Winchfield Walk Detailed Route

Start time: 14:30 on 25 July 2021.

Location: Basingstoke Canal carpark, opposite the Barley Mow on The Hurst, Winchfield, RG27 8DE.

See Map Overleaf

- 1. From the carpark, turn right along the canal towpath to first stile on the right-hand side for Footpath 5 (FP5). Pass wood on right till gap between two woods, then turn right along FP6 to the beautiful 12th century Winchfield Church.
- 2. Turn left along Bagwell Lane for 1 km. Take care on the narrow stretch down the hill when you turn right through narrow metal gate onto FP8 (easy to miss). Continue 1km across edge of Odiham Common with hedge on right until B3016 Odiham Road.
- 3. Cross road, turn left for few metres, then take FP502 beside the drive to Bailey's Farm. Bear left just before the farm across meadow with pond behind, then wind up a short hill (tall bracken can obstruct the path here). Continue to Potbridge Road cul-de-sac, turn right, then sharp left down the dark FP15. Turn right along Totters Lane under the motorway bridge, then immediately right again into FP501 (narrow gate to the right of high gates). Continue up the hill past Beggars Corner to the old railway bridge high over Winchfield cutting, then left along Byway 14.
- 4. Enjoy the view over the gate across the fields and woods. Continue to the next gate view, then turn down the hill on Hook Byway 1. Turn right after the boggy patch along FP1, then up the hill to Old Potbridge Rd. Cross the B3016 and turn right. Turn left towards Winchfield Station and Winchfield Inn.
- 5. You can stop at the Winchfield Inn for refreshments and continue on Station Road down the hill towards the tunnel under the railway. At the bottom of the hill, turn left through a narrow gate into FP3, cross over the M3 and continue to Taplins Farm Lane.
- 6. Turning right here, follow the road for about 2 km to Winchfield Hurst and the Barley Mow. Some parts of the roads from the station to the Hurst are narrow and must be walked with caution.

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