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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**, and the **White's 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 through a kissing gate 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, carry straight on through a kissing gate to the right of a fieldgate and continue uphill towards a kissing gate into a wood.
4. In 180 metres pass through the kissing gate 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 350 metres, at the top of the hill, you come to a five-way path junction. The Hangers Way goes sharp right here, but your onward route is **half right** 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

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

7. In 170 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 100 metres emerge into a more open scrubby area 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** in the summer.)
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 300 metres pass through a gate to the left of a wooden fieldgate, and carry on down a bridleway enclosed by bushes/low trees.
12. In 130 metres the path merges with a farm track. Carry on down this.
13. In 100 metres pass through a double metal barrier and turn right on a tarmac lane.
14. In 200 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 through a kissing gate 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 80 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 90 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 pass through a kissing gate and keep on down a path separated from the field to your left by a wire fence.
20. In 250 metres pass through another kissing gate. In another 150 metres the path merges with a driveway. Carry on down this.
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**. The **White's Cafe** of the **Gilbert White Museum** is in another 150 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.