

A circular walk around Brockenhurst

Distance

1.5 miles (3km) Return

Approximate time to complete

60 mins

Grade

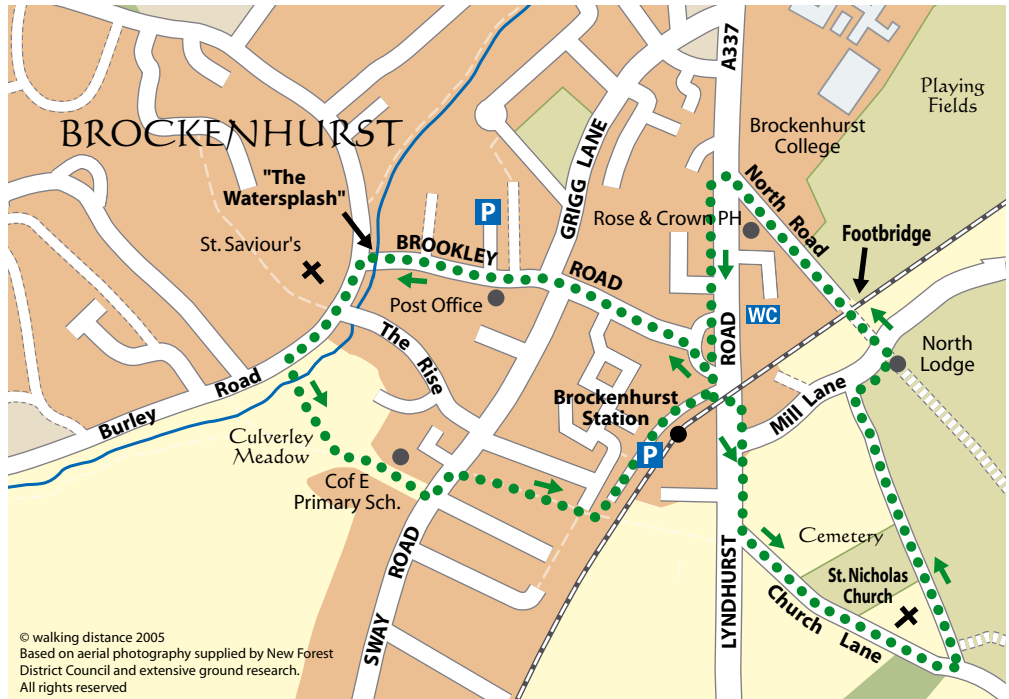
Easy walking

New Forest Tour stop

Brockenhurst Railway Station

O/S Map covering this walk

Explorer OL22
'New Forest'



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Route Information

Take a gentle self guided walk around one of the largest villages in the heart of the Forest.

Brockenhurst

Well known for the diversity of its shops, tea houses, pubs and restaurants. It is here that ponies and donkeys roam freely and drink from 'The Watersplash' at the bottom of the main street on their way to graze on the open heathland and ancient wood which surround the village. It is the only village within the Perambulation of the New Forest whose value in the Domesday survey of 1086 was doubled (to £4) when that of many others was reduced, and was also the only village mentioned as having a church. St. Nicholas, built upon a mound, may date back to Pagan times.

The main attractions of the village are the Ford, running across the end of Brookley Road, the main shopping area, and the cottages, many of which, built by the Morant family who lived at Brockenhurst Park (now demolished and replaced by a modern house) have the letter M incorporated in the woodwork.

Useful Information

Visitor Information Centre:
Main Car Park,
Lyndhurst,
Hampshire SO43 7NY

Tel 023 8028 3914

Points of Special Interest

At St Nicholas's, take a look at the ornate gravestone of "Brusher Mill's - The Snakecatcher": Also look at the memorial to New Zealand and Indian soldiers laid to rest there and the private burial ground of the Morant family and their workers. The church itself is worth a visit (mentioned in the Domesday Book) it has both Saxon and Norman architecture and outside there is a mighty ancient Yew Tree.



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- 1** Start from the Railway Station car park in Brockenhurst
- 2** Turn left out of the train station towards the Cyclexperience bike shop then turn 1st left into Brookley Road and continue down through the village shops to "The Watersplash"
- 3** Cross the bridge and turn left into Burley Road (minor road)
- 4** Go across the end of "The Rise" and go to the fence on left around the last house before a green Forest Lawn
- 5** Leave the road and turn left over the lawn – known as Culverley (the dove's) Green
- 6** Cross over the small bridge and go past the school on your left
- 7** At the B3055 main Sway Road, cross the road, turn left and after a few yards a right turn will take you through an alley leading to the end of The Close
- 8** Leaving this, turn left with Brockenhurst Railway Station on your right
- 9** Cut through to the Railway Station car park. Leave the Station by the level-crossing and turn right across the track
- 10** Cross the main A337 (towards Lymington), ignore Mill Lane but take the next track and follow the lane to "St Nicholas's Church"
- 11** At the bottom of the lane bear to the left and come to North Lodge, the original gatehouse to Brockenhurst Manor, which has many interesting features
- 12** Cross Mill Lane (taking care of traffic) to the cottage and lane opposite (notice the M on the cottage – indicating that it once belonged to the Morant estate – probably a worker's cottage)
- 13** Proceed along this footpath, over the railway lines and drop down to Brockenhurst College grounds on your right hand side
- 14** This lane comes out to the junction of the A337 at The Rose and Crown public house
- 15** Turn left follow up to "The Island" bike hire shop (Cyclexperience), and continue along this road back to Train Station car park to meet up with the New Forest Tour. If you are early why not visit one of the tea rooms or restaurants in the village centre