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The Running Horse

Less than 3 miles from central Winchester, the Running Horse is a characterful modern pub in the quiet village of Littleton.

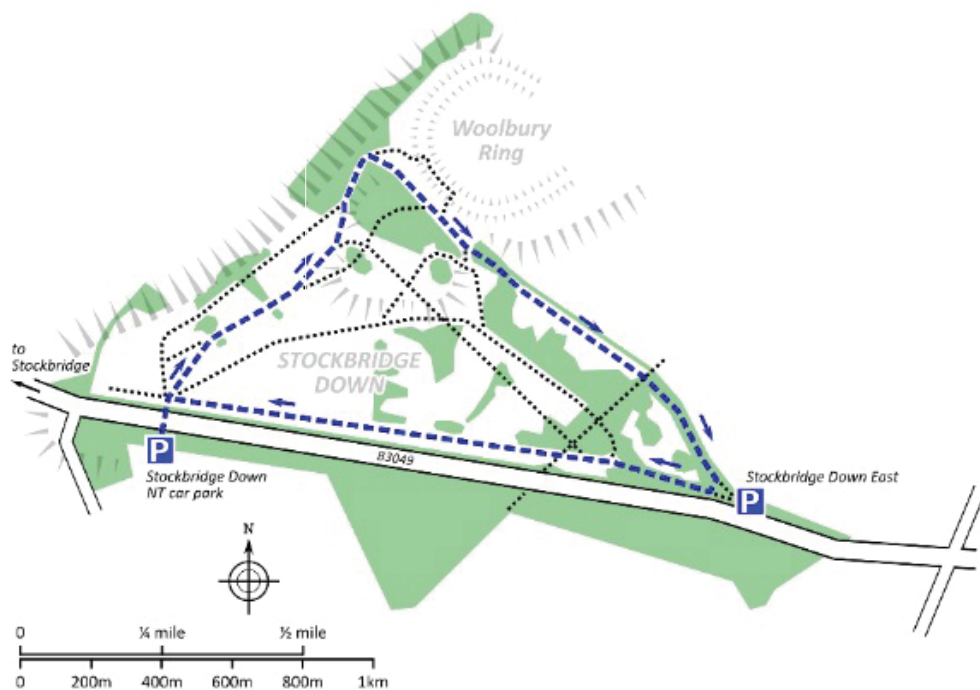


Stockbridge Down: Approximately 9 minutes' drive (5½ miles).

Stockbridge Down

A walk around a public area of chalk grassland, with downland flowers and butterflies, prehistoric burial mounds and Iron Age ramparts.

Allow 1 hour. Mostly gentle grassland slopes; may be muddy after rain.



Stockbridge Down



Woolbury Ring hillfort



Woolbury Ring



Start point Stockbridge Down eastern car park SO20 6HN. From the Running Horse car park, turn left through the village. After about ½ mile, turn right into Deane Down Drove (signposted Sparsholt and Stockbridge). After a further ¼ mile, turn right (B3049). After 4¾ miles, shortly after crossing a single-track road, turn right into the National Trust car park for Stockbridge Down. 1 Leave the car park via a hand-gate at the far end. 2 Bear left by a dog-waste bin, then turn left when the path divides. 3 Follow the path round to the right, then parallel to the road on your left for three quarters of a mile. 4 As you approach the brow of the hill, opposite a double hand-gate leading to a car park on your left, turn right, away from the road, and aim for a gap between two areas of woodland ahead of you. 5 Beyond the trees, continue uphill to another similar gap between woods. 6 Ignore the path towards the highest point of Stockbridge Down (capped with gorse), instead following a path that bears left, below the summit.

7 In the bottom corner, a path leads between two areas of scrubby woodland that gradually converge, then open out close to the ramparts of the Woolbury Ring hillfort. 8 Bear right uphill, along a path to the right of the deep ditch surrounding the earthwork. 9 Beyond the end of the ramparts, the path descends the grassy hillside then enters woodland as a valley forms, before opening out again, but still with trees on your left. 10 Partway down the hill, a public footpath crosses at right-angles. 11 Continue ahead until you return to the eastern car park.

What to Bring for Your Walk?

We recommend wearing comfortable walking shoes or lightweight waterproof boots, especially if the ground is damp. Dress in weather-appropriate layers, opting for breathable clothing in warmer months and a light waterproof jacket if rain is expected.

Enjoy a Packed Lunch from Our Pub!

