

Local walks

Byway to West Wood & Farley Mount Country Park (opposite Folly Farm): 2 ½ mile walk from Folly Farm. Dogs must be kept on a lead and out of crop fields whilst on the gravel track. Carefully cross over the main road in front of Folly Farm (children must be accompanied by an adult). Continue through the gate past the large grey storage barns on your right, and keep to the gravel track until you reach another gate (ignore footpath sign pointing right). Continue through the gate to the bottom of the gravel track and cross the road to follow the footpath straight ahead for 1 mile, turning left onto the farm track at the end, and continuing for another mile. After passing a couple of barns on your left, turn right at the byway signpost and follow the footpath for just over half a mile through farmland until you reach West Woods. Once you reach the woods bear left then immediately right and follow the main gravel track for half a mile until you reach a sign with a map of the woods. There is a small play area close to the sign. From here there are further walks around the woods and to Farley Mount. You can also drive to West Wood & Farley Mount. Details at bottom of page.

National Trust Stockbridge Down: SO20 6HN. Breath taking views and the remains of an Iron Age hill fort. Drive out of Folly Farm, left at bottom of lane, right onto main road, continue 3 miles towards Stockbridge. Small free car park on left.

National Trust Stockbridge Common Marsh: SO20 6JA. Situated just behind the High Street of Stockbridge. A Site of Special Scientific Interest with its beautiful river and diverse wildlife. Drive out of Folly Farm, left at bottom of lane, right onto main road, continue 4 miles to Stockbridge.

Ham Green Nature Reserve Sparsholt: SO21 2PA. Drive out of Folly Farm, left at bottom of lane, left onto main road, continue 3 miles towards Winchester then turn right for Sparsholt. Continue through Sparsholt for 1 ½ miles to small free car park on left, opposite sign for Shedding Oak Cattery. Follow the footpath bearing right to Crab Wood to view its stunning display of bluebells in April/May.

Farley Mount Country Park: A large area of beautiful downland and woodland, including **West Wood**. Ideal for walking, cycling and picnicking, with fine views over central Hampshire. Drive out of Folly Farm, left at bottom of lane, left onto main road, continue 3 miles towards Winchester then turn right for Sparsholt. Continue through Sparsholt, out the other side and through woodland. Turn right at crossroads with white bicycle under tree. Continue to Junction Car Park. Free.