

Bishop's Waltham, A country walk



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Distance: | 5 miles

Start: | Central car park

Bishop's Waltham lies at the junction of the chalk downs coastal plain where the River Hamble rises. The Palace, now in ruins, is the town's most notable feature, having been the seat of the powerful Bishops of Winchester in medieval times.

Directions

From Central Car Park head north up St Peter's Street and through the churchyard to Free Street. Turn left, crossing over to a narrow by-way just past Butts Dell house.

Follow the track, bearing right up the hill at fork. Keep straight through Dundridge Meadow and, after bench, fork right to enter woods.

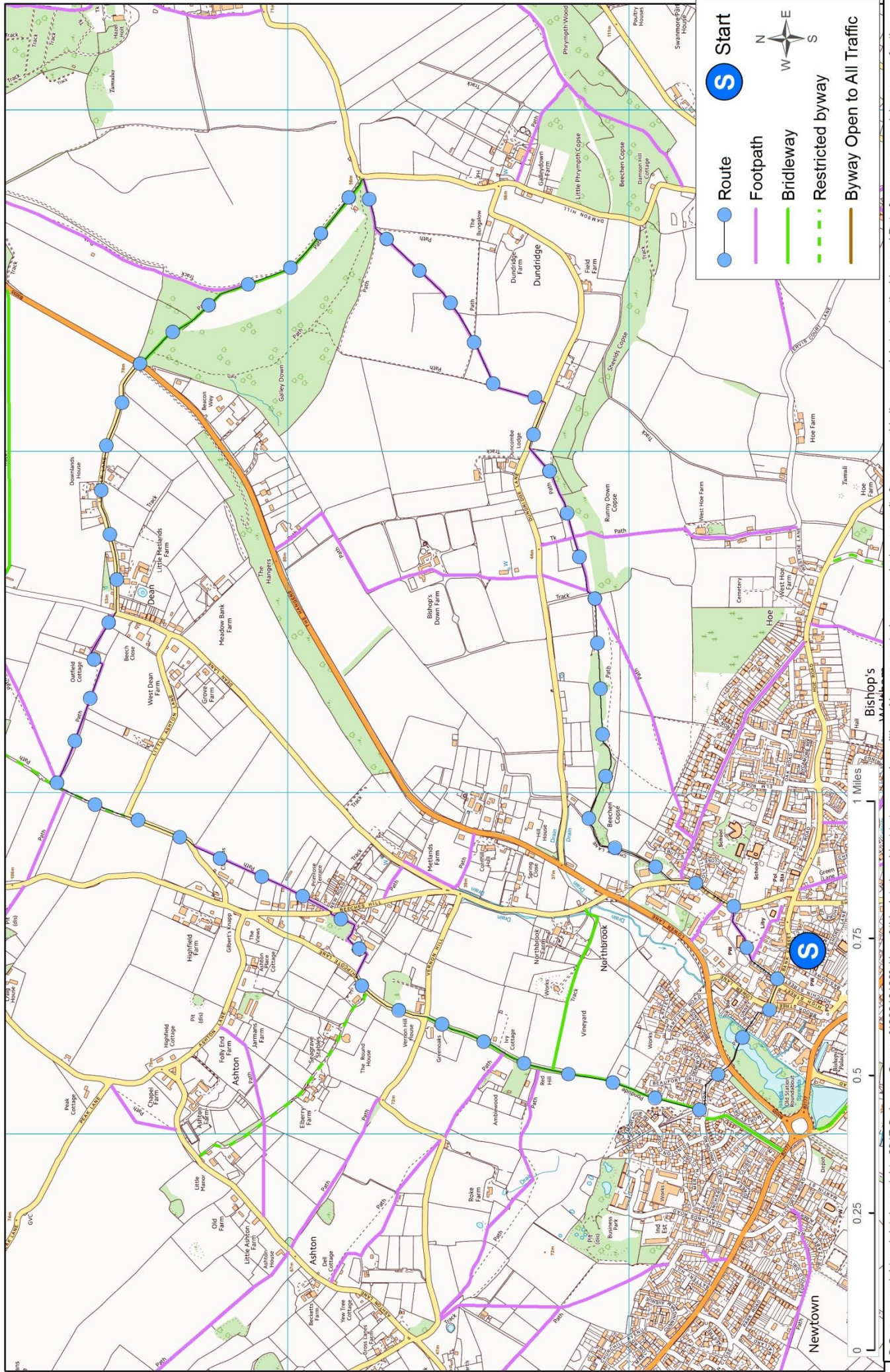
Continue past steps and, after 350m at cross tracks, turn sharp left and cross stiles to lane. Turn right and after 150m turn left into field then bear diagonally right through gaps in hedges.

Turn right at wood edge and at road take sharp left along bridleway between gates following uphill. Cross road with care into Lime Kiln Lane. At T-junction follow path ahead.

After barn turn left through gate for 30m before turning right to cross field. At top turn left along restricted by-way. Join road and at bend bear left to footpath.

Cross road to footpath between fence and hedge. Turn left at road then straight down bridleway. At road turn left and cross by-bass to North Pond Bridge. Turn right after last house (No 5) back to the car park.

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