



Hampshire Hangers Chain

Distance: 16 km=10 miles to 35 km=22 miles moderate walking

Region: Hampshire

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Refreshments: Steep, Froxfield, Hawkley, Selbourne

Map: Explorer 133 (Petersfield) *but the maps in this guide should be sufficient*

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Village, woodland, high hills, views, meadows, pubs

In Brief



This is a **giant chain circular walk** which combines up to **four** other walks in the Hampshire Hangers. You need to browse, print or download **two, three** or **four** of the following walks *in this sequence*:

[Steep and Steeper](#)

[High Hampshire Hangers](#)

[Hawkley and the Hangers Way](#)

[Selborne Common and Noar Hill](#)

You can begin and end the walk at **Steep** or **Selborne** or at any *link* in the chain where there is car parking (notably **Hawkley**). You can start or end in **Petersfield**, with a short walk between the station and the village of Steep. (See the *Petersfield-Steep Link* section below.) You can also do this as a *linear* walk, taking a bus or taxi between Selborne and Petersfield or swapping car keys half-way in Hawkley. Look for the “chain” symbol to tell you where one walk joins another.



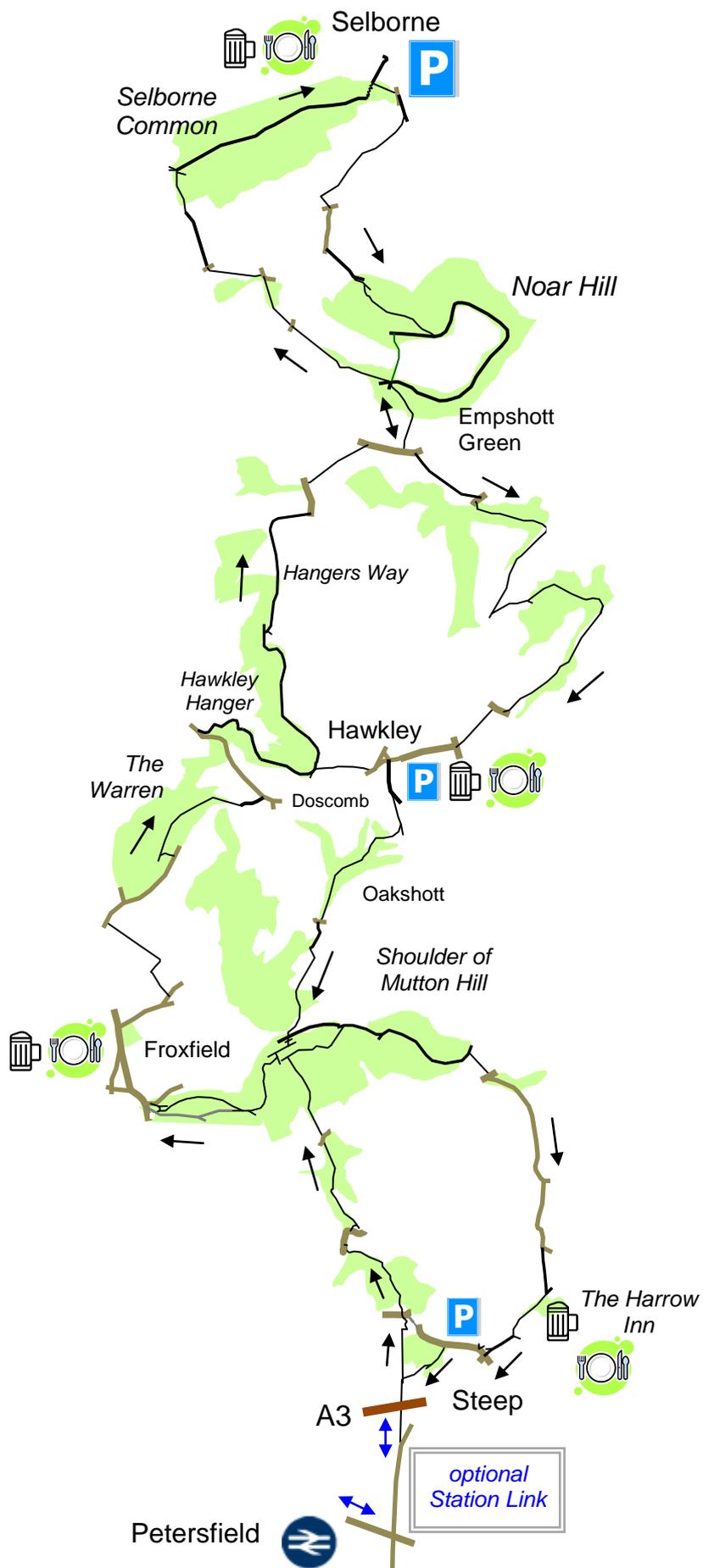
There are nettles and brambles on some sections of this walk, making long trousers essential. The terrain varies from good long dry sections to a few muddy patches and, also because of the length, good boots must be worn on this walk. The stile count* is moderate and with very little livestock, this walk should be fine for your dog too. (*There is one stile on the link between the last two walks with no dog gap.)



Warning! The full walk is *very long* and you should not attempt it unless you are physically fit and have back-up support.

Outline Map

For full details, see individual guides.



Petersfield-Steep Link North 1½ km=1 mile

This section is provided to guide you from **Petersfield Station** to the nearest part of the southern section of the chain, near **Steep**.

Turn **left** out of the main entrance to the station and turn **right** on Station Road, heading towards the pointy-steeped church. In 150m, turn **left** on narrow Tilmore Road. Walk along this road for ¾ km, through town and country, until it curves right by the entrance to the *Steep House Nursing Home*. Leave the road here by going straight ahead on a signed footpath, marked "Hangers Way". The nice wide surfaced path runs through trees, veers right uphill between two fields and goes across a long footbridge over the main A3 road. Ignoring a stile and wooden gate on your left, keep **right** on a path through woodland. Keep straight ahead beside a paling fence on your left, avoiding several paths forking away to your right. In 150m, you meet a path your right with a large metal gate on each side. Keep straight on, picking up the *Steep and Steeper* walk in the last section at the marked link.

Steep-Petersfield Link South 1½ km=1 mile

This section is provided to guide you from the southern section of the chain, near **Steep** to **Petersfield Station**.

Having turned **left** on the path, follow it as it curves right beside a wire fence on your left. Ignore a stile and wooden gate on your right and keep **left** across a long bridge over the main A3 road by a footbridge. Follow the path between fields and through woods until you come out to a tarmac road, beside the entrance to the *Steep House Nursing Home*. Go straight ahead on the road, avoiding Tilmore Gardens to its left. Walk for ¾ km, soon passing terraced houses of Petersfield. After the railway bridge, turn **right** on Station Road, by the pointy-steeped church, leading to the station.

Getting there

By car: see the relevant individual guide.

By train: frequent daily train service on the Waterloo-Portsmouth mainline.

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