

Test Valley TOUR . . .



ROUTE I CIRCULAR WALKING ROUTE

START & FINISH: **AMPORT GREEN**

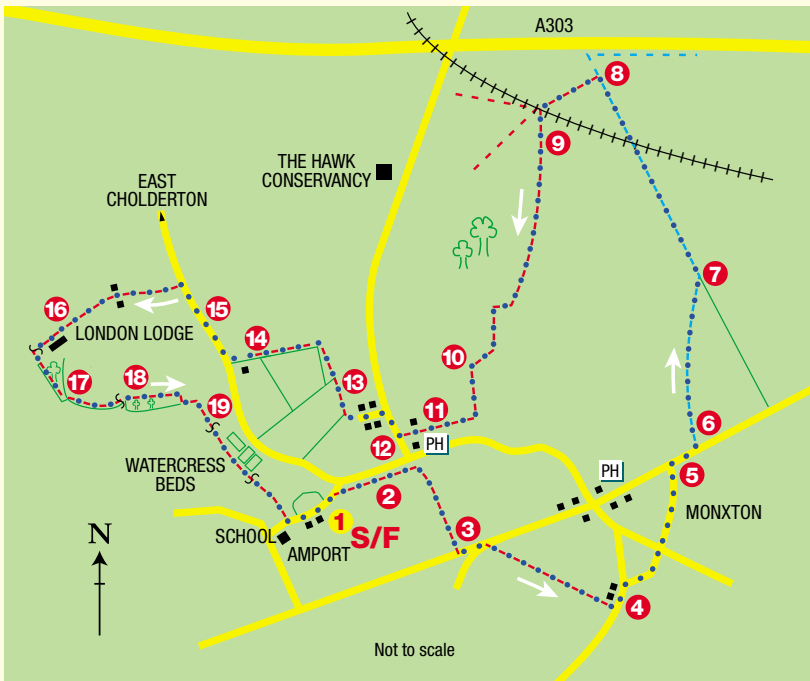
CLASS: **FAMILY**

DISTANCE: **APPROX. 5 MILES**

TIME TO COMPLETE: **APPROX. 2.5 HRS**

KEY

- Route
- - - Footpath
- Road
- - - Road used as Public Path
- PH Public House
- Wooded Area
- +++ Railway
- ~ Stile
- S/F Start/Finish



Ordnance Survey
Pathfinder 1222
SU(24/34) Andover

INTRODUCTION

This route starting from the picturesque village of Amport provides a pleasant and interesting walk for adults and children alike. There are lots of animals and wildlife to look out for along the route. The walk takes in much of the surrounding countryside and passes through the village of Monxton roughly a quarter of the way around. Here it is possible to detour to the Black Swan in Monxton for refreshments. Otherwise refreshments are also available from the Amport Inn later in the walk.

THE NUMBERS ARE SHOWN IN THE SKETCH MAP OVERLEAF.

START: **Amport Green**

- 1** From the telephone kiosk at Amport Green, walk down the road past the Green on left. Turn right just before the bridge and small 30mph sign, along a short track. The footpath sign will be seen between a thatched cottage and garage.
- 2** Go through the gap and follow the fenced path close to the left hand edge of the field. On reaching a wider path with the Amport Inn in view to the left, turn right at the T-junction and walk up the hill to the road.
- 3** Turn left, walk past the Byway (track on right) and after 10 metres turn right into the field by the footpath sign. Cross the field and head to the right of the end house with 3 chimneys.
- 4** When in road, turn left towards Monxton and after a short distance turn first right along a well made track. At the end, cross the Monxton to Abbots Ann road onto a tarmac road (Chalkpit Lane).
- 5** At road junction turn left for refreshments at the Black Swan Pub, otherwise turn right towards Andover.
- 6** After crossing the bridge and walking for approximately 50 metres, turn left onto a wide track. Go under a vehicle restriction barrier.
- 7** Continue straight on and turn left at another wide track.
- 8** Continue under the railway bridge and about 150m before a road sign on the A303 stating Thruxton 1, Amesbury 10, turn left at right angles to the track across the field towards the railway line. At this point there is a Hampshire County Council waymark on the right hand side of the track.
- 9** Walk across the field and over the railway line footbridge to another field. Take the left hand path to the South across the field keeping two trees on your right hand side.
- 10** Follow the path down the right hand side of the field, over a stile, and continue down the right hand edge to the kissing gate. Turn right and follow the left hand side of the field.
- 11** At the corner of the field turn left (Amport Inn is in view here) then immediately right to continue on path which now runs between a fence and a hedge.
- 12** On reaching the road, turn right and take the 2nd on the left, Sarson Close. Walk to the end of the road. Bear right and up a track to the left of bungalows and past lock up garages.
- 13** Follow path through kissing gate and along field edge. Switch to other side of hedge through gap in hedge. Follow on path past waymarker into next field. Walk diagonally left across the field to the bottom right hand corner.
- 14** On reaching the track turn left and follow down past white cottage to the road.
- 15** Turn right at road and over bridge to East Cholderton, turn left up a track by a sign marked Haydown Farm. Walk past Haydown Mushrooms on the right continuing straight on through the farmyard.
- 16** Walk over the brow of the hill (London Hill), over the stile turn left and left again, up the driveway of London Lodge.
- 17** Turn right from the drive over a stile, across a small field and over another stile. Walk across the field towards a water tank in the trees.
- 18** Go over the left hand stile of two stiles close together and straight on down the field with the fence on the right hand side until the second stile is reached just before the river.
- 19** Go over the stile past the watercress beds on the left, over 2 stiles and down the track to the starting point.