

Refreshments

New Alresford is a largely Georgian town, with a broad street and many local shops, including craft and antique shops. There is a variety of tea rooms, restaurants and public houses.

Places of interest

Mid-Hants Watercress Line, New Alresford 01962 733810
Preserved steam railway.

The Grange, Northington. 1/2 mile west of Abbotstone Down car park.
Restored remains of an important Georgian neo-classical country house.

Abbotstone Down. Downland and woodland picnic site with historic earthworks.

Railways

Railway Enquiries 08457 484950
www.nationalrail.co.uk

Mid-Hants Watercress Line. 01962 733810
(runs from Alton to New Alresford and will take up to three bikes) www.watercressline.co.uk

Planning your own route

Once you have tried this trail you may like to plan your own route. Hampshire has more than 3,000 miles of rights of way throughout the countryside.

Cyclists may ONLY use the following rights of way:



Bridleways

Waymarked with a blue arrow.
Indicated on an OS map like this



B.O.A.T.s (Byway Open to All Traffic)

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R.U.P.P.s (Roads Used as Public Path)

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FOOTPATHS ARE FOR WALKERS ONLY.

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Maps

If you wish to plan your own route in this area, you may find the following Ordnance Survey maps useful:

Landranger 185
Explorer 132, 144

If you experience any problems following this trail, please contact:

Arts, Sport and Community Service,
Hampshire County Council, Mottisfont Court, High Street, Winchester,
Hampshire SO23 8ZF, or telephone 01962 845178.

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OX DROVE

OFF ROAD CYCLE TRAIL



Distance: 25 miles, 21 of which are off road
Short cut trail 1, total 22 miles
Short cut trail 2, total 15 miles

Start: Abbotstone Down car park on the B3046,
2 1/2 miles north of New Alresford.
(Grid ref: 584 361)

Grade: Strenuous

Description: This cross country trail uses part of the Ox Drove Way, once a drove route for cattle. The trail passes through the heart of rural Hampshire across beautiful rolling hills, through woodlands and past small farms.

Links with: Abbotstone and Winchester trails



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OX DROVE Off Road Cycle Trail

- 1** Start at car park 1 at Abbotstone Down on the B3046.
- 2** **Cross the B3046** to track signposted *Oxdrove Way* **Bear Left** along track continuing north, passing through linear woods on right.
- 3** Join tarmac road and **Continue Straight Ahead** following road through s-bend.
- 4** At second s-bend follow the road to the right passing farm on left. As road bears left take *Ox Drove* track to the right as signposted.
- 5** **Cross over two roads**, continue straight on, passing a house on right at the Avenue.
- 6** **Go Straight Across** at jn along track, passing Preston Down on right, to road.
SHORT CUT 1 (Total route from point 1–6a–6c–41–1, 22 miles)
- 6a** **Turn Right** along road.
- 6b** **Turn Right** at Down Farm Dairy, continue to Upper Wield Village.
- 6c** **Turn Left** at T-jn, passing telephone box on right. At staggered Xroads, **Turn Right** re-joining main trail; follow trail description from point 14.
- 7** **Turn Right** onto road. Continue to Xroads.
- 8** **Turn Right** and continue to Bradley Village, passing duck pond and phone box on right. Continue through village for short distance.
- 9** At Jewel Cottage **Turn Left** onto track. Continue along track passing woods on your left and right.
- 10** At track Xroads, **Go Straight Across** and continue downhill to Ashley Farm.
- 11** Passing the farm, ignore turns and go **straight on** as road turns sharp left, rejoining byway.
- 12** **Turn Right** at bridleway signpost opposite footpath and stile, then **take Left Fork**. **Continue along track** to road.
- 13** **Go Straight Across** onto road, passing farm on left, to staggered Xroads.
- 14** **Turn Left** at staggered jn. Continue along road to Alresford, passing Newmer Farm on left and radio mast on right.
- 15** **Take Left Turn** into Ferney Lane, signposted *Bighton* and *Medstead*.
- 16** As road bears left, **Fork Right** onto track and **Continue South West** along track for 2½ miles, with beautiful views, passing Upper Lanham Farm on right. Continue along track to road.
- 17** **Go Straight Across** road, continue along track to road.
- 18** Continue down road with Upton Park Farm on right.
- 19** **Turn Right** at Upton Park Farm, continuing down hill to B3046 road T-jn.
SHORT CUT 2 (Total route: all points from 1–19a–1, 15 miles)

- 19a** At jn with B3046 **Turn Right**. Continue along road, with steady climb, returning to Abbotstone Down car park 1.
- 20** At jn with B3046 **Turn Left** along road for short distance.
- 21** **Turn Right** onto service road. Passing Old Alresford Green on left and village hall on right, continue along service road to farm. **Turn Right** onto grassy track, passing farm, continue for ¼ mile.
- 22** **Turn Left** along track, passing pit on right. Continue along track to jn with road.
- 23** **Turn Right**, up hill to grassy triangle.
- 24** **Turn Left** onto stony track, to bottom of hill, passing watercress beds on right.

- 25** At bottom of hill, **Turn Right** along track signposted *Wayfarers Walk*. Continue along track to road.
- 26** **Straight Across** road, still on *Wayfarers Walk*, to Jn of five tracks.
- 27** **Take First Left**. Continue along track for approximately ¾ mile.
- 28** **Turn Right** through gate, continue across field passing another gate to reach the road.
- 29** **Turn Left** onto road, passing cottages on right. Continue along for ½ – ¾ mile.
- 30** Where road bears sharp left, **Turn Right** along track, passing farm. Continue to edge of Itchen Woods.
- 31** At edge of woods **Turn Left** along track.
- 32** At track Xroads, **Turn Right**, continue along track through Itchen Woods to road jn.
- 33** **Turn Right** along road, passing woods on left and right.
- 34** At end of woods, **Turn Right** along track.
- 35** **Turn Left** at track T-jn.
- 36** Continuing straight on past wind pump, **Take Left Fork**, continue to road.
- 37** **Go Straight Across** onto track.
- 38** At jn of five tracks, take **Second Left** downhill to road T-jn.
- 39** At road jn, **Straight Across** road to Abbotstone, crossing old river bridge.
- 40** Immediately after crossing bridge, **Turn Left** onto farm track for short distance.
- 41** **Turn Right** signposted *Ox Drove Way*. Continue along track to B3046 road and Abbotstone car park 1.

NOTE: 'Off Road'

routes indicated on this map represent either:
White Roads, Bridleways,
R.U.P.P.s or B.O.A.T.s

