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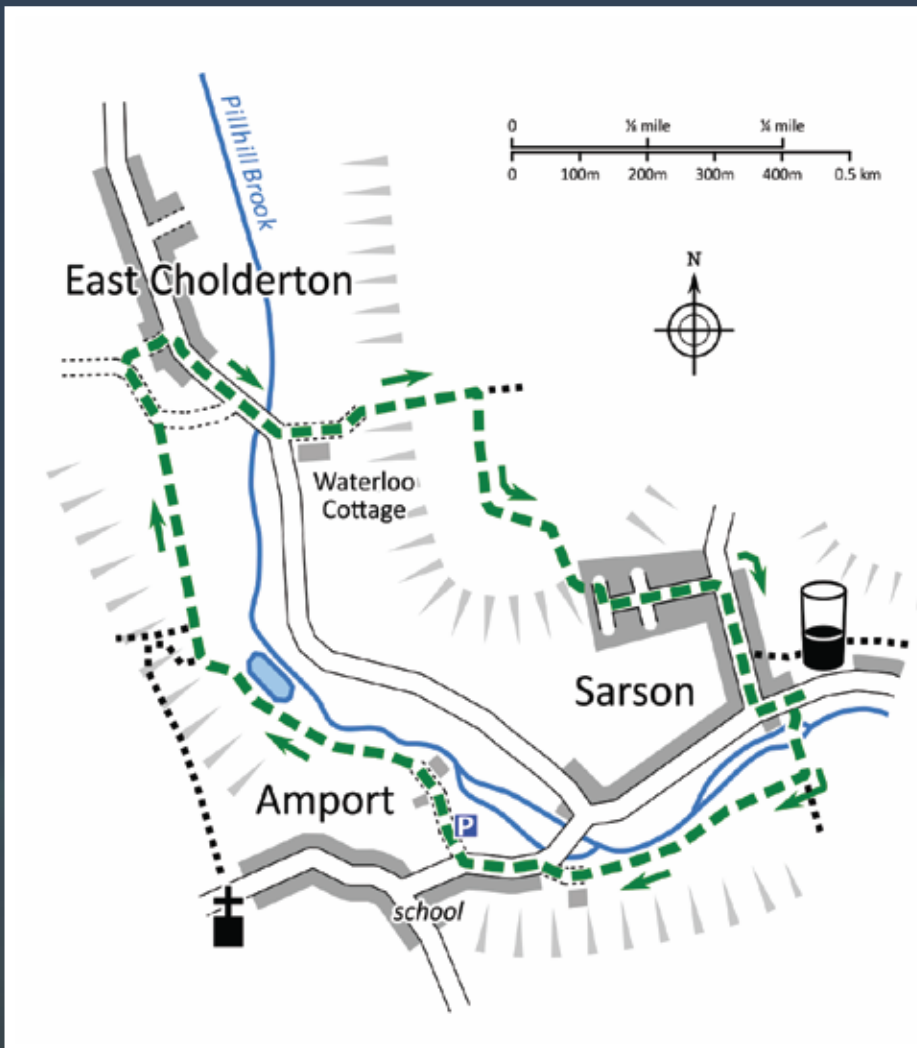
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Located at the heart of the charming village of Ampport in Hampshire's Test Valley, our cosy inn is a great setting for a get together with friends and family for a fabulous meal or relaxing drink.



Amport & East Cholderton

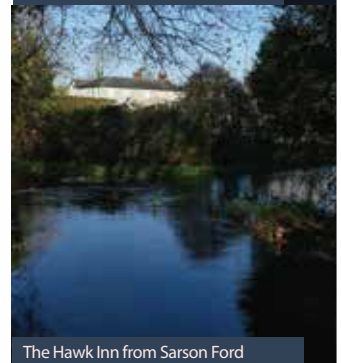
A stroll between our local villages, with numerous thatched cottages and a crystal-clear chalk stream encountered en route.



Pretty Bridge Cottage



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The Hawk Inn from Sarson Ford



1 From the car park entrance, turn right and walk along the road for a short distance. 2 Turn left in front of Mill House and walk down to the ford across the Pillhill Brook. Cross both arms of the stream via footbridges. 3 Continue up the track on the other side then, when the fence on your right ends, turn right onto a footpath. 4 Follow the path for quarter of a mile along the bottom of a couple of paddocks to meet the end of a driveway by a thatched cottage. Walk out to the road. 5 Turn left and follow the road past a series of cottages overlooking the village green and playing field. 6 By the telephone box and before the school, turn right past a parking area. 7 Keep left of the white-painted house at the end onto a footpath running parallel to the stream. Beyond a kissing gate, you overlook an attractive fishing lake on the right. 8 At the end of this stretch, the path bends left and slightly uphill to emerge through a kissing gate into a field. 9 Follow the right hand hedge then continue along the fence-line until you meet a driveway.

