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# The White Hart Overton

Our beautiful 16th Century listed former coaching Inn has been lovingly restored, retaining it's glorious character and charm, enriched with a few quirky contemporary touches.



# Quidhampton & Polhampton

**A stroll in the upper Test valley,  
with historic buildings en route.**

Allow 1–2 hours. Some road walking; field paths  
may be muddy after ploughing.



A view of Overton backwards



Footbridge



The old Norman chapel



1 From the front door or the car park entrance, turn left along London Road, away from the traffic lights. 2 Cross the end of Station Road and continue ahead, climbing slightly. 3 Turn left (Turnpike Cottages) and beyond the car park, follow the path past Overton Community Orchard (left) and the children's play area. 4 Bear right at the top of the open space and cross straight over the road via two wooden barriers. 5 Continue ahead to the far end of the field, where there are two benches (one conventional, one less so). 6 Bear left past a bin and continue to the right of another open area with a wooden fence to your right. 7 When the surfaced path swings left by a bench, carry on straight ahead along the fence to the bottom corner. 8 Turn right through a hand-gate and follow the path along the bottom of the field. 9 When the field edge bends left, carry straight on across the open field ahead. 10 Go through a hand-gate at the far side and cross a narrow lane (Straight Lane) through another gate opposite. 11 Continue ahead across another arable field, aiming for the left-hand side of a copse. 12 Follow the edge of the wood down to a footbridge over the River Test. 13 Do not cross the first footbridge, but instead keep left along the field edge with the river on your right. 14

Cross the river at the next footbridge downstream and turn left along a track. 15 Cross another footbridge to the left of a ford over a side-stream and continue up the track to meet the road at Polhampton Farm. 16 Turn left and follow the drive uphill and past another house. 17 At a junction with a track by a further house, carry straight on ahead, with ponds to your left. 18 At the junction with Straight Lane (on your left), again carry on straight ahead, passing a row of brick cottages on your right, followed by barns on the right and a farmhouse on the left. 19 After another house, you meet Station Road at a triangular junction; bear left past Quidhampton Farm, noting the disused Norman chapel projecting from the rear of a barn. 20 Just before the River Test at Quidhampton Mill, turn right onto a footpath. 21 Cross a footbridge over a side-stream of the Test to emerge at the end of a driveway. 22 Bear left and follow the driveway until you reach the B3051 Kingsclere Road. 23 Turn left along the pavement to the church. 24 Turn right into Church Road. 25 By the Old Rectory, turn left into Bridge Street. 26 Cross the Test and continue to the High Street. 27 Turn left to return to the White Hart.

#### What to Bring for Your Walk?

We recommend wearing comfortable walking shoes or lightweight waterproof boots, especially if the ground is damp. Dress in weather-appropriate layers, opting for breathable clothing in warmer months and a light waterproof jacket if rain is expected.

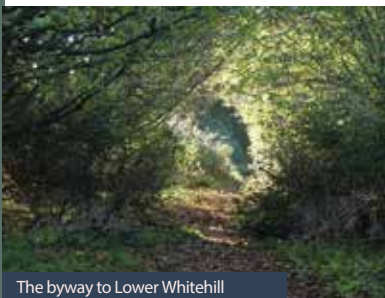
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# Abra Barrow & Southington

A downland walk to a Bronze Age bowl barrow, returning via the pretty hamlet of Southington.

Allow 2–3 hours.  
Some gradual ascents, mostly on tracks with some road walking.



The byway to Lower Whitehill



Abra Barrow



Path to Southington



1 From the front door, turn right to the lights and cross the B3400 left into Winchester Road. 2 Cross to the right-hand side and turn left past the telephone boxes. 3 Opposite the end of Batten's Avenue, turn right onto a tarmac alley between the Methodist Church and Redfort Indian restaurant. 4 Zig-zag right and left to emerge in Poyntz Road and continue ahead. 5 Beyond a road junction, ignore the path ahead and turn left between houses into the Edward Kersley Playing Field. 6 Follow the diagonal path along a line of birch trees out to Red Lion Lane. 7 Turn left and walk past the entrance to Lion Close on your right, to the junction with Greyhound Lane at the top of the hill. 8 Turn right along Dellands. 9 When the road bends right at the end of the houses, take the shady track on the left. 10 At a junction of tracks after 200 metres, turn left. 11 Follow this hedged track for about half a mile to a barn on your right. 12 Continue along the track ahead which becomes less enclosed as it climbs. 13 When the track swings left, follow a path along the hedge ahead to a copse at the top of the hill. 14 Follow the descending path ahead past a gate to meet a farm track near Lower Whitehill House. 15 Turn right along the surfaced track and, just after a turning on the left, continue past a metal gate with a sign reading "Public right of way: Dogs must be kept on a lead". 16 Continue uphill past a wood and between fields;