To make the most of your walk, why not take a delicious packed lunch prepared by our pub? We offer a selection of fresh sandwiches, snacks, and drinks to keep you fuelled on your journey. Simply place your order in advance, and we'll have it ready for you before you set off!

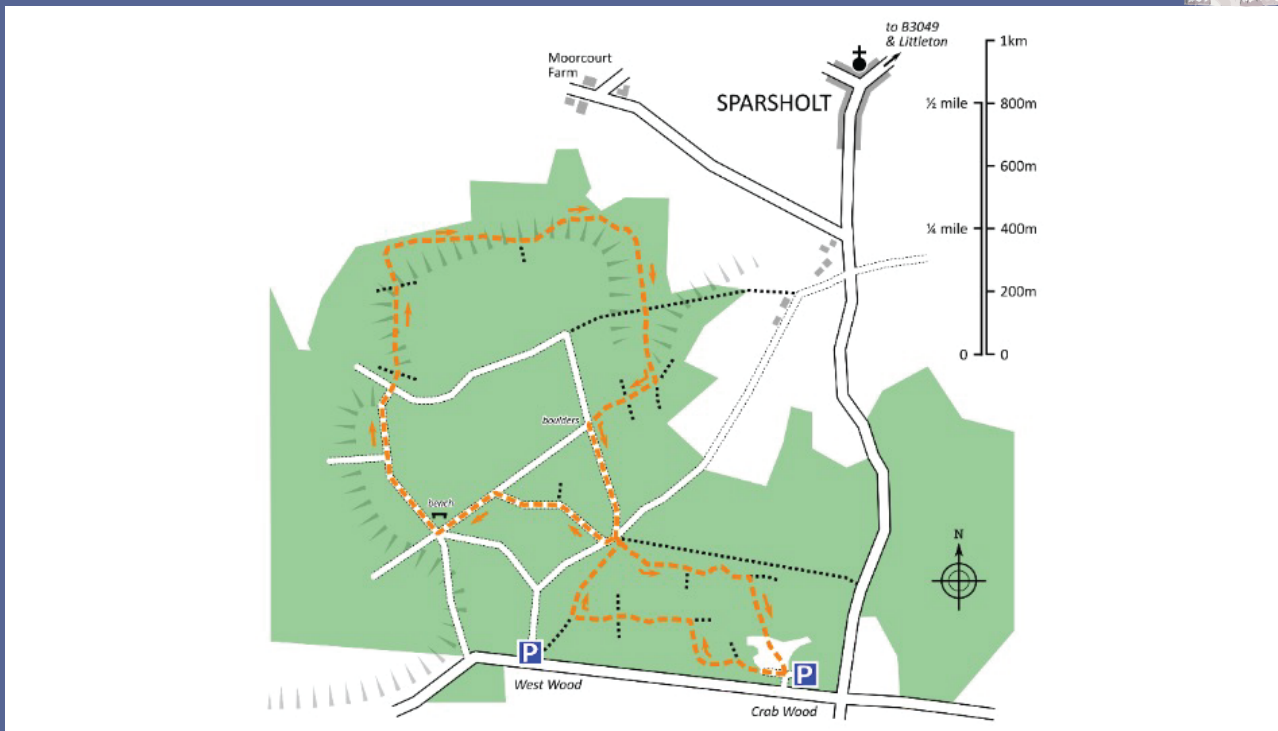


West Wood: Approximately 10 minutes' drive (3½ miles).

West Wood

Woodland walking in Farley Mount Country Park.

Allow 2 hours. Woodland paths may be muddy and uneven. There are numerous official and unofficial paths within the wood, so a GPS or smartphone app may be useful for route-finding.



In Crab Woods



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Start point: Crab Wood car park SO21 2PA. From the Running Horse car park, turn right. After 250 metres, by the church, turn left into Littleton Lane. Follow this narrow, winding lane to the B3049, then cross into Woodman Lane (signposted to Sparsholt). Drive through the village and bear left by the church. Beyond Sparsholt, carry straight on at the junction with Hamgreen Lane. After 1 mile, mostly climbing through woodland, turn right at a crossroads (signposted Kings Somborne) and park at the first car park on the right (Crab Wood).

1 Walk to the far (western) end of the car park and follow a path that curves right. 2 Meet a grassy ride joining from the right and bear left. 3 The ride narrows. By a pair of waymark posts, turn left off the main track into the trees. 4 This narrow path winds through the trees before curving right, away from the road. 5 On meeting another path at a T-junction, turn left. 6 After 300m, cross a path and continue to a gate, where you meet a larger path. 7 Turn right along this wider path. 8 After a further 300m, when several paths converge, turn left onto a major forest road by an interpretation board for West Wood. 9 Take a few steps to the left then turn right onto a narrower ride. 10 Keep left at a fork and meet another path at a T-junction.

