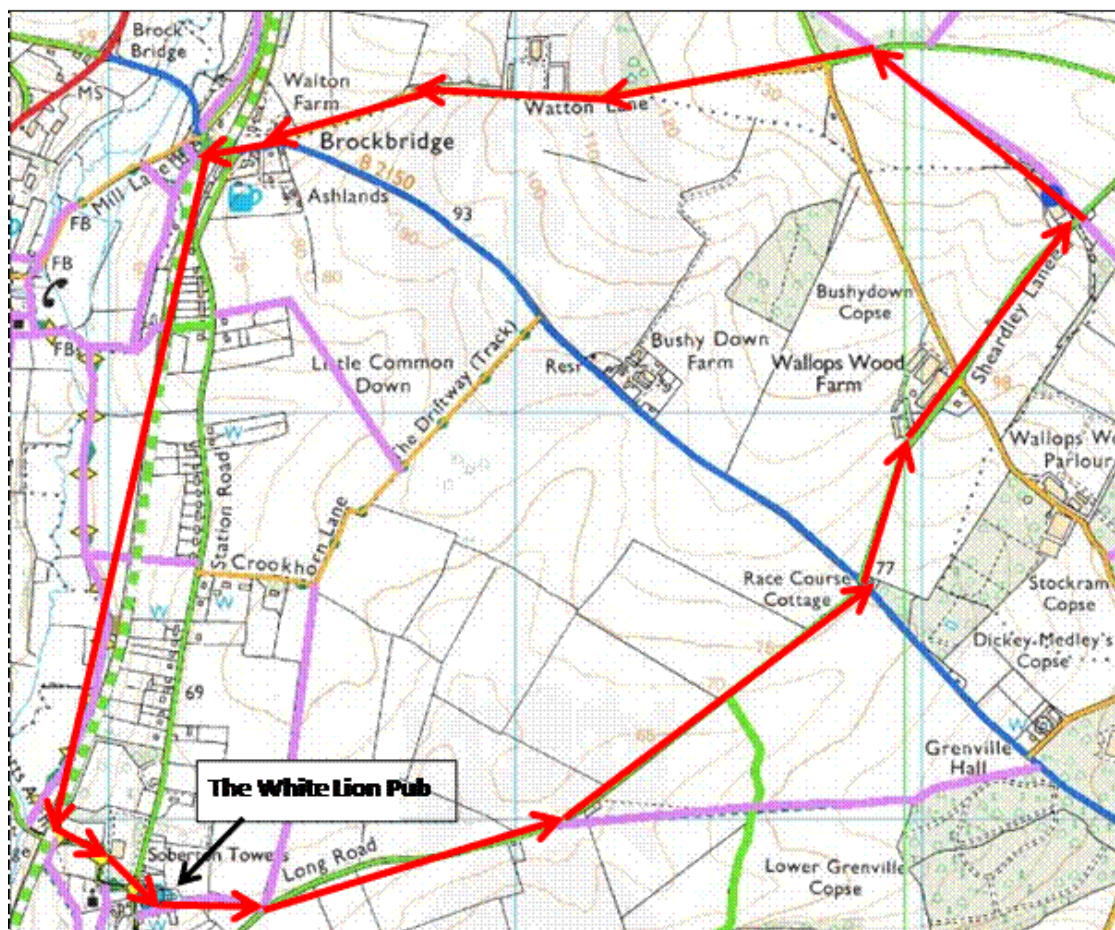
Walk 4: Shady Grove and The Bucks Head pub (1 hour)



Circular route, following country lanes and footpaths, with gates and stiles and views of Old Winchester Hill. Dog-friendly The Bucks Head pub in Meonstoke.

- 1) Turn left out of the car park up Sheardley Lane and immediately left following the footpath across the field. This can be difficult to identify when there is a mature crop, in which case you are better to continue up Sheardley Lane and left along Watton Lane.
- 2) If you've followed the path across the field, there is a stile on to Watton Lane, go straight across another stile to cut corner of field, then turn right down New Road.
- 3) On your right, before Ponside Farm, there is a wide track heading down through woodland called 'Shady Grove', which offers fabulous views of Beacon Hill and Old Winchester Hill.
- 4) You come out at the corner of Pound Lane, which you can follow left into Meonstoke for a drink or a meal at The Bucks Head pub. Or turn left after the village hall into Fry's Lane which turns into New Road and takes you back up the hill towards the cottages.
- 5) Either take the paths back across the field or follow New Road down to the junction with Sheardley Lane and head back up to the cottages.

