

Start/Finish The Jack Russell Inn, SP11 0DS

This 2.8 mile walk follows paths and tracks in the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. It encompasses woodlands, open views of the Downs and a pretty valley.

Transport:

the nearest train station is Andover.

Refreshments:

1 The Jack Russell Inn, Faccombe (01264 737315)

From the Jack Russell Inn turn left along the road and fork right with the village pond on your right until you reach a T junction. Turn right keeping Faccombe Manor on your left and, after 50m, take the left fork along the road towards Ashmansworth.

After 250m take the footpath on the left by the side of a large steel double gate. Follow the path keeping the hedge on your left for 200m. Then the path turns right with woodland on the left. Follow the path into the wood where it forks left steeply down through a field - it can be a bit slippery when wet. Join the track down to a T junction with a track. Turn right along the track keeping the derelict Curzon Street Farm on your left.

Shortly after passing the farm building leave the track and follow the footpath to the left which leads down through a pretty valley. After just over 1km you reach a road. Turn right and follow the road uphill for 250m to a sharp right hand bend. Take the footpath straight ahead up through a wooded area - Spencefield Copse - climbing gently for 1km to a road. Cross over the road and pass by the side of a large double gate onto Green Lane. After 300m follow the path round to the right and, just beyond the barn, you reach a road. Turn right along the road back to the Jack Russell Inn.