there are a couple of inconspicuous bowl barrows in the large field on your right. 17 Follow the metalled track round a right-hand bend and shortly ignore a path off to the left. 18 In the far corner of the field, just to the right of the track beyond a right-hand curve, is Abra Barrow, a Bronze Age bowl barrow that is rather better preserved than the others in the vicinity. 19 Continue along the metalled track beyond the barrow as it descends towards the end of a wood. 20 Follow the track along the right-hand edge of the wood, with views over the downland valley on your right. 21 When the track swings right, leave it to follow a path straight ahead beyond a gate, heading towards some farm buildings. 22 The path runs to the left of the buildings, then turns right to pass through the farmyard back to the metalled road. 23 Turn left and resume your descent down the farm track, passing the farmhouse on the left and a bungalow on the right. 24 About 150 metres beyond a bench on the right, turn right onto a tree-lined track. 25 After 250 metres or so, turn left off onto a sunken path that leads downhill to Southington. 26 Walk down the lane to the B3400 and cross carefully by the phone box into the lane opposite. 27 Walk down the lane, crossing two arms of the River Test, to reach a road junction above Southington Mill. 28 Turn right and follow Silk Mill Lane for a little under half a mile to its junction

with Court Drove. 29 Turn right and follow the pavement down to the junction with Bridge Street, passing the junction with Glebe Meadow. 30 Continue past the church to the B3051 Kingsclere Road. 31 Turn right and follow the road over the Test back to the centre of Overton.

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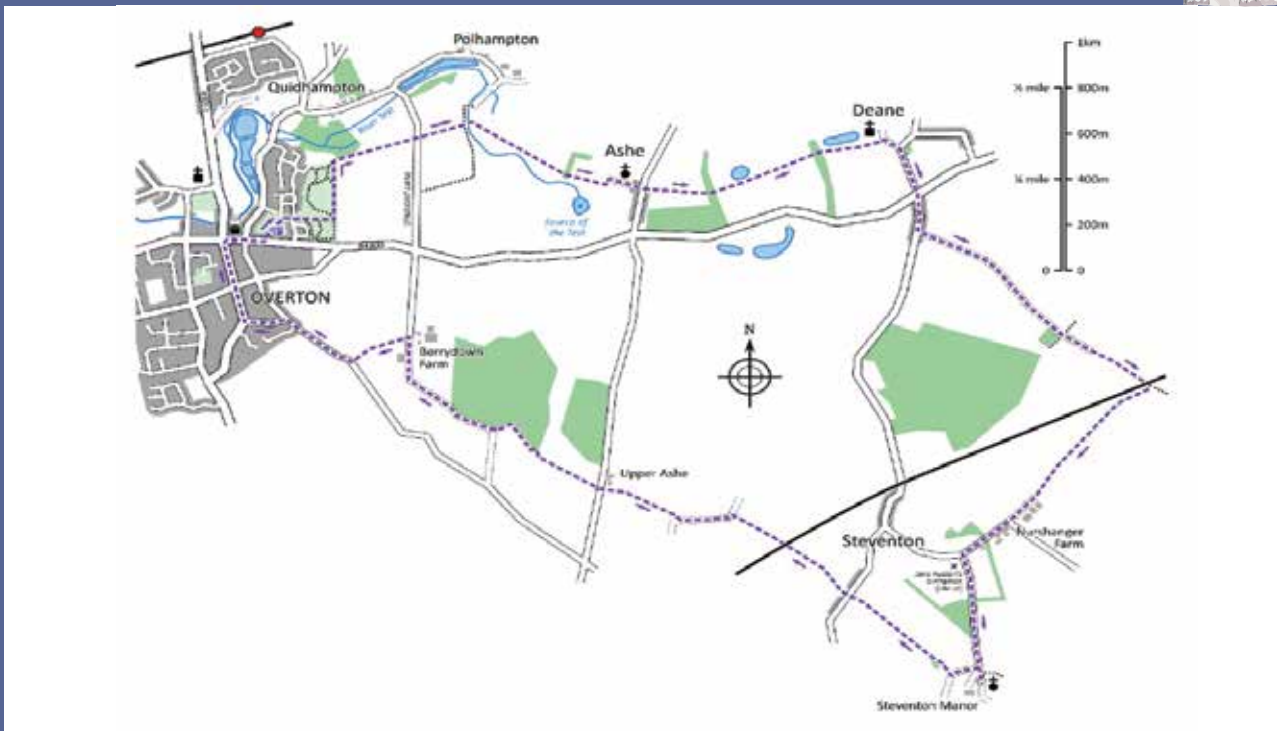
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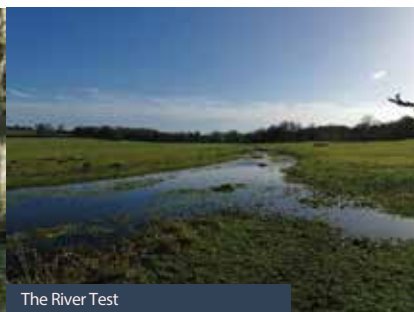
# Jane Austen Walk

A long walk visiting several villages and buildings associated with Jane Austen.