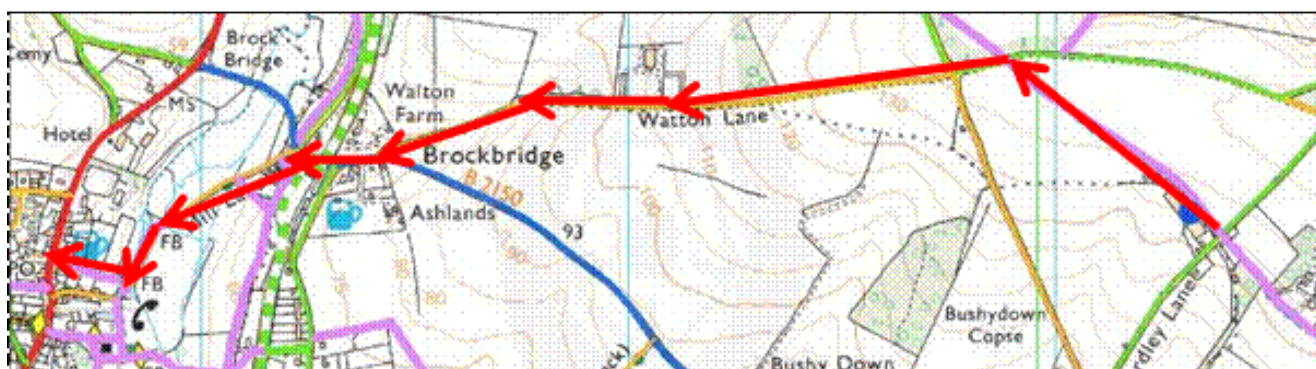
Walk 5: Meon Valley Trail and The White Lion pub (2 hours)



Circular route via dog-friendly The White Lion pub in Soberton, following country lanes, footpaths, and former railway line The Meon Valley Trail.

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- 2) If you've followed the path across the field, there is a stile on to Watton Lane, turn left and follow it down the hill towards Brockbridge.
- 3) Turn right onto the B2150 and take the path to your right up onto The Meon Valley Trail. Turn left along the trail for about 1 mile.
- 4) Just before the 2nd bridge over The Meon Valley Trail, take the path to the left up to the road behind Soberton Towers, past the church to The White Lion pub.
- 5) Turn right on Station Road and thereafter shortly left on a footpath.
- 6) The path comes out on Long Road, turn left and follow this, crossing the B2150 and heading back up Sheardley Lane to the cottages.

