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The grid squares are 1km

A From Liss station turn left, and then fork right at the mini roundabout. Follow Hillbrow Road uphill for 1.8 km to Hillbrow. You can save the uphill walk by catching the bus to the Jolly Drover PH.

The building behind the bus shelter is the village hall. Part of this used to be the fire station.

B Cross over the road and pass the Jolly Drover on your left, follow the road towards Rogate for 250 metres to a road junction, take the left fork downhill. After 250 metres take the path on the left, the Sussex Border Path & Serpent Trail, through the wood at the base of Rake Hanger. Follow this almost straight track for 1km.

There is an information board describing Rake Hanger. In the past the Weald was very wet and heavily wooded. There are still a number of streams and Hammer Ponds some of which date back to Roman times. The ponds were built to supply a head of water to a hammer mill where iron production was economic due to the availability of ironstone and charcoal from the woods. The ponds are now the domain of fishermen.

C Take a right turn on a path, the first one reached, over stile at open fields. After 500 metres a road is reached, turn right then after 200 metres take signed footpath on left. Follow path through woodland and meadows, cross over a track, and then at a path junction take the left path through the woodland, bearing left along the pond edge, continue on path to road and turn right. After 150 metres take path / track on the left.

There are excellent views to the east over the Western Weald.

There are a number of fishing ponds visible.

The wood is typical of the area, wet and coppiced in the past.

D Follow this for 1 km to a road. Turn right on the road for 200 metres then at the bend take the track on the left. Follow this through New Barn Farm in a more-or-less straight line to the next road.

On the left is "Pond Bay" where the river has tight meanders. In spring this area is a riot of wild flowers.

E Turn left for 50 metres then right onto a track. Follow this and take footpath across fields and ditches. Follow the top of the field and over a stile into the drive of a farm. At the road turn left to the village centre.

The village has a pub, community shop and café. The road through the village in a NW / SE direction is along the route of a roman road from Chichester.



F From the crossroads take the road towards Liphook for 500 metres. Take the signed path on the right towards Mill Farm, bear left and continue on path crossing stream and take the path diagonally across the field and into the wood, which is followed for 300 metres to a path junction. Continue straight across. At the next path T junction turn right and follow the bridleway along the side of the hill to the junction.

G Take the bridleway sharp left back into the wood. Continue for 500 metres along bridleway, crossing two path junctions. At T junction turn left and follow track for 500 metres to junction with restricted bridleway. Turn right and follow this bridleway ignoring all side turnings for 1.5 km. Take footpath on left to road.



H Turn left along the road into Liphook. The road passes by the railway station.

The path passes to the right of a mill, with wheel still visible and a mill pond. The woodland is especially beautiful spring with bluebells, wood anemones and primroses in abundance

As the bridleway passes uphill through the woodland the sandy soil exposes the magnificent tree roots.



Liphook centre is 500 metres straight on where there are shops, a pub and other facilities.



4. LISS TO LIPHOOK VIA MILLAND



PLEASE NOTE:
You are asked to keep dogs under control at all times to avoid disturbance to animals. Leave gates and property as you find them and follow the Countryside Code.

About the walk:-

START: Grid Reference: SU 777278. Begin the walk at Liss Railway Station.

DISTANCE: 15 km (9.3 miles) allow 4 hrs. Alternatives can decrease the length of the walk. Starting from Hill Brow saves 2 km distance and 90 metres of ascent.

TERRAIN: Varied walk (ascent 300 metres) with climbs and descents numerous stiles and tracks which may be muddy in winter. In spring there are many early flowers along the route.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: South West Trains (Portsmouth - Waterloo line with trains every hour). Start - train Train to Liss station. # It is possible to catch a bus from Liss village hall to the Jolly Drover PH (Hill Brow).

Start - bus # Stagecoach Bus 38 to the Jolly Drover PH (Hill Brow) from Liss or Petersfield.

Start - car Park at the National Trust car park at Durford Wood or at the Jolly Drover PH.

Finish - train Train from Liphook station back to Liss.

Buses run Monday to Saturday only, excluding evenings and public holidays. Check timetables before starting.

FACILITIES: There are facilities in Liss at the commencement of your walk. Milland has a pub, community shop and café whilst Liphook has a full range of facilities at the end of your walk.