

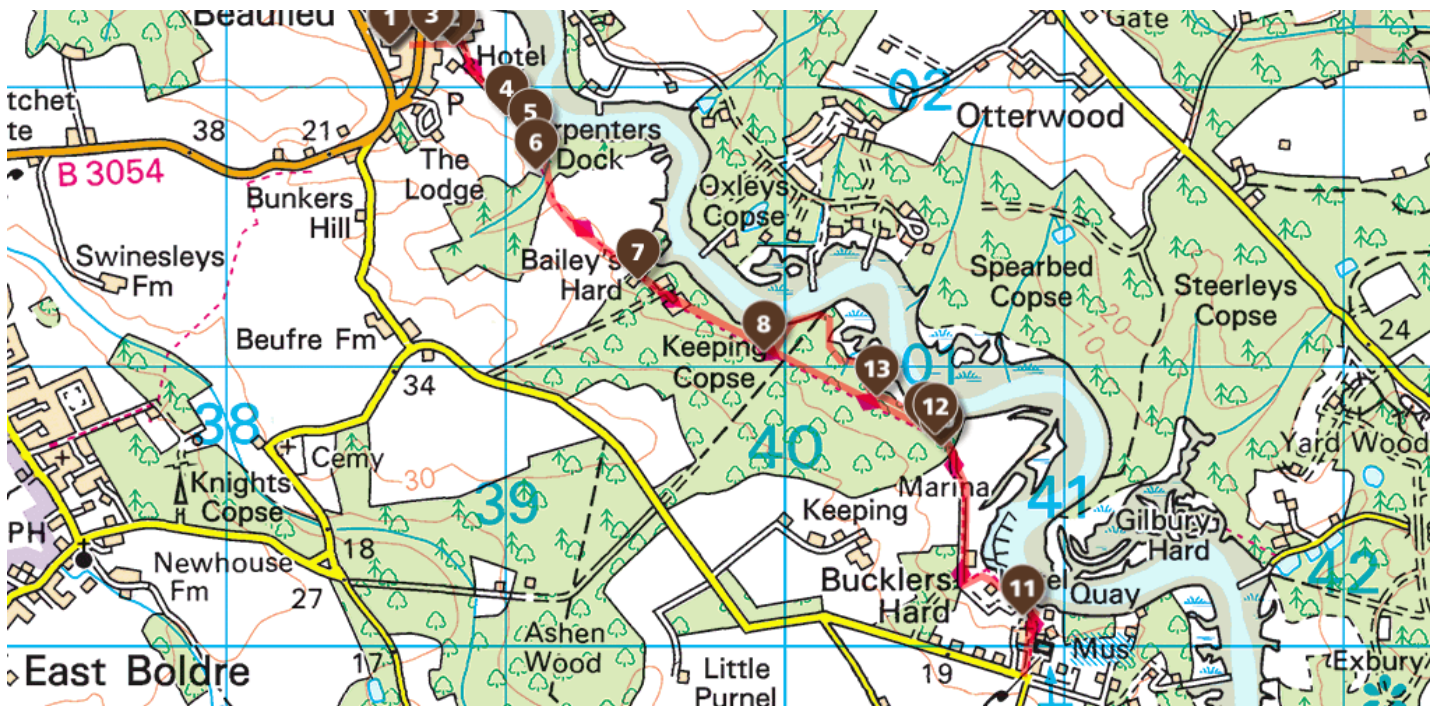
Beaulieu to Buckler's Hard

A pleasant walk that takes you from Beaulieu village to the historic shipbuilding hamlet of Buckler's Hard along the banks of the Beaulieu River.

In 1204 Cistercian monks founded an abbey here near the site of a royal hunting lodge and called it Beau-lieu, meaning beautiful place.

This easy walk for all follows the route of the wildlife rich Beaulieu River and finishes at Bucklers Hard, where Lord Nelson's favourite ship Agamemnon was built in 1781.

Be Forest Friendly: Your food and litter could harm the ponies and donkeys. Please take your litter home if bins are full.



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1. Gate across the path

Before the paths reconnect, there is a low wooden gate across the path. Go around this and on continue onwards.

2. Parking and start point

This route is signposted clearly throughout. From the car park follow a gravel track that leads past the Chocolate Studio and onto the high street. Turn right on the high street and then left to follow a narrow path, there is a sign showing this is the footpath to Buckler's Hard. Follow this path through a gate, past the school field on your right and through another gate.

3. Fork in the path

At the fork in the path, you can either continue on (towards the right), or opt to walk along a path closer to the river by turning left.

Caution: if you take the river walk, there is a footbridge to cross. Take care when crossing as the wooden boards can be slippery when wet and muddy.

Quick Info

Start / Finish

Start: Beaulieu village car park.
Postcode SO42 7YG

Distance

4-5 miles

Duration

1-2 hours

Surface

The main paths are flat gravel and grass. The river walk includes boardwalks.

Getting there...

4. Paths reconnect

At the intersection the paths reconnect. Continue on towards Buckler's Hard.

Parking is available in Beaulieu village car park. Use the New Forest Tour Green Route in summer.

5. Historic brickworks chimney

As you continue along the path into Bailey's Hard, on your left you will see the historic brickworks chimney. Continue along the path, there is a slight right and then a left to remain on the path.

6. Second gate

As you turn right you will see a wide gate; this has a weight that will assist you in closing it. Continue along the path after passing through.

7. Diamond signs

Keep an eye out for the diamond signs that continue to point you towards Buckler's Hard.

As you continue along the path there are various information boards.

8. Cattle grid and gate

Continue through this gate but take care as the ground can be muddy as you pass through.

9. Gate

There is a small gate here that is about 100cm wide.

Take care when passing through.

10. Gradient

If you're heading towards Buckler's Hard, there is a downhill slope.

If you're heading back to Beaulieu, there is an uphill gradient.

Caution: take care when going downhill or uphill. Especially with pushchairs or wheelchairs.

11. Buckler's Hard

The path forks, turn right to walk up Buckler's Hard and back.

There are some great little places to look in whilst you enjoy the view and walk up and down the slope.

Return back down the slope and join the path you came in on to return to Beaulieu.

12. Path forks

Turn right to walk along the path closest to the river, or remain left to return along the wooded walk.

13. Footbridge

Cross the footbridge.

Caution: these footbridges can be slippery after heavy rainfall or when muddy. Please take care when crossing them.

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