



05 HAMPSHIRE BEAULIEU ROAD

► Distance: 6 miles/9.6km ► Time: 3 hours ► Grade: Easy

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Gnarled trees in this ancient Forest.

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The largest area of unenclosed land in southern England, the New Forest is a walker's paradise, with virtually free access rights to every nook and cranny of its 92,000 acres. This walk starts from Beaulieu Road, an isolated station on the Southampton to Bournemouth railway. Five times a year, however, the place takes on a carnival atmosphere as dealers gather for the New Forest pony sales that are held in the enclosures across the road from the railway. This walk explores the area to the south of Beaulieu Road, where further attractions include

an ancient landmark in the form of the Bishop's Dyke, as well as areas of exceptional New Forest bog.

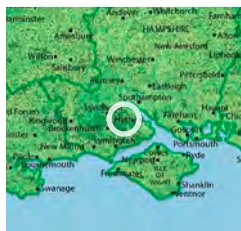
1 Start

Beyond a wooden barrier in the corner of the car-park, follow a path ahead across the open lawns of the New Forest. In 0.8km, ignore a path on the L that leads to a railway bridge; instead keep walking ahead across the forest lawns. In another 0.8km, just past two footbridges, follow a path to the L for 0.8km to a railway bridge.

2 1½ miles/2.4km

Cross the railway, walk ahead through a series of pony pens to reach an area

PLAN YOUR WALK



ROUTE

Start/parking

Shatterford Bottom car park, southeast of Lyndhurst on the B3056, SO43 7FZ, grid ref SU348063

Is it for me? Well-defined paths and tracks; no hills
Stiles None

PLANNING

Nearest town Hythe

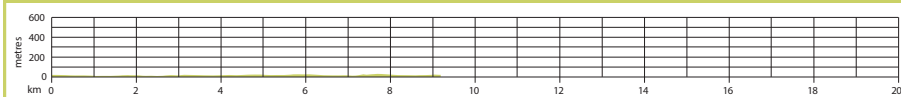
Refreshments The Drift Inn alongside Beaulieu Road Station. It advertises itself as welcoming wellies, dogs & walkers (023 8029 2342; www.driftinn.co.uk)

Public toilets Nearest in Lyndhurst & Brockenhurst

Public transport Beaulieu Road Station is located just 2 minutes from the start of the walk and is on the Southampton to Bournemouth line (southwesternrailway.com)

Maps OS Explorer OL22; Landranger 196

GRADIENT PROFILE



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of open grassland. Turn R down to a gate and follow a path directly ahead for 600m to a crossroads where the path crosses a prominent gravelled track. Turn R and follow this track for 1.8km to a cattle grid, beyond which is a T-junction, ignoring all side turns along the way. Turn R and follow a track through the woodland for 2.4km to a clearing with paddocks and properties.

3 4½ miles/7.2km

Walk ahead to Denny Lodge, the last property on the L, before continuing for another 100m to a point where there is a concrete 'bunker' on the L. Turn R at this point and follow a path into the woodland to reach open grassland in 600m. Follow the path ahead for 1.2km to a rank of conifer trees beyond which is the car park. **CW**



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New Forest
ponies grazing.

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