

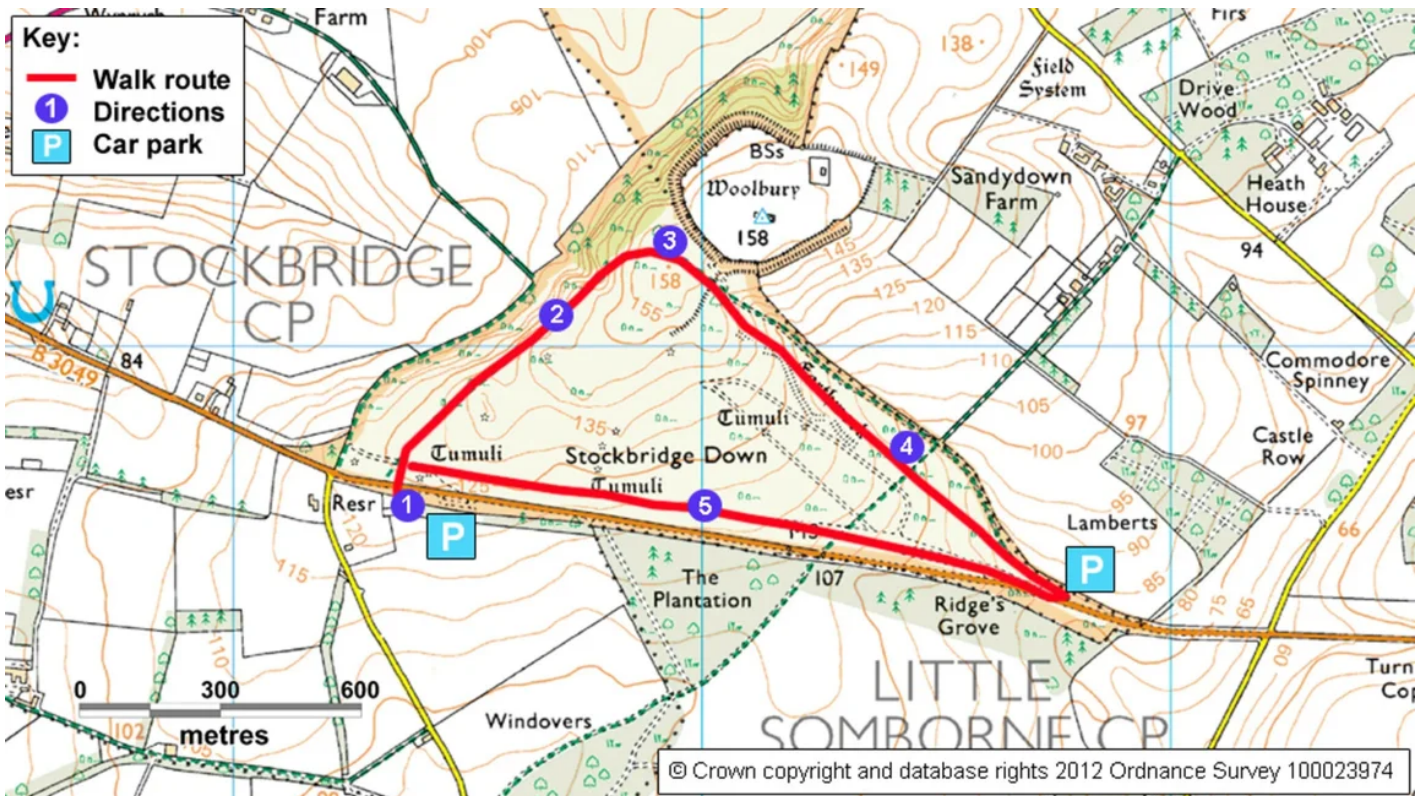
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Stockbridge Down wildlife and history walk

Explore this isolated island of characteristic chalk downland in Hampshire and discover a wealth of history, including burial mounds, ancient field systems and an Iron Age hillfort. You will also find a wide array of fascinating flora and fauna, as well as far-reaching views over the Test Valley towards Salisbury Plain in Wiltshire.

Parking

This walk can experience high visitor numbers, and parking is limited. Please park responsibly, and if the area is too busy on your arrival please come back another time.



Information

Address: Stockbridge Down, near Stockbridge, Hampshire, SO20 6HN

OS map: Landranger 185; Explorer 131

Activity: Walking

Easy: Paths are mainly grass with some steep inclines. For further details, please see terrain section.

Dog friendly: Dog bins are provided on site. Please keep your dog on a lead or under close control to help protect freely-roaming livestock.

Full trail: 1.5 miles (2.4 km)

Access: Easy

Duration: 30 mins - 1 hour

Terrain

Circular walk starting 407 feet (124m) above sea level, rising to 518 feet (158m). Route is mainly over grass with some steep ground. Can be muddy in wet weather.

Total steps: 5

Start point: Stockbridge Down car park, grid ref: SU375346

1. Leave the car park, cross the road and enter the site through a gate. Walk to the top of the hill straight ahead.
2. Proceed over the hill and walk to the next adjacent hill. You will come to a bench to your left with sweeping views to the north.
3. Proceed right from the bench along the fence line. Continue straight along the path until the area opens out to expose the hillfort and ramparts, with a fence at the top of the hill.
4. From the hillfort proceed straight downhill through several blocks of scrub (you should be able to see the other car park on your left).
5. Follow the path round to the right and back up the hill, through the scrubby areas back out to the open down (this path runs parallel with the road). After a while you should see the car park on your left.

End point: Stockbridge Down car park, grid ref: SU375346