10 Follow the driveway left then, when it bends left, turn right through a gate. 11 Follow the hedged path/driveway out to the public road. 12 To explore East Cholderton, turn left; otherwise, turn right and follow the road out of the village, crossing the entrance to Haydown Farm on your right. 13 Cross the Pillhill Brook and turn immediately left up a track next to Waterloo Cottage. 14 Follow the track to the top of the hill then, by a bench, bear right along a field edge with views over the valley. 15 Follow the path left to a gap in the hedge and turn right on the other side, down to a kissing gate. 16 The path beyond winds left and right to meet Sarson Close. 17 Turn right and left and walk out to Sarson Lane. 18 Turn right and walk down through the village, passing the former Methodist Church and some thatched cottages. 19 At the T-junction near Mill House, turn left to return to the Hawk Inn.

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!

Monxton Walk

Stroll to our neighbouring village, returning via an atmospheric trackway.

Allow 2 hours. Field paths may be muddy. One stile



St Mary's Church



Village of Monxton



The interior of the church



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11 Bear half-right past a barn to a hand-gate in the corner and follow a fenced path to the right. 12 Continue descending this path through another hand-gate and past a modern barn to emerge on the entrance track. 13 Walk down to the track ahead (Monxton Lane) and turn left, uphill and away from the road. 14 Follow this track for half a mile, passing a small patch of woodland on the left. 15 After a second wood, this time on the right, turn left at a crossroads of tracks. 16 After a further quarter-mile or so, pass under a railway bridge and continue along Monxton Lane beyond. 17 As you approach the noisy A303, a footpath crosses the track; turn left and cross the field. 18 Cross the railway bridge and turn left in front of a stile through a gap in the hedge into a field (ignoring the paths ahead and to the right, unless you want to visit the Hawk Conservancy Trust). 19 Turn right and walk along the side of the field, with the hedgerow on your right. 20 Follow the hedge right and left round a couple of right-hand bends and continue to a field corner.

21 Turn right over a stile and follow a fenced path round two sides of a series of paddocks. 22 At the bottom, turn right through a kissing gate. 23 Follow the path behind some houses until you find yourself above the Hawk Inn car park.

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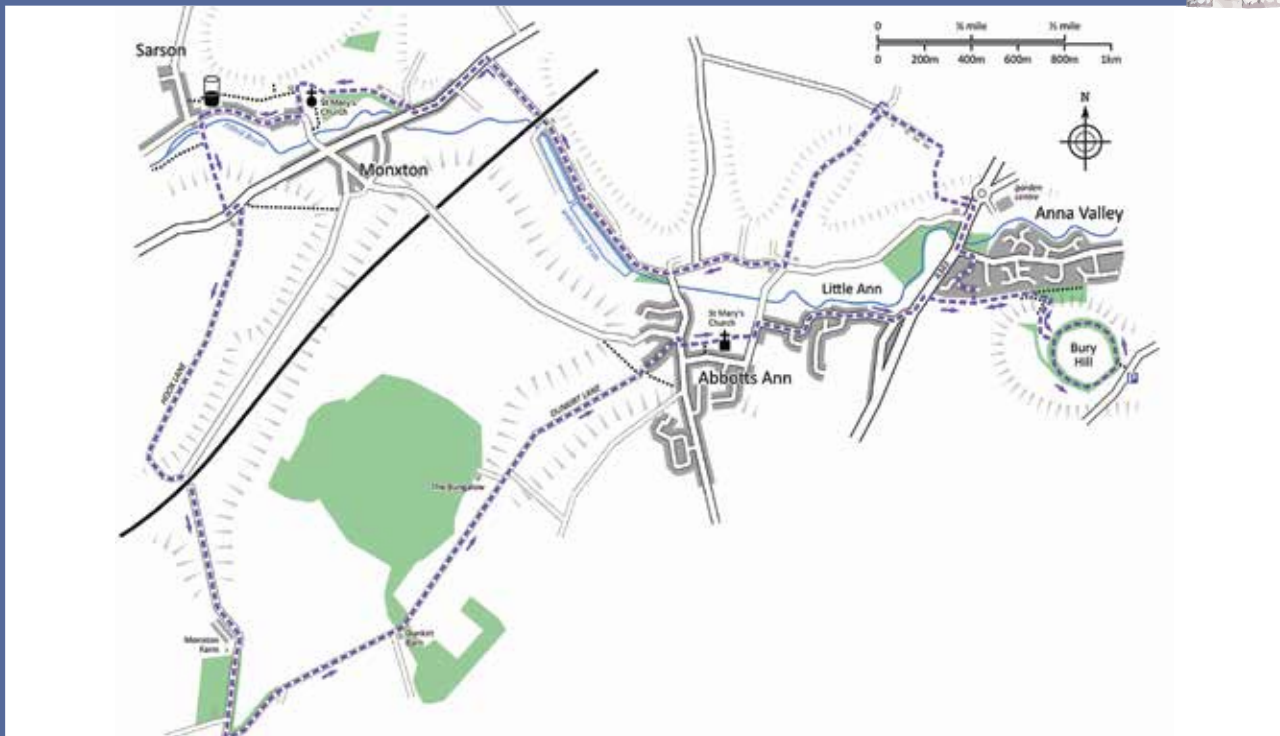
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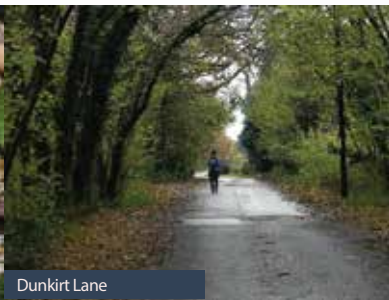
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Abbotts Ann & Bury Hill

