

Andover Down to Whitchurch via Longparish and the River Test - 6 miles

No 76 bus in Andover direction - ask for Andover Down Fox Farm stop
(around 7 minutes from centre of Whitchurch)



WHITCHURCH WALKERS ARE WELCOME

BUS WALK

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Stagecoach South Bus Route 76
Basingstoke - Whitchurch - Andover

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| OS Map Ref | Miles | |
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| 41423 46531 | 0.0 | Alight on roadside at Fox Farm bus stop. Cut through gap in hedgerow and over stile into field. You will follow a section of the Test Way path from here to Longparish. Go straight ahead along Flock Bottom (the path goes around the eastern edge of Harewood Forest, a remnant of ancient coppiced woodland). |
| 41721 45375 | 0.5 | Bear left at fork (the right fork is not a public right of way); continue straight ahead. |
| 41848 45013 | 1.0 | Track crosses bridge above dismantled railway. |
| 41811 45133 41956 44698 | 1.2 | Fork left onto track through woodland then continue to the left on metal track, which bends to the left. There is a B road nearby which runs due south here. (Bluebells on left and right of track.) |
| 42415 44604 | 1.5 | Just after emerging from woods, turn right onto an unmade lane towards Longparish. (Fingerpost is on left hand side of track, pointing across to lane.) |
| 42700 44208 | 1.8 | As you reach some houses at the far end of this lane (Middleton), turn onto the footpath to left, opposite a red brick terrace (there is a fingerpost and kissing gate). You have now left the Test Way path. |
| 42958 44404 | 2.0 | After passing Lower Farm and a wooded field on the right hand side, turn right off this track, through another kissing gate. Carry on straight ahead. |
| | 2.1 | Reach road (B3048) and turn left to walk alongside road. |
| 43177 44412 | 2.2 | Turn right into Mill Lane. Just after the first house, turn left onto a footpath (finger post). Follow this path straight ahead as it crosses an open field behind Longparish House (on the left). |
| | 2.6 | Cross a wooden footbridge over the River Test and continue on. |
| | 2.8 | Meet a lane opposite Mill House; turn right along lane. |
| 44380 44858 | 3.1 | There is a small wooden bridge then a large one crossing the River Test on the left-hand side by a gravelled area; it's worth stopping on the bridge to look at the view. Then return to lane and continue. |
| 44531 44877 | 3.2 | Where the lane bends to the right, take the footpath on the left so as to cut the corner (finger post). |
| 44873 45142 | 3.3 | Join lane opposite a large house called Britwell Priors; turn to the left and continue. |
| 44940 45305 | 3.6 | Take gravel track to the right just after Britwell Priors Garden Cottage. |
| 45095 45295 45088 45297 | 3.7 | The track goes under a bridge, then immediately take the footpath up to the left (Reg Cox finger post). Follow this path, which dog-legs to the right and then left (at 3.89). |
| 45424 45946 | 4.1 | The path follows the hedge line. It goes around a barn and through a kissing gate |
| | 4.4 | The path comes out (kissing gate) at a fork in a lane. Cross the lane and take the path up the embankment on the opposite side and through the kissing gate. Follow path to the left and around the edge of the field. |
| 45317 46225 | 4.9 | Path exits onto lane at Tufton. Turn right and then left after 50 metres to take the footbridge across the River Test. Turn to the left and under the viaduct. |
| | 5.0 | Follow path to the right, along the edge of some woodland and over a very small footbridge into the next field; continue straight ahead until you reach a stile and footpath to the right, just at the end of the fence. |
| | 5.2 | Cross stile and walk gently uphill on left hand side of field. The path levels and then goes gently downhill. |
| | 5.4 | Cross two further stiles. |
| | 5.5 | The path comes out alongside the B3400. Turn to the right and under the A34 flyover. Cross the road and continue along Church Street past the cemetery, under the disused railway bridge, past the Church and back into the centre of Whitchurch. |
| | 6.0 | Arrive in centre of Whitchurch. |

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