11 Turn left, and after 200m you reach a crossroads of major paths by a bench in memory of Edna Howard. 12 Turn right along another grassy ride. After 250m or so, this ride curves right and passes the end of another on the left. 13 At the bottom of a dip, cross a track and carry on ahead, shortly crossing another perpendicular path. 14 After 300m, cross an indistinct path within a stand of beech trees as you approach the bottom of the wood. 15 Just short of the fields, bear right and follow the path, still within the trees. 16 Beyond a field corner, the path heads deeper into the woods, then comes close to the edge of the wood again near another field corner on your left. 17 From here it bears right, away from the woodland edge. After about quarter of a mile, cross a perpendicular path. 18 The path ahead runs rather indistinctly through coppiced woodland and starts to climb a slight valley. 19 At the bottom of a rutted track, turn right and climb out of the valley. 20 At the top of the slope, cross another track at right angles and continue until you meet a major forest road by three boulders. 21 Turn left along the road and follow it as it curves right to the West Wood information panel you encountered earlier. 22 This time, turn left past a metal barrier then, before a second barrier, turn right to the Crab Wood sign.

23 Go through the wooden kissing gate to the left of the sign and bear left along a winding path. 24 Within coppiced woodland, ignore the first turning on the right, then take the second right. 25 This leads to an open area with a picnic table, beyond which is a barrier giving access to the Crab Wood car park.

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Wear comfortable shoes and weather-appropriate layers. A light waterproof jacket is handy if rain is expected.

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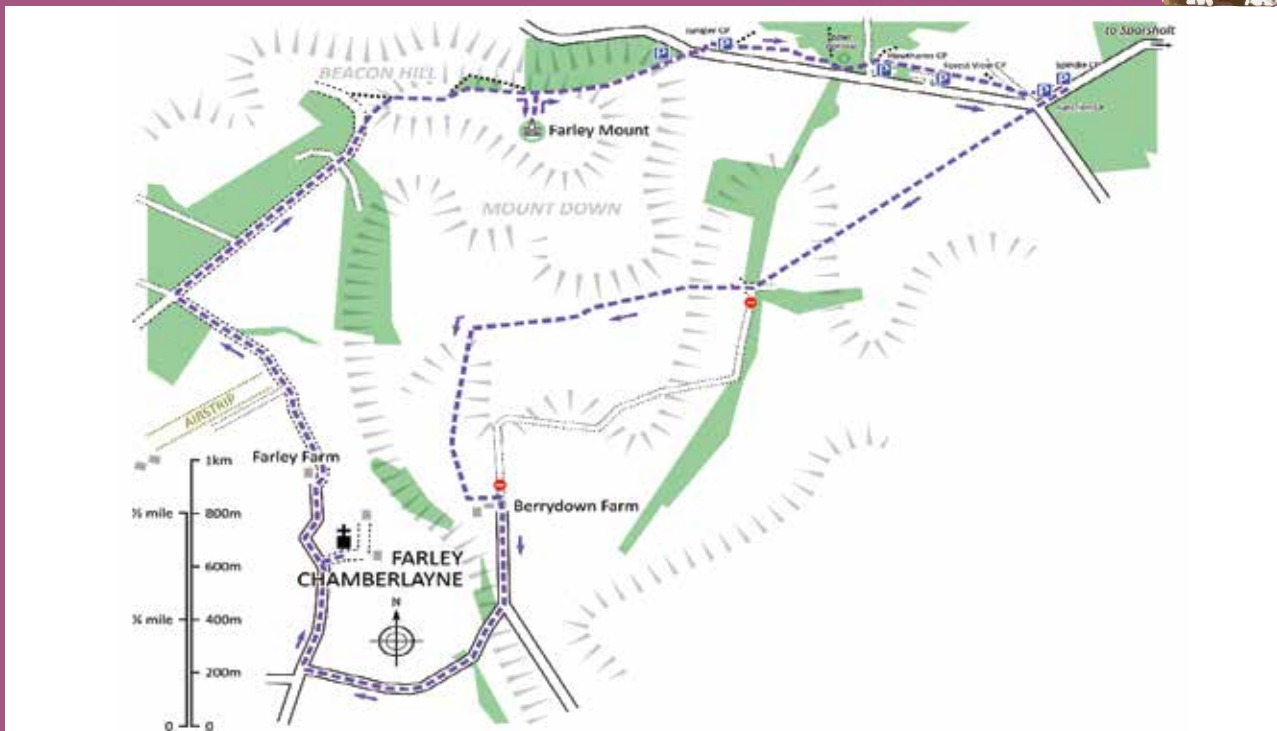


