

For a longer, hillier lane-walk extension within the Parish, at point **2** go down the lanes to the "Three Lions" Inn; to continue, turn right beside the Inn car-park towards Godshill. Take the Broadhill Lane track on your right, then right again on tarmac to bring you back to either **5** or **7**. Both routes add 4km.

The route described overleaf and shown in red above is about 4 km long and runs on good, level ground with one optional hill. It should take about an hour to complete. The suggested start point is from the car park at Hyde Church (A), but you may also start from the marked car parks at (C), (F) or (G)+(H). Descriptions and photos of some of the main points of interest (A to I) are shown overleaf.



# The Route

Starting (1) from the car park at Hyde Church (A), take the bridle path on your right as you face the lychgate. The path here is the most indistinct you will encounter as it weaves between the gorse, low vegetation and small trees.



When you reach the road (2), cross over onto the gravel track opposite. Keeping to the left you may be able to catch fine views between the cottages to the far side of the Avon Valley and beyond. Stay on the track, keeping left, until you reach the tarmac road at (4). [Note: In very wet weather a spring may flood the track at one point. If so, back track to (3) and find a route across the common as indicated.]

Turning left at (4), with the Chapel (B) straight ahead, you will soon reach the cross roads (5). Turn right here, walking along the flat, straight road, passing the Forrester's Arms (C) on your left, until you reach Abbots Well car park on your right (6).

At this point you may wish to take a short detour down the hill to catch a glimpse of a rare cob cottage (D) and the site of Abbots Well (E). Return back up the hill and through the car park to (8).

At the far end of the car park you will find the viewpoint monument (F). Take the path West out of the car park with the pond to your right. The path stays reasonably flat, following the contours as it arcs gradually to the left. You know you are on the right track when

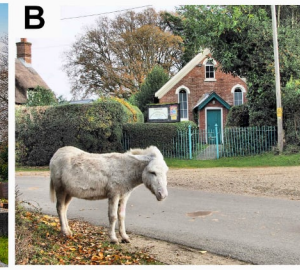


you see a fine clump of a dozen or so Monterey pines (9) up ahead.

Keep on the gravel road as you cross the first tarmac road (10) until reaching the second tarmac road (11) with the Hyde Flower Company property on your right.

Turning right, a short distance along the road on your right you will see the Potting Shed Cafe (G) and Hyde Country Stores Shop and Deli (H). Continue up the road to the cross roads (12) by the school (I). Follow the sign post to Hyde Church (A) back to your starting point,

Church of the Holy Ascension, Hyde, committed to being a friendly welcoming church with scriptural based teaching, serving the community. Open daily it has one of the most beautiful settings in the New Forest.



Congregational Church Frogham, is a charming little chapel still open for occasional services.



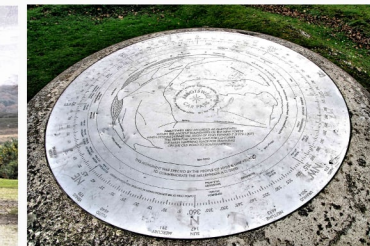
The Forrester's Arms "Known locally as the donkey pub, The Foresters Arms in Frogham has always been a New Forest favourite. It's stylish, rustic and rather chic ..."



Abbots Well. This perpetual spring was, for centuries, the main watering place for travellers on the old road to Southampton.



The car park at Abbots Well, shown here with its wide open entrance, is a great starting point for longer walks into the Forest. Lower down the hill you can see a rare, surviving example of a Cob Cottage.



The view point at the far end of Abbots Well car park provides fine panoramic views over the New Forest. A highly informative plaque on the cylindrical monument was erected by the people of Hyde Link Villages to commemorate the millennium.



Need some provisions, ice cream, tea or something more substantial to eat? Then pop into Hyde Country Stores or The Potting Shed cafe.



The Hyde C of E Primary School is situated on the cross roads opposite the Hyde cricket pitch. Donkeys will frequently congregate here, as is suggested by the unusual weather vane.