



05 HAMPSHIRE CHERITON TO TICHBORNE

▶ Distance: 8½ miles/13.3km ▶ Time: 4 hours ▶ Grade: Moderate



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A quiet, green lane south of Cheriton.

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From the charming village of Cheriton, situated in the Itchen valley, this walk takes you past the site of one of the most important battles of the Civil War, continuing to the striking National Trust property of Hinton Ampner. This was the Neo-Georgian style home of Ralph Dutton, the 8th Lord Sherborne, a collector and connoisseur of fine arts, who painstakingly rebuilt it following a devastating fire in 1960. Thereafter the walk heads north over downland to Tichborne, another attractive village, returning along the Itchen Valley.

1 Start

From war memorial walk along village lane with green on L, crossing bridge over River Itchen. Take next R across another bridge turning R to end of road. Take L of two footpaths, Wayfarer's Walk (WW), up narrow enclosed path, keeping ahead when path reaches open. After a R then L bend, maintain direction at first path intersection.

2 ¾ mile/1.4km

Turn R at second intersection (or L for shorter option) and follow path down to join access road leading to A272. Look out for information panel about Cheriton battlefield site on R side of road on the way. Cross A272

PLAN YOUR WALK



ROUTE

Start/parking Roadside parking on village lane by green just beyond war memorial, situated at junction with B3046, SO24 0PZ, grid ref SU583284

Is it for me? Field paths and tracks over undulating terrain and along river valley, quiet country lane. Shorter option: 6¼ miles/10km. Advance booking advised for Hinton Ampner (house & garden): nationaltrust.org.uk/hinton-ampner.

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Nearest town New Alresford

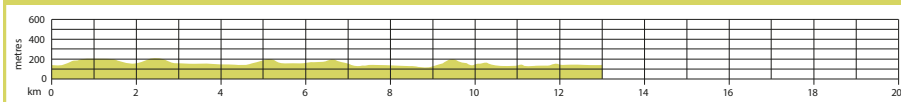
Refreshments Flower Pots Inn, Cheriton, Hinton Arms, Tichborne Arms, Tichborne

Public toilets None

Public transport Bus 67, Winchester-Petersfield

Maps OS Explorer OL32; Landranger 185

GRADIENT PROFILE



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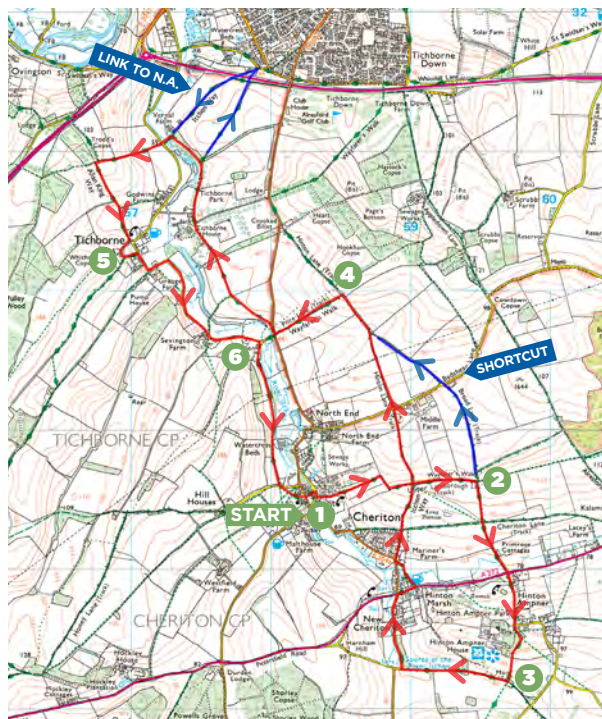
with care and continue up lane to Hinton Ampner. At fork where road bends L keep ahead to All Saints Church on R. Drive leads to Hinton Ampner House, but WW continues to L opposite church. Go through gate bearing R down enclosed path.

3 2 miles/3km

At path intersection turn R – good views R of Hinton Ampner house from path – to lane. Turn R to A272, cross and R to footpath on L opposite pub. Follow it to B3046, R and almost immediately R again along drive/restricted byway. Maintain direction crossing lane, another track merging from R (shorter option).

4 3½ miles/6.7km

At next junction L down WW to B3046. R for about 80m, cross road to gap in hedge and follow Itchen Way north-west across field, continuing across next field. Go through gap in trees and carry on along L edge of field to Tichborne House drive. Keep ahead and when drive bends L continue along track. Ignore gate into woodland L and keep along grassy track into next field. Continue along L edge of field beside woodland on L (permissive path). Turn L at track past Vernal Farm, cross bridge over Itchen and then cross lane. Follow footpath uphill to top, through L corner of field and L at path



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intersection down waymarked Allan King Way (L edge of field). Just before road at bottom turn R up path to church, notable for having a Catholic chapel within an Anglican church. (History of Tichborne booklet, which may be available in church, is worth reading for stories of Tichborne Dole and Tichborne Claimant).

5 6½ miles/10.4km

From church follow access road down to lane and turn R (or L for pub). Continue for just under a mile to Cheriton Mill.

6 7½ miles/12km

R along drive continuing along WW through fields. L at lane and just before B3046 R along path to Cheriton's 12th-century church. Follow path from back down to B3046, village green opposite. **CW**

VIEW THE WALK ON OS MAPS ONLINE:walk1000miles.co.uk/cwroutes

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