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## Petersfield to Selborne or Alton

### Linking the Petersfield to Liss and Alton Circular walks via the Hangers Way

These directions enable you to link up the Petersfield to Liss walk, with Selborne, the lunch time stop on the Alton Circular walk. The route diverges from the Petersfield to Liss walk about two miles after lunch in Hawkley, staying on the Hangers Way when that walk diverges from it, and then follows it to Selborne. The only exception is a short section across **Noor Hill Nature Reserve** (a good place for orchids, downland flowers and butterflies), where the route described here takes a shorter route than the Hangars Way.

By this route it is **6.4km (4 miles)** from Hawkley to **Selborne**, giving a total walk from **Petersfield to Selborne** of **13.2km (8.2 miles)**. On Mondays to Fridays you can **end the walk** here, taking the **38 bus** to Petersfield, which at time of writing leaves at **15.43** and **16.52**. There is no bus service at weekends, however.

**To walk on to Alton** is a further **10.7km (6.6 miles)**, making a total walk from Petersfield of **23.9km (14.8 miles)**.

For **refreshments** in Selborne, there is the **Selborne Arms, Selborne Tea Room** and the cafe of the **Gilbert White Museum**. Later in the walk, the **Rose and Crown** in Upper Farringdon or the **Greyfriars** pub in Chawton are possible refreshment stops. See the Alton Circular walk for more details

### WALK DIRECTIONS

1. Follow the directions for the Petersfield to Liss walk, to point **[7]**.
2. Turn right on the lane, and immediately after the ford turn left over a stile to the left of a fieldgate, and carry on up the right-hand edge of a field.
3. In 40 metres, where the trees end to the right, veer right across a stile to the right of a fieldgate and on the far side of it turn left uphill for 180 metres towards a stile into the wood.
4. Cross this stile and carry on up a path into the wood, veering left in 40 metres to slant up the slope on a shelf that climbs steadily.
5. In 300 metres, at the top of the hill, you come to a slightly staggered crosspaths - actually a five-way path junction. The Hangers Way goes right here, but your onward route is **straight on** up a car-wide path that gently descends and is signposted with a blue bridleway arrow on a post (*ie not the smaller path to its left marked with a yellow arrow*).
6. In another 200 metres cross a track

between fields and keep straight on, climbing uphill in a wooded gully.

7. In 150 metres more pass through a gate to the left of a metal fieldgate into **Noar Hill Nature Reserve**.
8. In 80 metres, at a signposted T-junction, go left, slightly downhill into a wood on a car-wide bridleway.
9. In 80 metres emerge into an open space, and keep on downhill on its left-hand edge. (There are plenty of **orchids** in the area to the right in June, and other **wildflowers** and **butterflies** later in the summer including the elusive **brown hairstreak**.)
10. In 150 metres there is a scrubby open area to your left too and you are on a grassy track going downhill.
11. In another 250 metres pass through a gate to the left of a wooden fieldgate, and carry on down a bridleway enclosed by trees.
12. In 130 metres the path merges with a farm track. Carry on down this.
13. In 100 metres turn right at a T-junction with a tarmac lane.
14. In 180 metres more ignore a track to the right, signposted Hangers Way
15. In 250 metres more carry straight on across a road T-junction and over a stile into a field, signposted Hangers Way. Keep up the left-hand edge of the field.
16. In 100 metres, at the far end of the field, turn right along its top edge.
17. In 70 metres pass through a squeezegate to the left of a fieldgate and carry on along a grassy track with a house to your right
18. In 80 metres pass through a squeezegate to the right of a fieldgate and carry on up the right-hand edge of the two fields, one about 200 metres long and the other 100 metres.
19. At the end of the second field, cross a stile and keep on down a path separated from the field to your left by a wire fence.
20. In 250 metres cross a stile. In another 100 metres the path merges with a driveway. Carry on down this ignoring ways off.
21. In 150 metres you merge with a road and keep on downhill. In 250 metres

there is a parking area on your left, and in 40 metres more you come to a main road.

**If you want to end the walk here** (Mondays to Fridays only) the **bus stop** for Petersfield is on the other side of the main road.

For **refreshments**, turning left on the main road brings you in 30 metres to the **Selborne Arms**, and then 40 metres after the pub to the **Selborne Tea Room** on the left. The cafe of the **Gilbert White Museum** is in another 80 metres on the left.

**To continue the walk to Alton**, retrace your steps to the Selborne Arms (or come out of its front door and turn right), and turn right up the side road just past it (the one you entered the village on). Continue with the directions in paragraph 62 of the Alton Circular walk.