

Introduction



Bishop's Waltham lies at the junction of the chalk downs and coastal plain where the River Hamble rises.

The countryside of unspoilt farmland and woodland benefits from a wealth of footpaths which lead to neighbouring villages as well as providing circular walks around the parish.

The Palace, now in ruins, is the town's most notable feature, having been the seat of the powerful Bishops of Winchester in medieval times. Today the heart of the town is the vibrant High Street, which leads to the delightfully attractive St Peter's Street and thence to the Parish Church.

All three walks on this leaflet start from the town centre. The well managed wildlife areas of The Moors, Dundridge Meadow, Runnydown Copse and Claylands are very close.



Useful Contacts

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Further Information

The Moors, Claylands and
Dundridge Meadow: www.hants.gov.uk/countryside
Runnydown Copse: www.wt-woods.org.uk
Hoe Road Meadow: www.hwt.org.uk
Town Trail:
www.bishopswaltham.net/TownTrail/Home.html

Public Houses near the walks

The Hampshire Bowman 01489 892940
The White Horse 01489 892532

Refreshments in Bishop's Waltham

There are several pubs, restaurants and coffee houses in the town centre.

Public Transport

Traveline 0871 200 22 33
Stagecoach (phone Traveline)
(No. 69) Winchester & Fareham
Brijan's 01489 788338
(No. 7) Waltham Chase & Southampton
Bluestar 023 8061 8233
(No. F) Eastleigh

Tourist Information

Hampshire County Council
Information Centre 0800 028 0800

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Exploring Bishop's Waltham



Enjoying the countryside

Hampshire boasts an extremely rich and diverse countryside and an extensive network of public paths which provide a range of opportunities for enjoying the great outdoors. Rights of way are linear routes, often ancient trackways through deep countryside; there are over 3,000 miles of these in Hampshire. The map in this leaflet may also show access to other areas of land, such as commons, woodland, recreation grounds or conservation areas, and your Parish Council may know of guided walks or events. Many people will be able to reach countryside within a few hundred yards of home, and the plants, trees and views along the same paths often change dramatically through the seasons. We hope that this leaflet will encourage you to explore and enjoy your local countryside.

Using local paths

Many rights of way cross private land, and we ask you to bear this in mind by keeping to the path and being responsible when using them. There are four types, as shown on the map key; please check which paths you



are entitled to use (for example, cyclists cannot use footpaths). Wheelchairs, pushchairs and dogs are allowed on all types of right of way. Any permissive paths or areas marked are not rights of way, but the landowner has given permission for the public to use them.

To ensure that the countryside is protected for future generations be sure to:

- Be safe – wear suitable clothing and shoes and take care when crossing roads
- Plan ahead and follow any signs

- Leave gates and property as you find them and take your litter home
- Protect plants and animals
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people

Maintaining rights of way

Hampshire County Council:

- Ensures that rights of way are not obstructed
- Maintains the surface in a fit condition for its intended use
- Maintains some bridges
- Signposts and waymarks paths
- Authorises stiles and gates
- Keeps the definitive map up to date



Landowners:

- Keep back side growth and overhanging vegetation
- Reinstate paths across fields after ploughing or planting crops
- Maintain most stiles and gates
- Should not obstruct paths or deter use of them
- Should not plough paths at field edges
- Should not keep dangerous animals (including certain bulls) on paths



