

Test Valley TOUR . . .



ROUTE J CIRCULAR WALKING ROUTE

START & FINISH: **AMPORT GREEN**

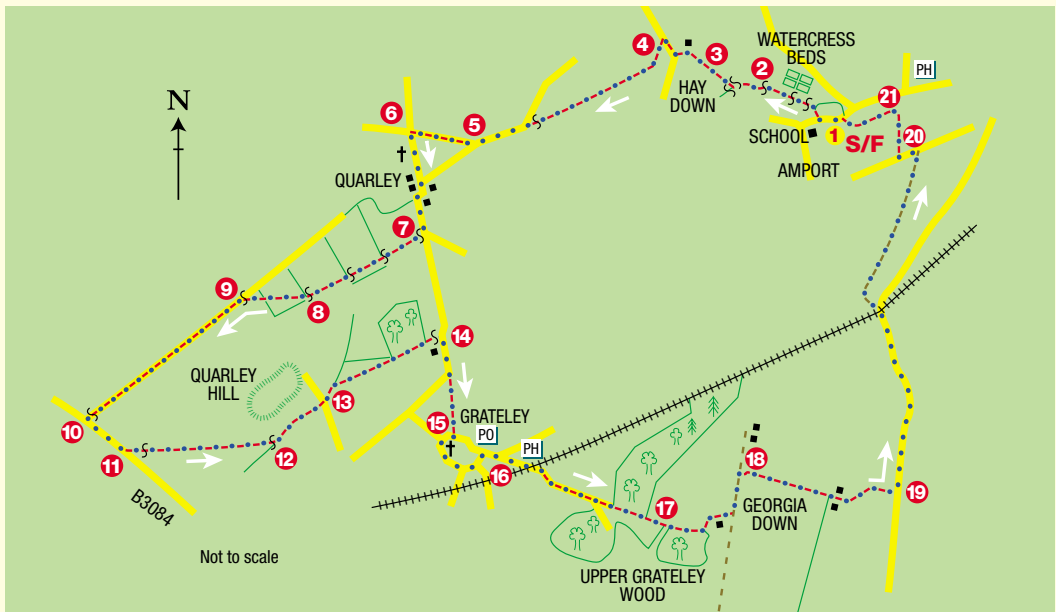
CLASS: **INTERMEDIATE**

DISTANCE: **APPROX. 10.5 MILES**

TIME TO COMPLETE: **APPROX. 5-6 HRS**

KEY

- Route
- - - Footpath
- - - Bridleway
- Road
- PH Public House
- † Church
- Wooded Area
- +++ Railway
- ∩ Stile
- S/F** Start/Finish



INTRODUCTION

This scenic walk from Amport offers many fine views of north west Test Valley. From various points along the way the Iron Age Fortress of Quarley Hill can be seen and the walk actually skirts the bottom of the hill, between the villages of Quarley and Grateley which are both very picturesque. Views can also be seen of Danebury Hill, the largest Iron Age Hill Fort in the area, Middle Wallop airfield and, on a clear day, Salisbury Cathedral.

REFRESHMENTS

The Plough Inn, Grateley
The Amport Inn, Amport. (Detour)

Ordnance Survey Pathfinder 1222
SU(24/34) Andover

THE NUMBERS ARE SHOWN IN THE SKETCH MAP OVERLEAF.

START: The Village Green, Amport

- 1** From the telephone kiosk with Amport School behind you walk up the track and continue along a footpath. Go over 2 stiles with the watercress beds on the right of the path.
- 2** Go over a stile and turn left, keeping to the edge of the field. On reaching two stiles, cross over the right hand one.
- 3** Just before the water tank on the left go diagonally right across field (Hay Down) towards left hand side of large house. Go over a stile, straight on across a small field and over another stile. Turn left down the drive of the house.
- 4** On leaving the drive, turn right along the track for about 20 metres and turn left into field at FP sign. Follow path along side of hedge until reaching a road. Go over stile and left onto the road.
- 5** Carry on along the road for a short distance and at the left hand bend, carry straight on up a track marked by a FP sign.
- 6** Turn left at the road towards Quarley. At War Memorial, bear left up the hill and at the top turn right opposite Corner Cottage, over a stile into the first field.
- 7** Keep to the right hand hedge across the field and over a stile. Although the waymark shows straight across the next field, it is advisable to walk round the left hand side of the field to the next stile. Skirt the edge of the next field keeping hedge on left.
- 8** Go over stile, then turn diagonally right and cross field following waymarker and path.
- 9** Cross stile and turn left on the track, follow it until it meets the B3084 Grateley to Cholderton Road.
- 10** Turn left over the stile and walk carefully along roadside.
- 11** At the first hedgerow on the left, turn left and over a stile. Keep to the left hand hedgerow and across the field. Go over 2 stiles where path crosses a track and head towards 2 metal poles at a 45° angle, to the corner of the field.
- 12** Go over a stile and keep to left of fence past water troughs. Over a stile and straight on through a gate.
- 13** Waymark shows footpath across the field but it is advisable to keep to the left hand fence line until reaching farm buildings. Over stile and through farmyard to road.
- 14** Turn right towards Grateley. At first bend in road, continue forward over stile marked FP and across the field towards the yellow disc.
- 15** Turn right at the road and left at next junction. Grateley Church on left. Follow road to left past school and at village store, follow road to right. Plough Public House immediately in front.
- 16** At the Plough, follow a narrow tarmac road to the right of the pub which leads onto a track and under the Salisbury/Andover railway line, follow track through copse ignoring right hand fork.
- 17** When the track emerges into a field, turn right and keep close to the side of Upper Grateley Wood. At the large country house, turn left in front of the house and bear to the right (waymarked by blue bridleway signs) past the house until you meet a track, Georgia Lane, then turn left.
- 18** Take first turning to right along a straight chalky track over Georgia Down and through Old Prospect Farm.
- 19** At the road turn left. After a mile turn left just after the railway bridge onto a track.
- 20** Follow the track to a road (Grateley to Monxton Road), turn left for about 20 metres and then right, down a footpath.
- 21** At the bottom of the hill when the Amport Inn is in view slightly to the right, turn left along a footpath which leads to the Village Green starting point.