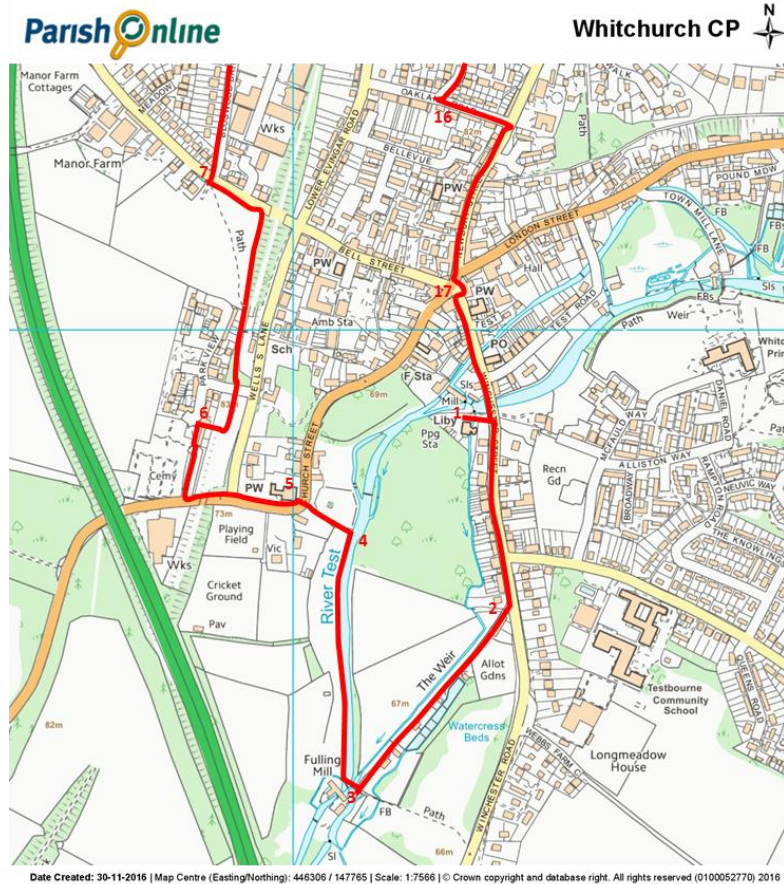




CIRCULAR WALK to the NORTH (about 75 minutes, 3.4 miles)

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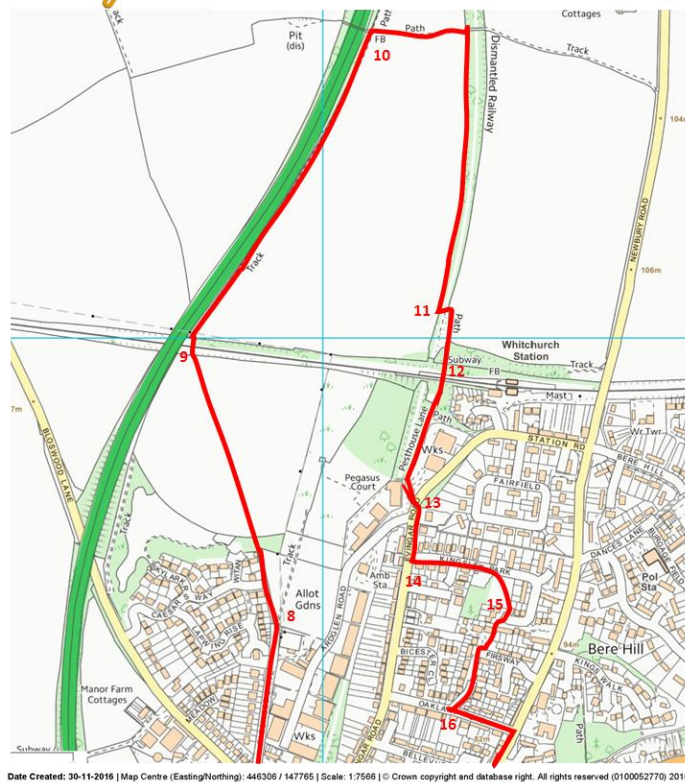


Start at the public car park next to the Gill Nethercott Centre and the Silk Mill (1).

Turn right at the car park entrance, heading south along Winchester Street until you reach a junction on the right – turn right along The Weir (2).

Walk down The Weir to the end at Filling Mill (3), then turn right, cross the River Test on the footbridge and follow the path with the river on your right hand side. At the end, turn left (4) along the path, with a wall on your right hand side, then cross the road (watch out for traffic!) at All Hallows Church (5).

Turn left and follow the road under the brick railway arch, then turn right and walk towards some houses with the cemetery on your left. As you reach the houses, the path goes right (6) between the houses, bends left, crosses a road and continues, passing an old station house on the right hand side. Continue straight ahead until the path goes across a field to reach Bloswood Lane (7), opposite Bloswood Drive.



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Cross (again, take care!) and walk up Bloiswood Drive, keep straight on the unmade road surface at the end until you see a footpath running diagonally up to the left (8).

Follow the path up – it cuts through trees and then runs diagonally across a field to the top left hand corner, next to the A34 (9), and then crosses a footbridge over the railway line (you will see Whitchurch Station down to your right).

Continue on this path along the left hand side of fields, with the A34 on your left, until you reach a waymarked junction of paths (there is a path to the left over a footbridge, crossing the A34). However, at this junction (10), turn right and follow the path across the field, passing a lone tree and, at the other side of the field, turn right and walk along with the hedgerow on your left.

When you reach a gateway on the left (11), turn left and a few metres further on take the second of two paths on the right hand side – the one immediately before the next gateway. Walk right down here, with the hedgerow on your right and a fence and field to your left, continue through a narrow brick tunnel under the railway line (12), and then straight ahead along a surfaced path (Pesthouse Lane) until you come up to a road junction, where Ardglan meets Evingar Road (13).

Turn right down Evingar Road and then left into Kingsley Park (14). At the recreation ground on the right, walk across the field to the bottom left-hand corner (15), where there is a path through into Firs Way. Go across slightly to the right then down another path, and further down until you get to the bottom of Firs Way, then turn left along Oaklands Road (16).

At the junction with Newbury Street, turn right and follow the road down to the mini roundabout at the centre of Whitchurch (17), then along Winchester Street to return to your starting point at the Gill Nethercott Centre car park.