Allow 4 hours. Field paths may be muddy.  
Follow steps 1–12 of the Quidhampton and Polhampton walk as far as the River Test.



Footbridge



The River Test



Holy Trinity Church



13 Cross the footbridge over the River Test and go through a gate into a field. 14 Follow a path across the field, with the infant river to your right. Walk roughly parallel to a hedge that joins from the left to a gate into a belt of woodland at the far side of the field. 15 Beyond the trees, follow the fenced path ahead along a line of trees to a gate. The source of the Test is in the field on the right. 16 Beyond the gate, bear left to a driveway and turn right to Ashe church. The church was built in 1878 by George Gilbert Scott Jr., and has connections to Jane Austen through the Lefroy family. 17 Beyond the church, cross the road and follow the footpath opposite, up steps. 18 Follow the hedge then fence and pass through a belt of trees with gates on either side. 19 Beyond, follow a fence past a large pond, and then pass through another belt of trees. 20 The lake and church of Deane come into view; follow a fence through parkland and past the church, then turn left through a metal kissing gate into the drive of Deane House. Deane also has Austen associations via the Lefroy family: the young Jane writes of a brief dalliance with Tom Lefroy, a young Irishman who later became an eminent lawyer and politician. 21 After viewing the church, walk down the drive in front of Deane House to the public road. 22 Turn right and follow the lane as far as the B3400. 23 Cross with care and follow the road

opposite, passing the Palm Brasserie on the right and a thatched cottage on the left. 24 Beyond the Steventon ("Birthplace of Jane Austen") signs, and a barn on the left, you reach a brick bungalow with a double garage. Turn left into the driveway and beyond the house join a continuing track. 25 This attractive tree-shaded track climbs steadily to a small wood at the top of the hill. 26 Ignoring a crossing footpath, continue ahead between a hedge and fence until you reach a bridge under the railway. 27 Immediately beyond the arch, turn right and follow a path along the field edge at the foot of the railway embankment. 28 In the next field, the path leaves the railway to cross diagonally towards some farm buildings. Beyond a gap in the intervening hedge, continue towards the barns, then follow a hedge to a gap on the left where you meet a road. 29 Turn right past more farm buildings and continue to a road junction. 30 Turn left (signposted "Steventon Church"). The site of the now-demolished Old Rectory where Jane Austen was born is marked by a lime tree in the field on your right. 31 Follow the lane for half a mile until you reach the church of St Nicholas, where Jane's father was Rector and Jane worshipped. There are memorials to members of the Austen family inside. 32 Having visited the church, retrace your steps (ignoring a footpath signposted to the right) and turn

left just beyond the entrance to Steventon Manor through a gate onto a signposted footpath. 33 When this path bends left, take a path through a gate on the right, and walk down the left-hand side of the field. There are views to the right to the white-painted New Rectory, now known as Steventon House, built by Jane Austen's brother Edward after the old house was demolished. 34 At the bottom of the field, cross a lane and follow the track opposite, between houses. The track continues alongside a field across a shallow dry valley and then passes under a railway arch. 35 Ignoring the gate directly ahead, bear left and follow a hedged path around the end of the field until you meet a farm track. 36 Turn left and follow the track round a right-hand bend. 37 Just before the track bends left, turn right to a kissing gate and then left to another (the farm track between them may be muddy). 38 After the second gate, walk across the field towards a house in the far corner. 39 After another kissing gate, a path leads alongside the garden to a lane. 40 Cross straight over through a kissing gate and hand-gate and follow a path down to the bottom right-hand corner of the field. 41 Pass through a strip of woodland via three kissing gates and follow the right-hand side of the field beyond, uphill, with woodland on your right. 42 The woodland edge bends left to meet a track. Turn right and

follow the metalled track for quarter of a mile, bending right towards Berrydown Farm. 43 Beyond a barn on the left, and opposite the entrance to the farmyard, turn left onto a fenced footpath that leads to a public road. 44 Turn right and follow the lane down into Overton, passing the end of a cul-de-sac called Hazelcombe on the left. 45 Turn left into Pound Road and follow it to the junction with Winchester Road. 46 Turn right and follow Winchester Road back to the centre of Overton and the White Hart. What to Bring for Your Walk?

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