

Pub Walk from the White Horse, Whitwell

Approximately 4 miles

Please not that due to the seasonal abundance of lush stinging nettles, at certain times of the year, you would be ill advised to attempt this walk in shorts.

Turn right from the pub and walk up the main street. Pass the road junction on the right and the church and look for a path on the left. There is a signpost "**Public Bridleway NT15 Stenbury Down 1½ miles Wroxall 3 miles**". There is an orientation board and further down a red pump. Go through the gate. At the bottom of the lane cross a bridge by a sheep dip and continue with the wire fence on your left. Ignore the double style on your left. Go through the gate in to an enclosed path which goes uphill to your right. This goes through a small area of woodland that would have been at one time the railway line. Go through a gate into an open field and keep the wire fence to your right. Pass the Orientation board number 3. Walk past the signpost and take the well worn path slightly to your left across the open field. Walk towards the left of the hedge at the top of the field.

Go through the gate into an enclosed path. To the left of this path there is a fishing lake. Go through the gate in to the Nettlecombe Farm carpark. Turn slightly to your right and enter an enclosed sunken path sign **Public Bridleway NT3 Ventnor or Stenbury**. When the path forks take the path on the left sign **Public Bridleway NT119 Wroxall, Ventnor and Week Fm**. When you come out of the enclosed wooded area continue up the enclosed path with the hedge on the right and the fence on the left. When you get to the end of that path, don't turn right but carry straight on over a style and head towards the trees growing in the abandoned chalk pit. Cross a style, cross a farm track and then almost immediately cross another style into an enclosed path that climbs quite sharply to your right. Climb some steps with a rail on the right. Over a style into an open field continue along the footpath keeping the hedge to your left. Cross the style turn left into an enclosed footpath.

You are now joining the **Public Bridleway GL51 Appuldurcombe Down**. Continue towards the radio mast. Go through a small gravel car park and past a gate. About 250 yards along this lane turn left through a gate sign **Public Bridleway GL50 Stenbury Manor, Whitwell Road** with a **blue arrow**. Continue down the hill. Go through a gate in the corner of the field into an enclosed path and walk towards the farm buildings. Continuing into the farm area, pass a cottage on your right into an enclosed yard. Go diagonally to your right and pass through a gate and turn left on to the farm track. Walk ahead on an enclosed track which becomes tree-lined. Approaching Stenbury Manor the track has barns to the right. The manor house is to the left with a weeping willow in front. Follow the track curving sharp right.

At the end of a little copse on the left, turn left over a small bridge into the field. There is a signpost which just says **Public Footpath**. Join the enclosed footpath and follow the left edge of the field uphill. This turns sharp left behind the copse and then right at the old barn.

Continue along the field edge. At the end of the copse turn left over a style and follow the path round to the right (not straight on). Continue keeping the hedge to your right. The field narrows with a double style into the next overgrown field. Continue keeping the hedge on your right. Cross a style at the end of this narrow field and pass under the railway bridge. Go over a style at the side of the brook and follow the edge of the stream. Go over another style in to the farmyard, go straight across and exit through a gate on to the road.

Turn left for a few yards and then right along Southford Lane. Walk along the lane past the mill, ignoring a path to the right. Turn left at the signpost **Public Bridleway NT112 Slay Lane ½ mile Whitwell ¾ mile**. This is a long path that eventually becomes a gravel drive between some houses and stables. When you get to Stockbridge Manor turn left (Slay Lane) which leads to Bannock Road. Go left to reach Whitwell High Street. Turn right and walk back to the White Horse.

