

# Brockenhurst & Lymington River

## Distance

6 miles (10km) Return

## Approximate time to complete

3 hours

## Grade

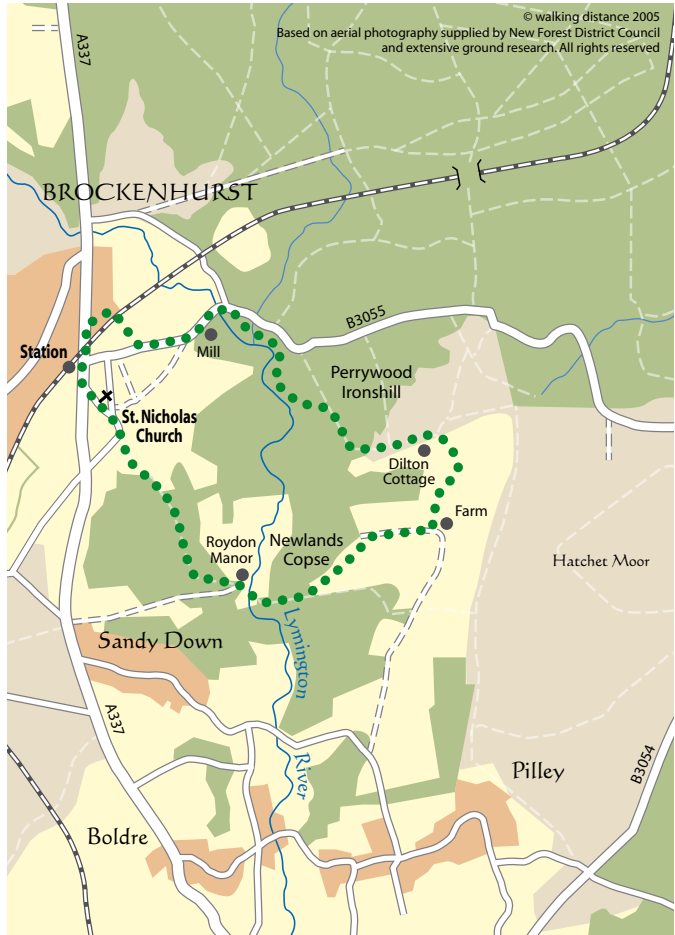
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## New Forest Tour stop

Brockenhurst Railway Station

## O/S map covering this walk

Explorer OL22  
'New Forest'



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## Route information

This is an attractive and varied walk that takes you out of Brockenhurst towards the south and the Lymington River.

## Brockenhurst

Brockenhurst has many lovely shops to explore in Brookley Road but be careful not to upset the window shoppers, the New Forest ponies, as they wander through the village.

## General Information

### Other published walks in the New Forest

“More Walks Around The New Forest” by the New Forest Group, Ramblers’ Association provides 17 walks to help you enjoy the New Forest and its surroundings

### Visitor Information Centre

Lyndhurst Main car park 023 8028 3914

### Where to Eat and Drink

There are a variety of pubs and places to eat in the village including tea room, restaurants and hotels.

## Points of Special Interest

St Nicholas’s Church, mentioned in the Domesday Book, has some very interesting features including Saxon herringbone masonry and Norman scribes. The graveyard contains the ornate headstone of “Brusher” Mills a local character – known as “The Snakecatcher”. There is also a memorial to the New Zealand and Indian soldiers who lie there and it is burial ground of several of the Morant family and servants who originally owned Brockenhurst Manor.



## A more ambitious walk, take map and compass and allow up to 3 hours. (10 Km)

- 1** Start from Brockenhurst Railway Station  
Grid Ref: OL 22 302019
- 2** From Station, cross the road and turn right in the direction of Lymington. Ignore Mill Lane on your left and continue to a small lane signposted “St Nicholas Parish Church”.
- 3** Follow lane to the church; bear round to the left with some farm buildings on the right.
- 4** Take the footpath to the left running along the southern edge of Brockenhurst Park. Continue on this path through the old oak woods.
- 5** Climb gently uphill until you come to farmland on the left. Shortly after you’ll come to a cross track with a bridleway turning to the right. Continue straight on.
- 6** Pass the lodge and private road to Roydon Manor, take the next left through a gate and follow the path, past Roydon Manor and across the Lymington River into Newlands Copse.
- 7** Keep on this track up through the woods to the fields of Dilton’s Farm. At the top of the rise the path divides, keep left and straight on with farmland now on both sides.
- 8** Just before the farm, turn left following the bridleway sign. This brings you downhill over a stream when the path then leads uphill eventually passing the remains of a military encampment.
- 9** Come to a main gate and turn left heading along a concrete path signed “Dilton only”. Leave the concrete path and follow the gravel one downhill (Dilton cottages being on the left).
- 10** Cross the stream and keep straight on into the wood, with the stream to your left.
- 11** Follow the track through Perrywood Ironshill Inclosure and at a large oak tree bear to the right; and then take the left hand of the two paths you see ahead which runs close to the Inclosure boundary.
- 12** This track then goes downhill to pick up the Lymington River.
- 13** Follow the riverbank along until you come to the junction of the B3055 (Brockenhurst/Beaulieu road), turn left over the cattle grid into Mill Lane.
- 14** Walk for a short while along Mill Lane, turning into Brockenhurst Park (permissive path), which is opposite the old mill.
- 15** Skirting the edge of Brockenhurst Park, crossing a couple of stiles will bring you to a gate and North Lodge (impressive gatehouse of the park).
- 16** Cross the road and on the left, note an interesting cottage with a large “M” for Morant above the door – originally an estate worker’s cottage.
- 17** Follow this grass track crossing the railway line, the route brings you past Brockenhurst College and out to the main A337 at The Rose and Crown public house.
- 18** Turn left and continue up the main road back to the Railway Station.