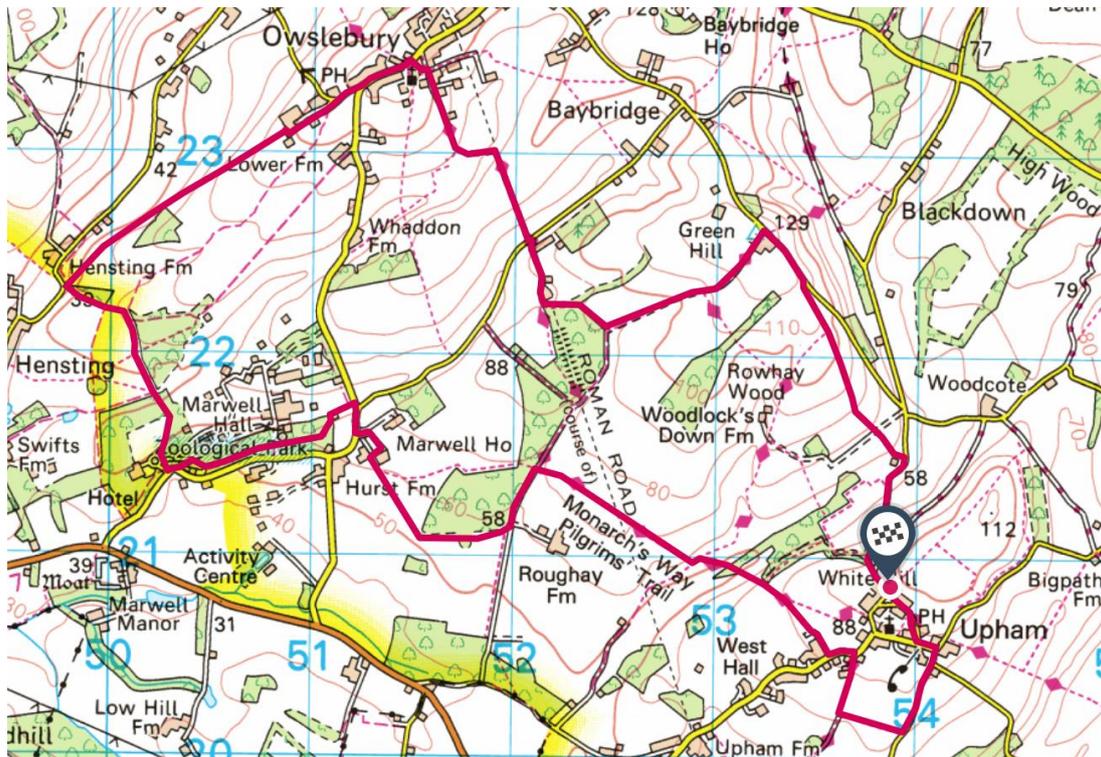


Stakes Lane, Marwell, Hensting, Owslebury and Green Hill.

Distance: 14.5km 9mi



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Park at the recreation ground. There are seven stiles on the walk, all are passable by dogs. There may be cattle in some of the fields.

Turn left on the road, Shoe Lane and continue past the Brushmakers Arms. Turn left to pass the pond, follow the road to the right and continue down Stakes Lane. Shortly after a field gate on the left, take a path to the right. Continue along the fenced path, through a gate and right to cross a stile. Follow a narrow path, going through a kissing gate, then a pavement to a road junction and turn left onto Upham Street.

After a short distance turn right along Widlers Lane, follow this to a gravelled driveway and around to a path on the right. Follow the path to the field edge and bear left. Follow the field edge and keep to the left of a wire fence to go into the wood. Continue ahead, go through a kissing gate and drop down the field edge to go through another kissing gate and then cross a stile. Cross the field (there may be cattle) on a well-defined path to the far left corner and cross the stile. Turn left on a grass track.

Almost immediately turn right onto a wide grass track and continue to a tee junction. Turn left onto a track, Red Lane, and continue to a bar gate at a road. Go around the gate and immediately turn right to go around another gate onto a track. Continue past fenced woodland on the right, then on a path across a field to cross a stile. Continue on the path between two fences following it to a gravelled driveway. Follow this to the road and turn right.

Just after a road on the right, Lower Baybridge Lane, turn left onto a bridleway and follow this through the wood along the boundary of Marwell Zoological Park and continue until reaching a road, Thompson's Lane. Turn right and then right onto a bridleway towards the park entrance. Cross the tarmacked entrance road and continue ahead on the bridleway to a road which follows the top edge of the car park. Cross this to continue on the bridleway ahead.

Follow this ignoring any turnings to the left or right, until you can see a road ahead, Hensting Lane. Immediately before the road go up some steps on the right to a path across a field. (There may be cattle in some of the fields ahead) Cross the field and go over a stile. Go ahead to the far right corner the field and cross a stile. Bear right to go through the gap into the next field and go ahead to the far right corner to cross a stile onto a narrow path. Follow the path until it joins a track/drive and bear left to the road. Turn right.

Continue ahead past The Ship Inn and along the road to the church. Go through the churchyard bearing left to pass the church, through a gate and down some steps to a lane. Turn right.

Follow the lane which becomes a gravelled track and then path to a field entrance. Go into the field and turn left to follow the field edge and track with a motorcycle scramble circuit to the right. Follow the track until it reaches a kissing gate onto a road, Lower Baybridge Lane. Cross the road and onto a gravelled driveway crossing a stile. Follow the driveway and at a gate bear right through a kissing gate. Follow the field edge to another kissing gate onto a path and into a wood. Continue to a fenced enclosure with a high metal kissing gate but do not go into this. Turn left and follow a path with the enclosure fence on your right to a track. Turn left.

Follow the track to a road, Baybridge Lane, turn right. Continue, passing cottages on the right and just after Green Hill Farm bear right onto a footpath. After short distance it turns left and then right. Follow this path, ignoring the first path to the right, until it turns right through a gap in the hedge onto a gallop. Turn left and keep close to the hedge. After a short distance at a waymark post on the left, turn right on path across the field to another waymark post. Cross a tarmacked drive and continue to a bungalow and on to a road, White Hill. Turn right.

Follow the road back to the recreation ground.

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