Farley Mount

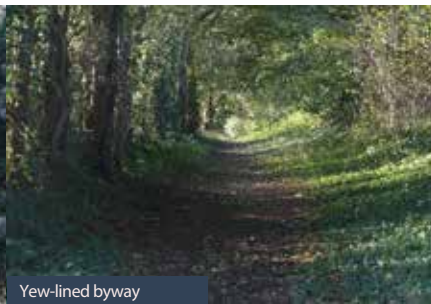
Farley Mount: Approximately 13 minutes' drive (4½ miles).

A downland walk to an isolated medieval church and a famous folly dedicated to a racehorse.

Allow 3 hours. Some gradual ascents and descents, and significant road walking. Patches may be muddy in winter.



Wild Clematis



Yew-lined byway



Berrydown Farmhouse



Start point: Spindle car park, Farley Mount SO21 2PA. From the Running Horse car park, turn right. After 250 metres, by the church, turn left into Littleton Lane. Follow this narrow, winding lane to the B3049, then cross into Woodman Lane (signposted to Sparsholt). Drive through the village and bear left by the church. Beyond Sparsholt, carry straight on at the junction with Hamgreen Lane. After 1 mile, mostly climbing through woodland, turn right at a crossroads (signposted Kings Somborne). After $\frac{3}{4}$ mile, the road bends left and shortly reaches Spindle car park on the right. Park here, or in the adjacent Junction car park beyond. The two car parks are connected by a narrow path through the trees.

- 1 From either car park entrance, turn right along the road to the junction.
- 2 Follow the hedged byway opposite for three quarters of a mile, with views to the Farley Mount obelisk to your right.
- 3 The path descends beside a line of yew trees to meet a farm track; turn right then follow the tree-lined byway uphill beyond a field entrance on the right.
- 4 The path levels off then descends into a shallow valley, where you turn left along a grassy track.
- 5 After a little under half a mile, you approach Berrydown Farm.
- 6 Turn left and pass a wooden barn conversion.
- 7 Beyond the barn, turn right at a T-junction and follow the track past the farmhouse (to your right).
- 8 Continue along the drive beyond to meet a country lane.
- 9 Turn right and walk uphill along the tree-lined road.
- 10 At the top of the slope, continue along the lane with views over the fields to the church on your right.
- 11 At a road junction, turn right (signposted 'Farley Church No Through Road').
- 12 As you approach Farley Chamberlayne, turn right at a triangular junction to visit the church, then return to the public road and turn right along the fenced lane.
- 13 Continue to the farm, where you bear right then left through the farm buildings.

- 14 Continue past a couple of farm cottages and continue along the hedged track beyond.
- 15 Pass the end of a grass airstrip on your left.
- 16 Continue along the track alongside a wood on the left and through a gate to a crossroad.
- 17 Turn right and follow the restricted byway through the trees.
- 18 After 300m, pass the end of a waymarked bridleway on the left, carrying straight on.
- 19 After a further quarter-mile, cross a perpendicular track and continue ahead, climbing slightly as the byway curves left.
- 20 At a fork, bear right to a fingerpost with Clarendon Way roundels.
- 21 Follow the path right, past a bench on the left with wide views over the Hampshire countryside.
- 22 Keep right at a further fork then, just after the lower path rejoins from the left, turn right to visit the Farley Mount obelisk.
- 23 Return to the Clarendon Way and turn right.
- 24 The path descends to a car park and meets the road.
- 25 Take a few steps to the right and cross onto a path that leads to the end of another car park (Juniper). Bear right through the car park and go through a wooden kissing gate at the far end, just beyond the entrance.
- 26 Follow a wide path parallel to the road on your right through grassland and patches of scrub.
- 27 Beyond another wooden kissing gate, pass to the right of a tree-covered bowl barrow known as Robin Hood's Barrow or Robin Hood's Butt.
- 28 Continue along the path close to the road until you meet a track.
- 29 Take a path to the left of the Hawthorns car park, which runs through trees then past a second car park (Forest View) before finally returning you to Junction car park.

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