

# A Summer Ramble

25 – 27 August (Bank Holiday)



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*For this ramble, we have chosen three beautiful areas in Hampshire and Dorset: a secluded part of the New Forest; the wonderful Dorset coast with fine views and sandy beaches, then part of the Itchen Way and Winchester. The mornings are gentle walking in good company, but after lunch the walking is slightly more demanding, however you do have the option to join the coach and re-join the walkers later. After rain expect some overgrown and muddy paths in places so bring suitable footwear.*

**SATURDAY 25 AUGUST** Departing from Oxted we make our way to Southampton for lunch before continuing on to the New Forest where we shall have an easy but interesting walk of about 4 miles. We later drive on to our Winchester hotel.

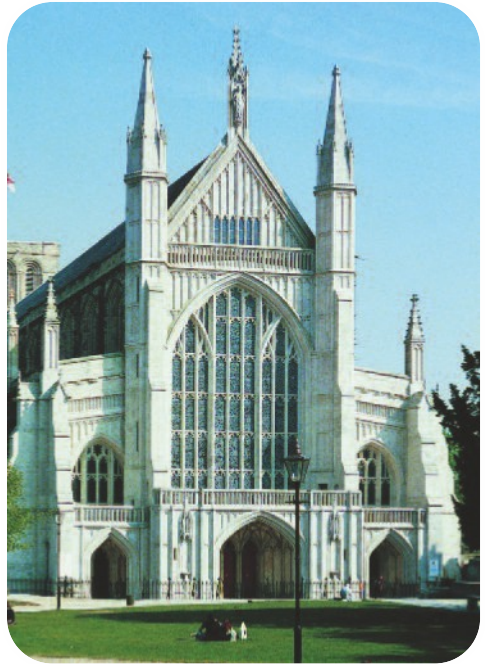
**SUNDAY 26 AUGUST** Today we have a lovely coastal walk starting near Poole Harbour along the sea wall and promenade, we soon reach the expensive property area of Sandbanks. We take the Studland chain ferry crossing the entrance to Poole Harbour and head towards Studland Village as the glorious sandy beach gives way to the magnificent cliffs at Old Harry

and a chalk ridge that runs from Studland to Lulworth, forming the backbone of the Isle of Purbeck. We make our lunch stop here, with fine views over the Bay. Distance 4 miles. After lunch you may wish to tackle the more challenging 5 mile Purbeck Way to Corfe Castle. Alternatively join the coach to Swanage and perhaps take the steam train to Corfe Castle.

**MONDAY 27 AUGUST** Today we walk part of the 30 mile long Itchen Way, which follows the River Itchen from its source to its confluence with Southampton Water. It follows much of the Itchen Navigation and goes through the centre of historic



Winchester, passing close to the Cathedral. We start with a beautiful 3½ mile walk from near Shawford, heading northwards to Winchester where we shall break for lunch. Fully refreshed, we continue for 4 miles alongside the river following lanes, clear tracks and some field paths through chalk downlands to Itchen Abbas, a charming village set within the picturesque Itchen Valley. Surrounded by beautiful countryside, the village is positioned on the banks of the trout filled River Itchen. Those who don't wish to walk this afternoon may stay in Winchester and travel by coach to meet the walkers in Itchen Abbas. From here we make our way homewards, arriving back in Oxted early evening.



## What's included

### THE WINCHESTER HOTEL

#### Winchester

A boutique style hotel located within walking distance of Winchester city centre.

All bedrooms are en suite with TV, telephone, & hospitality tray.

2 nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast.

Guided walks

Chain ferry fare

**£248.00 PER PERSON**

*Single Room Supp: £40.00*

