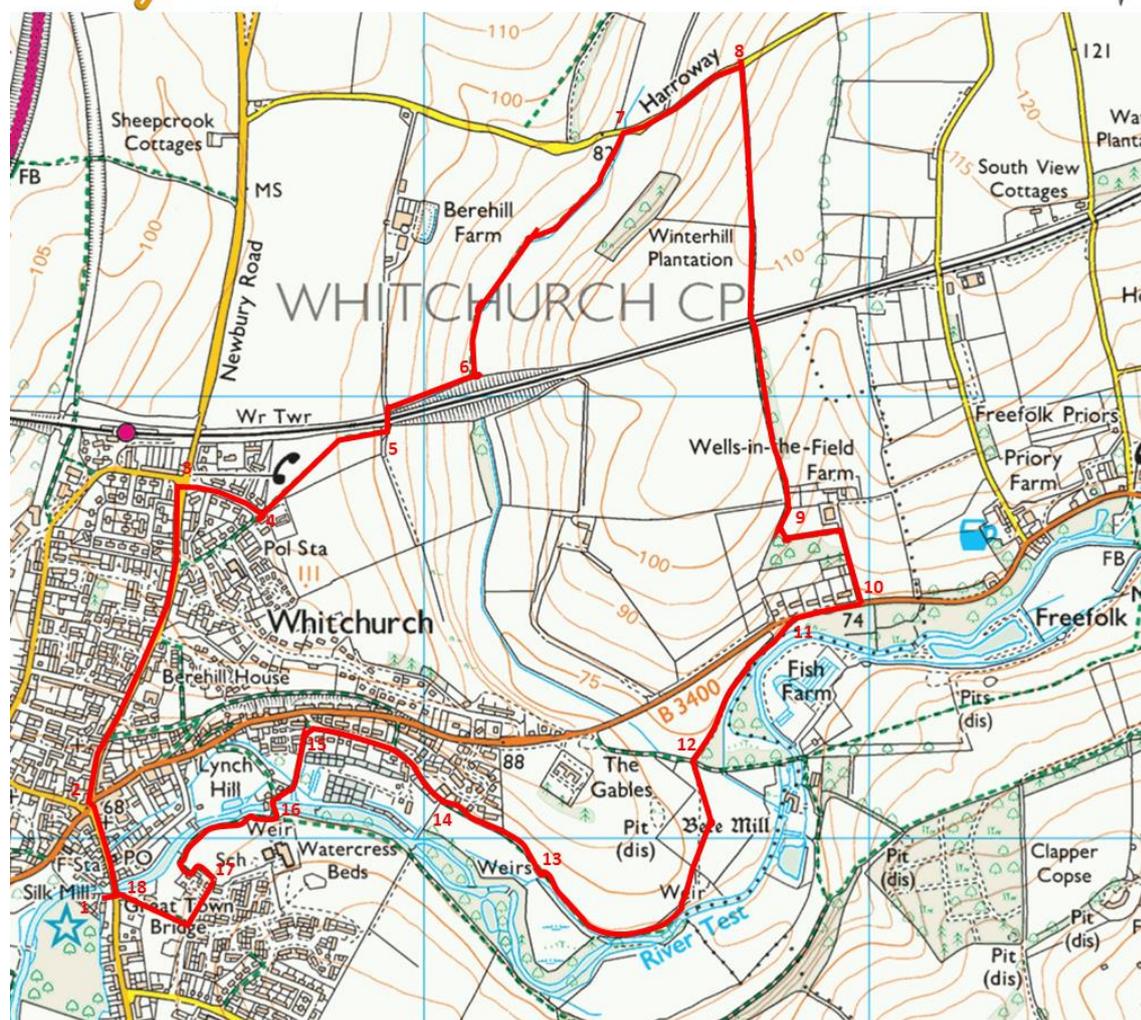




CIRCULAR WALK – THE HARROWAY, WELLS-IN-THE-FIELD and the RIVER TEST
(90 minutes, 4.2 miles)



Whitchurch CP 



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Start at the public car park next to the Gill Nethercott Centre and the Silk Mill (1).

Turn left at the car park entrance, heading north along Winchester Street to the mini roundabout at the town centre. Cross over to the corner of Newbury Street, to the right of the baker's shop (2). Walk up Newbury Street until you almost reach the crossroads and, crossing carefully using the traffic island, head to the right along Bere Hill (3).

At the end of Bere Hill, look for the gate and stile off the corner to the left (4). Cross the stile and walk down the field to the bottom right-hand corner where there is a gate and go through

(if the gate is not open, there is a stile in the corner) (5). Immediately on the left you cross another stile to the left of a gate and pass under the railway line bridge, then immediately turn right and cross a stile to walk down the right hand edge of a very large field.

The path turns to the left at the bottom of the field (6) – follow this along until you reach the far right hand bottom corner of the field (7) – crossing a stile you emerge onto The Harroway. Turn right and, keeping an eye and an ear out for traffic, walk along the Harroway which then rises uphill. Before you reach the crest, you will see a footpath finger-post and a path off to the right, running along the left side of a field (8). Follow this path on and up, eventually over the railway line and onwards between a hedgerow on the left and a field fence on the right.

You emerge next to a paddock on the left – the path runs around the paddock (9), turning to the left as you follow it down and coming out on a road. Turn right and carry on until you reach the B3400 at Wells-in-the-Field (10). Cross the road carefully and go to the right along the pavement until the pavement ends, where you take a path down to the left through trees (11).

Follow this path until it emerges on Bere Mill Lane (12), cross straight over and go through a gate into a field. Follow the path ahead and slightly to the left to the hedgerow at the field boundary, and go through a kissing gate.

The path goes round to the left and along the bottom of another field, on the left of a fence. When the path reaches a gateway on the left (13), turn left past the gate and then immediately right on the path, which continues with fence and a field on the left and a hedgerow on the right. At the end, pass through a gate and carry on between trees until you emerge by a wooden house at the end of The Green (14).

Proceed along the Green, bearing left at the junction and within a few yards, turn left on a path between the houses (15), following it through trees and across small footbridges until it emerges at Town Mill (16), where there is a footbridge over the main part of the River Test. Cross over the bridge and bear right to follow the path around the perimeter fence of the school playing field, turning right at the end (17) and then taking the right turn in front of some houses, opposite Alliston Way.

The path continues after a kissing gate, running between walls before emerging at Winchester Street, immediately opposite the Gill Nethercott Centre car park entrance (18). Cross the road carefully and then you are back at your starting point.