

Overton, The Harroway



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Distance: 5 miles

Start: Overton car park

Overton is a large village and parish in Hampshire, located west of the town of Basingstoke and east of Whitchurch. The village contains a number of smaller hamlets: Southington, Northington, Ashe, Polhampton and Quidhampton. The River Test, a chalk stream world-famous for its trout fishing, and generally regarded as the birthplace of modern fly fishing, rises about a mile east of Overton at Ashe.

Directions

Turn right out of the car park to the traffic lights. Turn left onto Winchester Street and turn right at the Greyhound pub onto Greyhound Lane. Continue straight ahead at the crossroads onto Dellands.

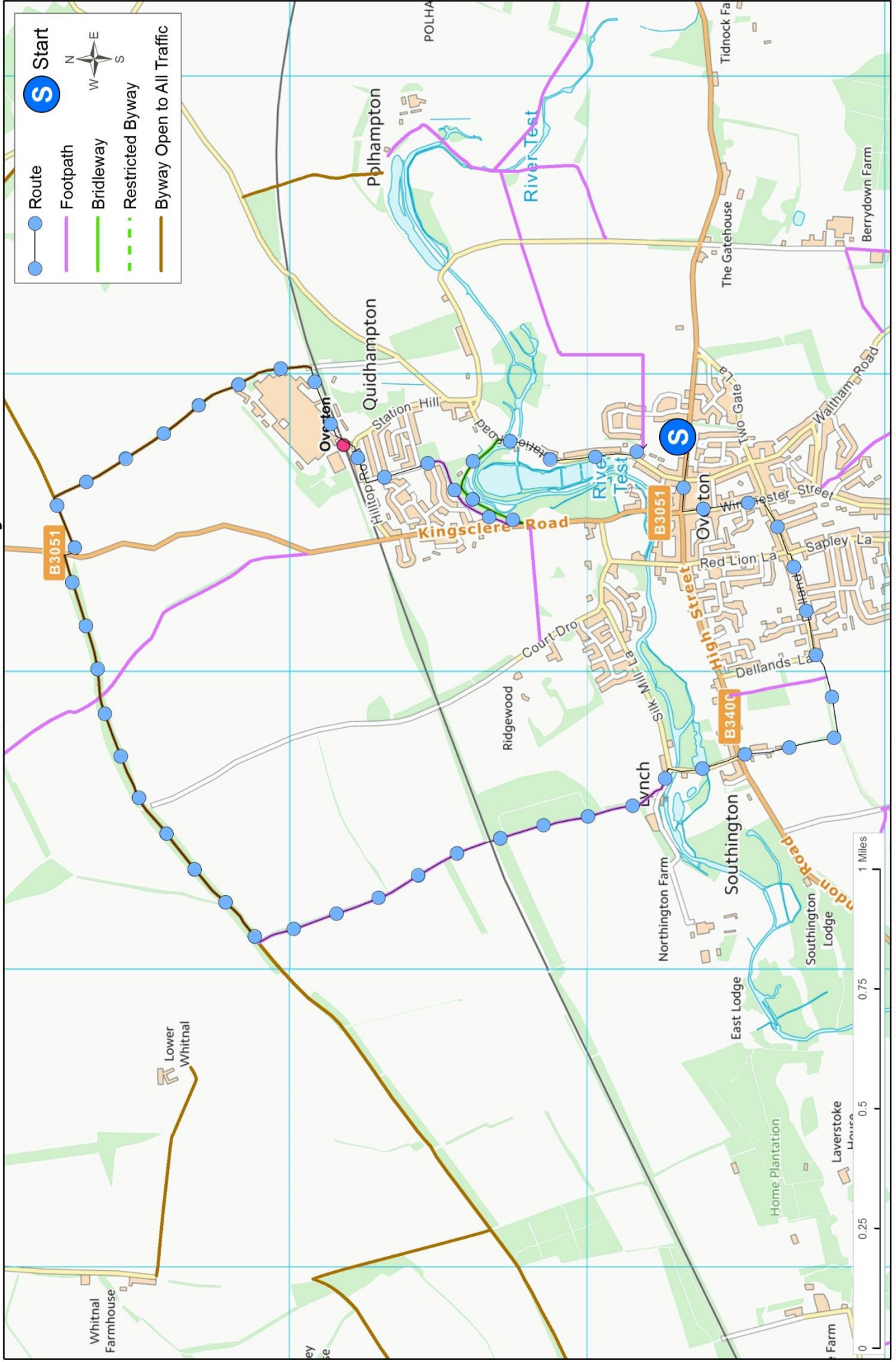
When the road bears sharp right, take the track immediately ahead. Ignore the first footpath on the right and bear right at the T-junction. Take the next right onto a footpath between two banked hedges. Cross the main road (B3400) onto Southington Lane.

After crossing the River Test, take the footpath opposite (just behind The Lynch road sign). On reaching a track, turn right, passing the sewerage works on the left. Carefully cross the railway line using stiles and steps.

Follow the footpath for approximately one mile, until you reach a byway (Harroway). Turn right and walk another one mile until you reach the road (B3051). Cross, and continue on the byway. Take the first right, passing De La Rue Mill. Just before the railway bridge, take the permissive path on the right between the railway embankment and a high green fence to the railway station. Cross over the footbridge. Exit the station and turn right along the road. Turn left down Copse Road. When the road bears left, take the footpath to the left of the blue grit salt bin. Bear right downhill between the houses and mesh fence.

On reaching the road, turn left and immediately left again onto the bridleway. At the road turn right. Just after the fire station, take the footpath left up Lambs Close. Turn right opposite the garage block when the car park is in sight.

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