

Local walks

Footpath opposite Folly Farm: Carefully cross over the main road in front of Folly Farm to the gravel track opposite (children must be accompanied by an adult). Continue through the gate, past the large grey storage barns on your right, keeping to the gravel track until you reach another gate at the bottom of the track (there is also a footpath to the right but this will bring you back to the main road). Please keep dogs out of crop fields. If you wish to continue to West Wood and Farley Mount Country Park (approx. 2 miles) continue through the second gate and cross over the road at the bottom of the track. The next footpath is maintained by the council who unfortunately let it get overgrown sometimes. Follow the footpath straight ahead for 1 mile. Turn left onto the farm track at the end (Moore Court Lane on Google maps) and continue past a barn on your right then two more barns on your left until you see the byway on your right (shown on Google maps). If you reach houses, you have gone too far. Turn right onto the byway and walk through farmland until you reach West Wood. 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.

Alternatively, you can continue up Moore Court Lane to Ham Green Nature Reserve by not taking the byway to West Wood. You will pass a collection of barns and a house on your right then another house on your left and should continue to the junction at the top of the lane. Here you need to turn right and look out for a little parking area on your left opposite the sign for Shedding Oak Cattery where you will find Ham Green Nature Reserve. Follow the footpath bearing right uphill through the field to Crab Wood to view its stunning display of bluebells in April/May.

You can also drive to Ham Green Nature Reserve, West Wood & Farley Mount. Details below.

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 uphill through the field 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.