

| Description | Information |
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| Day & Date of Walk | Saturday 12 th November 2022 |
| Location of walk | A circular walk From Micheldever Woods to Itchen Abbas and back. |
| Distance of Walk | 6.5 miles |
| Start Time & Place <i>(Meet 10 mins before start)</i> | School Lay-by on Oakley Lane 9.50 a.m. for 10.00 a.m. start |
| Leaders | Chris Williams |
| Leader's Contact Details | 07790795993 |
| Walk description / difficulty | Starts in Micheldever Woods, then gradual climbs over high chalk downs with far reaching views, before dropping down into the Itchen Valley, crossing the disused Mid -Hants railway line and into the village of Itchen Abbas where Charles Kingsley wrote "The Water Babies". |
| Terrain | Well made country tracks – The Watercress Way, The Oxdrove Way and The Three Castles Path and a couple of short stretches of very quiet minor roads. |
| Number of Stiles | None |
| Distance to start | 13 miles |
| Where we are parking | Forestry Commission Car Park Micheldever Woods |
| Sat Nav Reference | Nearest postcode SO21 1PP |
| Directions to start of walk | Take the A33 to Winchester for approximately 8.5 miles then take the left hand turning signposted to Worthington and The Candovers. The road passes under the M3 motorway and the car park is a quarter of a mile after the subway on the left hand side. When we went on Friday 4 th Nov the entrance to the car park was closed but there was space for about 4 or 5 cars to park at the entrance. |
| Where we can eat/drink <i>(If applicable)</i> | The Half Moon and Spread Eagle, Micheldever Real Country Pub Half Moon & Spread Eagle (halfmoonandspreadeagle.co.uk) I have reserved a table for 6 for 1.15. Please let me know if you wish to have lunch by Wednesday evening 9 th November so I can give them plenty of notice of final numbers. |
| Other notes | The ground was a bit muddy after several days of heavy rain but this is well drained chalk land so it wasn't too bad underfoot. A stick might be useful for stability. Some areas were a bit overgrown and the brambles were a bit of a trip hazard in a few |

places. Two or three stretches slope gently uphill.
There are no “facilities” at the start but there are plenty of opportunities to commune with nature along the way!

Please note: Walkers are responsible for their own safety when walking. Slips, falls and other mishaps are bound to happen occasionally. Neither the Oakley Ramblers Club nor individual walk leaders can accept responsibility for accidents that may occur on walks.

Please inform the walk leader if you suffer from a condition that may require intervention, eg. Angina or Diabetes etc.