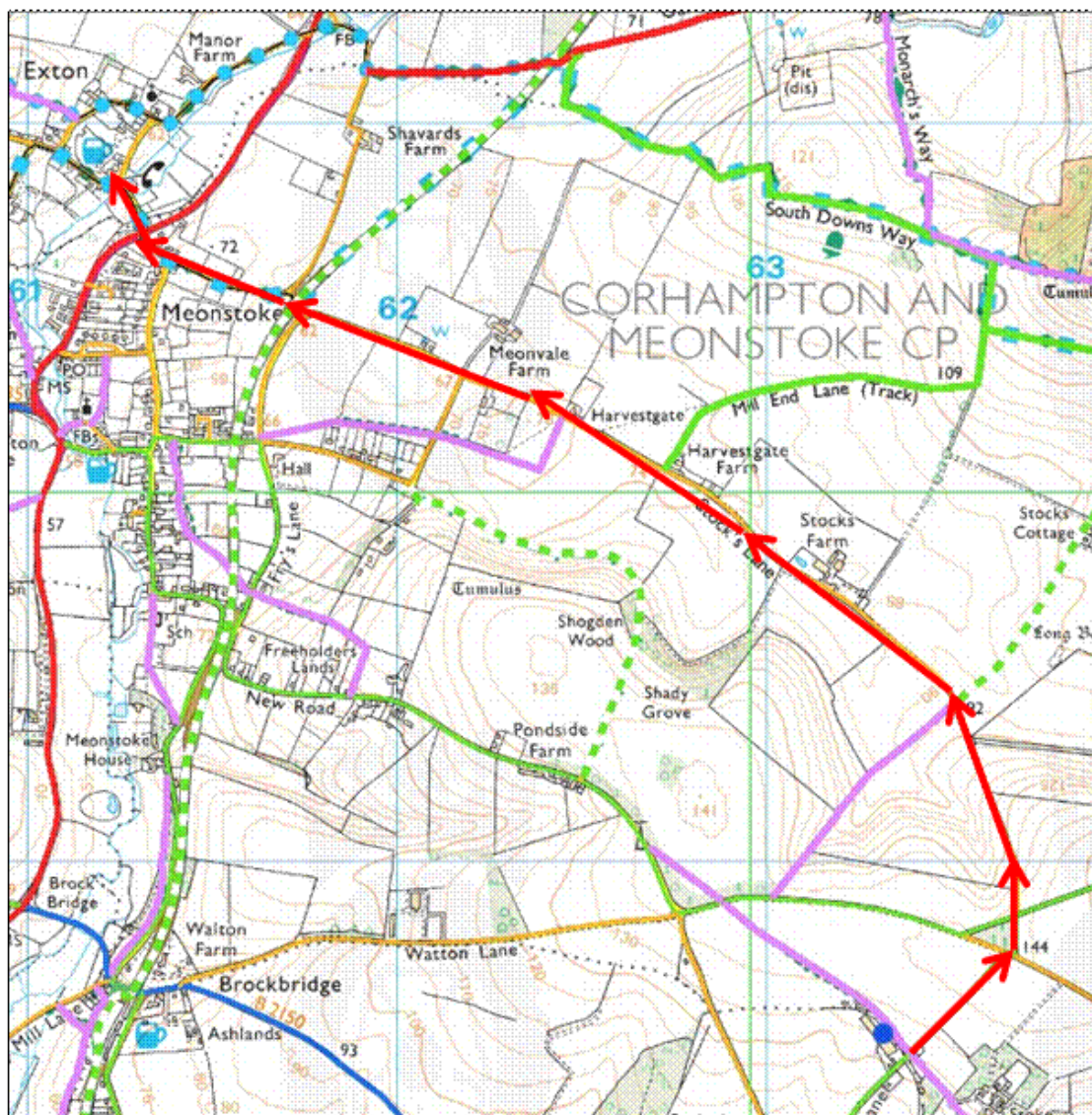
Walk 6: The Bakers Arms pub, Droxford (1 hour)



Linear route to dog-friendly pub The Bakers Arms in Droxford, following country lanes and footpaths. Only half an hour each way.

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- 2) If you've followed the path across the field, there is a stile on to Watton Lane, turn left and follow it down the hill towards Brockbridge.
- 3) Turn right onto the B2150, under the railway bridge (The Meon Valley Trail) and take the second left down Mill Lane which becomes a path crossing the River Meon, taking you past The Mill and out onto Mill Lane.
- 4) Head up Mill Lane, cross the A32 to the pavement and turn right, cross the road again for The Bakers Arms.
- 5) Return by the same route in reverse.

Dog Walk 7: The Shoe Inn pub, Exton (1 hour)



Linear walk on country roads to an accessible and dog-friendly pub, The Shoe Inn at Exton. Largely downhill on the way there and uphill on the way back!

- 1) Turn left out of the car park up Sheardley Lane and across the junctions down Stock's Lane.
- 2) Follow Stock's Lane all the way down the hill past the access points to The Meon Valley Trail until you reach the A32.
- 3) Cross the A32 and take Beacon Hill Lane (almost straight across the road) into Exton. Turn right into Shoe Lane and the pub is one side of the road with the beer garden beside the River Meon is on the other side.
- 4) Return by the same route.