

# The Story of The Hermit of Crab Wood

Distance: 0.51 miles

Start: Crab Wood car park



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**This walk is also available as a series of story trails, see our website for the story trail booklet.**

Crab Wood, near Winchester in Hampshire, is a Local Nature Reserve designated for its ancient woodland interest and is a great place for relaxation, walking and viewing woodland wildlife. It is located 4km west of Winchester along Sarum Road, the old Roman road to Salisbury, adjacent to West Wood and Farley Mount. As a Site of Special Scientific Interest, Crab Wood is 80 hectares (200 acres) of broadleaved woodland with hazel coppice and is rich with woodland flowers in the spring.

## **Directions**

Go into the car park and turn right. Enter the field at the left of the green gate.

Go up towards the barbecue area.

Go into the woods just to the right of the barbecue area. After about 10 metres keep left.

Carry on down the path. Turn left at the marker.

Go back to the path and carry on up the hill.

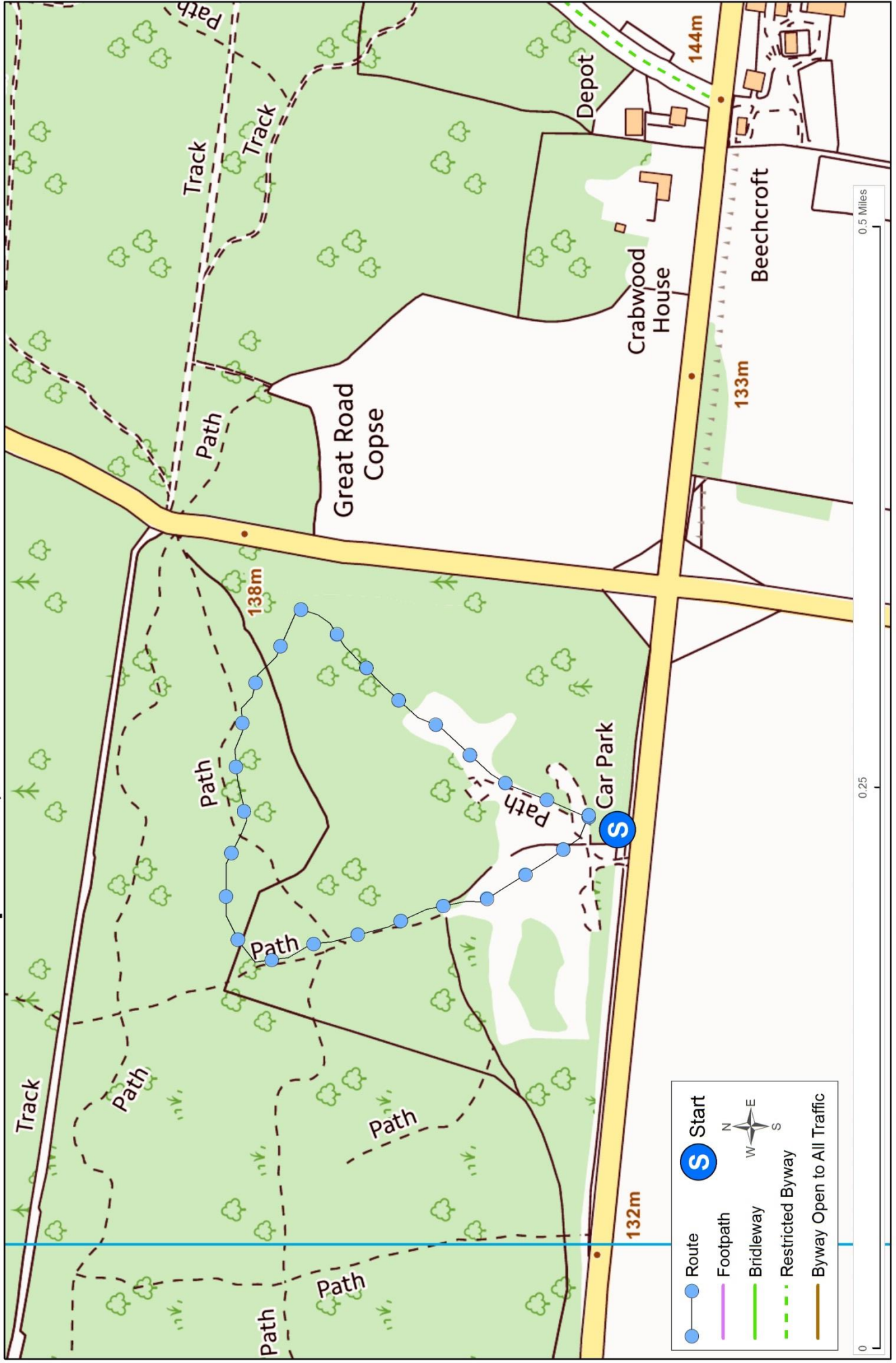
Go past the yew tree and past the wooden squirrel.

Turn left into the large open space with the five beech trees.

Go across the clearing and go out onto the path, turn left.

Carry on down the hill until you get out into the open space.

# Sparsholt, The Hermit of Crab Wood



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