A long walk with pretty villages and much historic interest.
Allow 4–5 hours. Considerable road walking; some paths may be muddy in places.



Pear-shaped Puffball



Dunkirt Lane



St Marys Church



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17 Turn left along the road and at a junction follow it round to the right. 18 Continue past a bus stop opposite Abbots Close then follow the road round a left-hand bend. 19 Bear right, with glimpses of Pillhill Brook, past a series of thatched cottages on your left, carrying on straight ahead at the junction with Abbots Hill. 20 At the end of the village, bear left by the Poplar Farm to meet the A343. 21 Turn left along the pavement beside the main road, then cross with care at or before a traffic island to a footpath entrance on the other side, before the first houses. 22 Beyond a wooden barrier, follow the footpath along the rear of the gardens on your left. 23 Pass an exit on your left (this is our return route later) and continue ahead along the rear of the gardens. 24 Pass the entrance to Bury Hill Meadows on your right, and after about 100m turn right up a couple of steps. 25 Walk uphill within the woodland edge and then climb a flight of steps with a wooden banister. 26 Turn right along a hedged path. 27 At a (bypassable) stile, bear left towards the wooded hillfort of Bury Hill. 28 Passing another redundant stile, continue up to the top of the ramparts, ignoring a path off to the right. 29 When you find yourself facing a farm gate into the circular field at the centre of the hillfort, turn right through a metal kissing gate and follow the path along the obvious raised earthwork beyond. 30 Continue round the hillfort to a pair of kissing gates on the opposite side of the central field, then beyond the gates continue ahead to complete the circumnavigation of Bury Hill. 31 When you return to the point where you entered the hillfort (after a fourth kissing gate), turn right and retrace your steps along the hedged path past the two stiles to the top of the steps, and turn left back down through the trees to the bottom path (or, if you wish, by way of variation there is an unofficial shortcut via a gap on the left down to a bench in Bury Hill Meadows, and then walk down the side of the meadow).

32 Either way, on reaching the footpath along the garden fences, turn left back towards the A343. 33 This time, turn right between fences before you reach the main road along a short, fenced and tarmacked path leading into the residential area. 34 Turn left to a road junction and keep right down the winding residential road to the junction with Foundry Road opposite a bus stop. 35 Cross and turn left back to the A343. 36 Turn right and cross Pillhill Brook and pass a layby. 37 Cross at the traffic island opposite the end of Cattle Lane (which provides a shortcut to step 43 if you don't mind a longer stretch of road walking). 38 If not taking the shortcut, turn right beside the main road towards the roundabout, then, by the sign for Andover Garden Centre, turn left up a couple of steps onto a footpath. 39 Follow the path along the side of a field (with gardens on your left) then, in the corner of the next field, turn right with a hedge on your right. 40 Bear right into the corner of the next field, then left. 41 You shortly meet a driveway, which you follow past a series of entrances and down to a road junction. 42 Turn left down a hedged byway that winds for half a mile back to the junction of Cattle Lane and Mill Lane. 43 Turn right past Brook Cottage and continue along the road beyond a bungalow on the right, latterly with views left over the water-meadows to the church in Abbots Ann. 44 After quarter of a mile, carry straight on at the bottom of Red Post Lane. 45 Shortly afterwards, keep straight on at the turning to Abbots Ann, before long reaching the start of some commercial watercress beds on your left. 46 Follow the road alongside the watercress beds and pass under a railway viaduct at their end. 47 Continue along the lane until you meet the wider Andover Road at a T-junction. 48 Cross and turn left and follow the narrow, busy road with care past the Monxton village sign. 49 After quarter of a mile, opposite Meadow Lodge, turn right into a track signposted 'Manor Farm Grain Store Only', then turn immediately left towards a barn.

50 Take the footpath to the left of the gate past the barn and continue past a hand-gate to another gate into an open area at the end of the path. 51 Turn left in front of a barn and follow the track downhill beyond the gate, with views left to Monxton church (to visit the church, carry straight on when you meet the road and turn left along a path before the bridge). 52 Otherwise, when you first meet the road by Corner Cottage, turn right. 53 Follow the road past a delightful series of thatched cottages back to the Hawk Inn.

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