



Petersfield to Liss panoramic walk

The highlight of this walk is on top of Shoulder of Mutton Hill, admiring the stunning views of the Hampshire landscape and the South Downs. After lunch the route leaves the Hangers Way, following a network of public footpaths over large fields.

Leave Petersfield station through the ticket office, turn left then left again, crossing the railway line and, in about 140 metres, turn right following the Hangers Way sign by the car dealership. In about 20 metres, veer left following the public footpath sign. Continue to a four-way junction and straight on to a road.

Turn left using the pavement to reach Tilmore Gardens. Opposite, keep following the Hangers Way signs, crossing the A3 by bridge and continue to reach All Saints Church. Turn right here, then left following the signs across the recreation ground, and through woods to an open field and along its edge to a road, ½ mile. Turn right, pass Mill Cottage and by the waterfall take the footpath, left, then left again at the T junction and continue on past a large pond on your left. Turn hard right and keep on this track for about 400 metres until you reach a tarmac lane.

For the steep ascent of Shoulder of Mutton Hill, ignore the Hangers Way sign this time and turn right then almost immediately left following the footpath sign. Cross a stile and take the middle path uphill to pass the memorial to war poet Edward Thomas in 320 metres.

Continue steeply uphill, pass the back of a nature reserve sign and on through a wooden barrier and then right at a Hangers Way sign. Keep following the Hangers Way signs (sometimes on the reverse of the numerous stiles) with occasional views to Hawkley in the distance.

On reaching the crossroads at Hawkley in about 1¼ miles, turn right to the Hawkley Inn, which is about 100 metres away. This rustic pub is a good lunch spot with real ales and good food.

From the pub turn right, pass the village green and then right along a bridleway by the Old Post Office. Continue following Hangers Way signs at each of the next six signs, a little over 1 mile.

Cross a stile and follow a footpath sign diagonally across a field to the top right-hand corner, cross a stile and make for another stile 180 metres at the left-hand corner of the next field. Cross it and turn left on the tarmac lane, pass Vann House and beyond the brow of the hill. Turn right following the Hangers Way signs (some obscured) through fields for the next 600 metres.

The route now leaves the Hangers Way. Emerge by a lane, turn right on it and ignore the Hangers Way sign to your left. Continue for 230 metres, past Quarry Farm, and then right on to a byway passing farm buildings to reach Mill Lane. Turn right and then left up a footpath in 65 metres then left again (25 metres) and straight on through fields and over five stiles to reach a byway. Follow this, right, to meet a lane, 460 metres. Turn right then left up an obscured bridleway (140 metres) and follow it along the field edge to a metal gate and Upland Lane (370 metres).

On Upland Lane turn left. Pass Slip Cottage and on to Scotland Farm, 550 metres. Continue along to a byway by a cottage on your right, about ½ mile away. Follow it to Hawkley Road, turn left and continue along the right-hand verge to reach Station Road, about 1¾ miles, and Liss train station.