

The Test Way, Romsey to Eling



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Distance:	9 miles
Start:	Romsey

A 44 mile long-distance walking route takes you from its dramatic start, high on the chalk downs at Inkpen, to follow much of the course of the River Test to Eling where its tidal waters flow into Southampton Water. This is without doubt Hampshire's longest and finest chalk stream, world famous for its superb trout fishing

The way has been divided into 8 sections, each providing a really good day-out. Choose between water meadows or tidal marshes, riverbank picnics or cosy pubs, steep hills with exhilarating views or cool peaceful woodland.

The route passes through some of the most picturesque villages in Hampshire, strewn with listed buildings, historic churches and houses. It is well sign posted and waymarked. Horse-riders and cyclists can also use some parts.

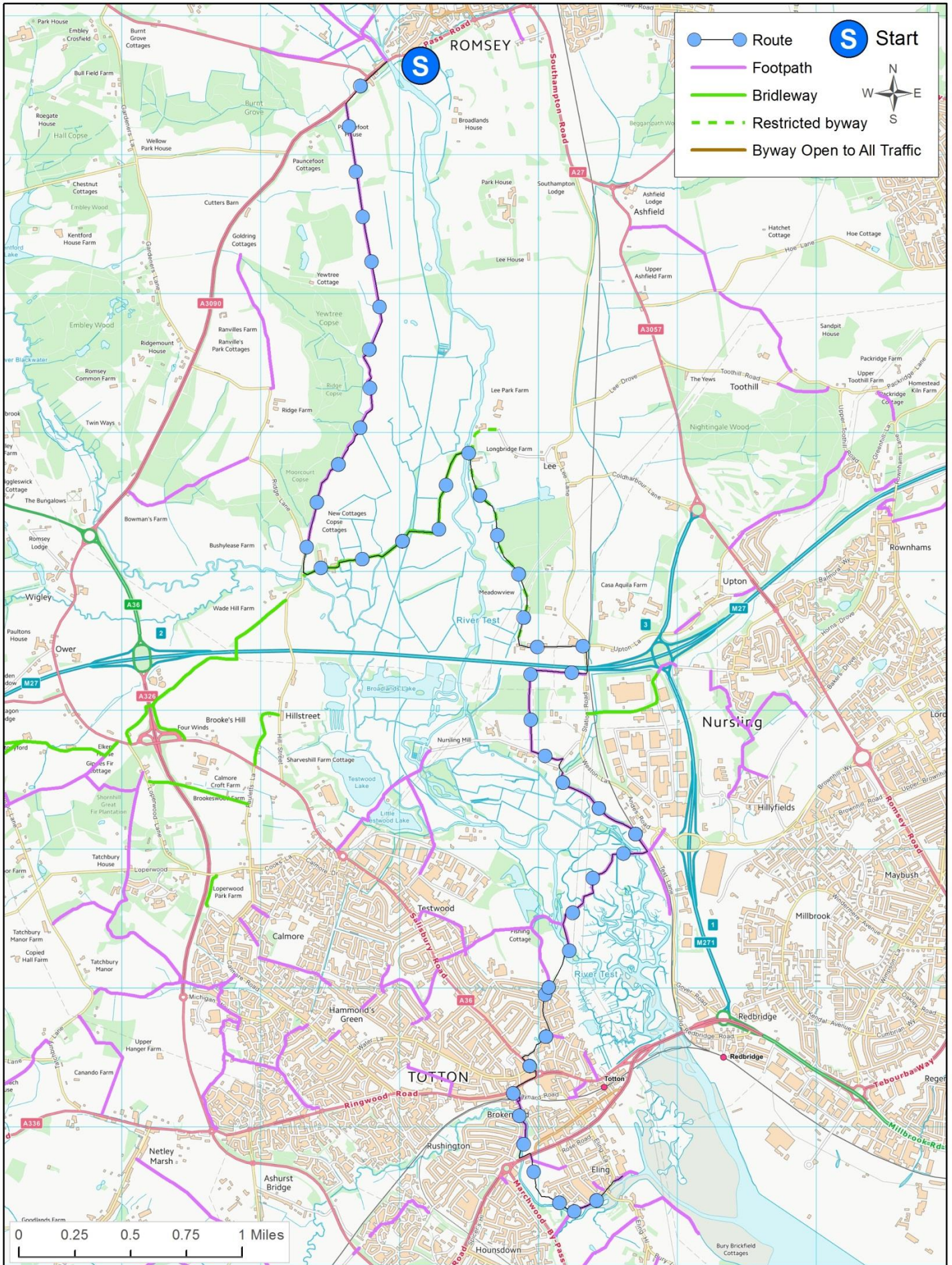
Directions

Walking south from Romsey, you can glimpse the grand Palladian mansion of Broadlands through the trees, once home of the late Lord Louis Mountbatten.

The path now hugs the western edge of the valley with its waves of wooded terraces beside you, before crossing the river and taking you through a wonderful nature reserve of reedbeds and saltmarshes that is alive with rare birds and plants. Take care though: this area can be waterlogged at any time of the year.

Cross the river for the last time before finishing the Way at Eling Wharf.

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