



Beacon Hill, Exton, West Meon

Distance: 19 km=12 miles

easy walking

Region: Hampshire

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Refreshments: West Meon, Warnford, Exton

Map: Explorer 132 (Winchester) *but the maps in this guide should be sufficient*

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Hills, views, woodland, villages, dismantled railway

In Brief

This is a longer walk of sheer pleasure over the hills and through the meadows and woods of Hampshire, with few main roads or ploughed fields, with views, surprises and some good pubs, one backing onto the Meon River. (To book or enquire at *The Shoe* in Exton, ring 01489-877526.) This walk also goes through Hampshire's best village (as voted once in *The Times*). This is an area of prehistory, with the great bronze-age barrows of Beacon Hill, visited on the way, with high views of Old Winchester Hill and the Solent. Part of the route is along the dismantled Meon Valley Railway, giving you a very comfortable stretch.

This is a **big zipper** walk which combines **two shorter walks** in this series. You need to browse, print or download the following two guides:



[Beacon Hill, Betty Mundy's Wood, Exton](#)

[West Meon, Beacon Hill and Exton](#)

Zip points, where you switch to the other walk, are marked in the guides, using the “zipper” symbol.



There are hardly any nettles to speak of on this walk but in summer you may find patches of scratchy undergrowth, making long trousers more



comfortable. In the drier seasons, trainers or walking shoes should be adequate. This walk is also fine for your dog, with only two fields that



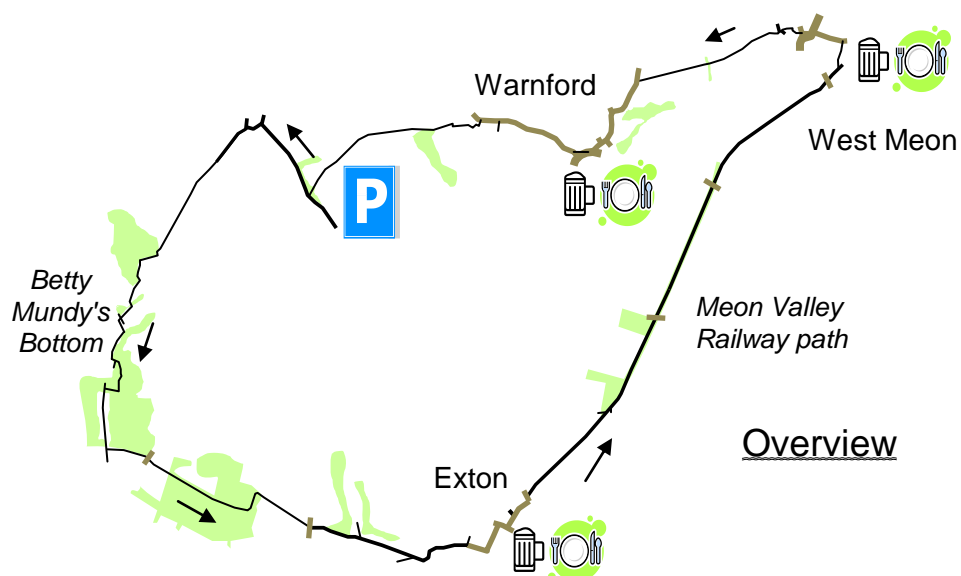
occasionally has livestock.

The walk begins at the **Beacon Hill Beeches** car park, near Exton and Warnford, Hampshire, grid ref SU 598 227. **Warning! isolated car park:**



leave car visibly empty - see Guidelines. (Note that there is *another* Beacon Hill in Hampshire.) If you come via Warnford on the A32, a postcode 1½ miles before the car park is **SO32 3LG**. Another possible start is the road-side in Exton, postcode **SO32 3NT**. For more details, see either of the constituent walks.

The Walk



For fully detailed maps, see the constituent guides.

Part 1 is the **Beacon Hill, Betty Mundy's Wood, Exton** walk, as far as the zip point near the end of Leg 2.

Part 2 is the **West Meon, Beacon Hill and Exton** walk, beginning from Leg 2.

The walk ends back at the Beacon Hill Beeches car park.

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