

## Liphook, A route with a view



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**Distance:** 4 miles

**Start:** The Deer's Hut Public House

The walk takes place in the villages of Whitehill and Liphook, situated in the north-east of the county.

This area has a rich and diverse history. Hunter/gatherers from the Mesolithic (Middle Stone Age) period have left behind flint tools. Bronze Age people have dotted the area with 42, and the Romans have left the remains of a road from Chichester to Silchester.

In the 13th century the Royal Woolmer Forest was hunted by Edward I and in 1863 much of the land was purchased by the Ministry of Defence for the creation of two military camps at Longmoor and Bordon. In 1929 the civil parish of Whitehill was formed to unite the two military camps

### **Directions**

From the Deer's Hut Public House in Liphook follow the tarmac road towards the golf course. After passing the two parking areas on the left take the earth track on the left and continue up the hill. The route takes you through the copse passing several properties on your right and on past the golf course.

As you reach the top of the hill the path opens up to an area where the view to the left is spectacular, looking towards Folly Pond and beyond into Sussex.

The route continues on through the bridlegate and follows the edge of Weavers Down for approx. 2.29km. Here you can take the shorter route to the left through the kissing gate – this follows an enclosed route across the heath. The route continues on down. Near a sunken bend in the path the Roman road from Chichester to Silchester crosses and continues north towards Longmoor Camp.

As you near Langley you may hear the trains going through. At the bottom turn left passing in front of two properties and up the path keeping the fence to your left all the way passing areas of rhododendrons. As you approach Hilly Fields Copse, you will reach a three-way finger post and this is where the shorter route comes out.

Take the route in front signposted bridleway with a blue arrow and follow this route until you reach the next finger post. At this finger post take the middle route where you will pass several properties on your right. At the metal gate on your right continue along the middle path passing a very old oak tree. Carry on until you reach the dirt track that you first started on and turn left back towards the start.

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