



TUFTON and BACK

(2.3 miles - 45 mins)



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The walk begins at the Winchester Street car park next to the Silk Mill. (1)

Turn right at the car park entrance, heading south along Winchester Street (which becomes Winchester Road). Continue past the entrances to the allotments and the Millennium Meadow nature reserve and carry on until the path turns to the right under the A34 flyover (2).

On the other side of the flyover, follow the road bearing right (Paper Mill Lane). WALK ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE OF THIS ROAD FACING ANY ON-COMING TRAFFIC – THERE IS NO PAVEMENT. After half a mile or so, you reach a bend where the road forks (3); turn sharp right up a bank and onto a footpath which immediately goes through a kissing gate into a field.

Follow the path around the field staying on the left edge, until you come down to a kissing gate at Tufton (4). Pass through the gate, turn right and carry on through Tufton, passing a footbridge to your left which crosses the River Test. Take some time to enjoy the views of the river and the impressive Victorian Bridge (seen best from the footbridge), a reminder of the now dismantled Didcot to Southampton railway line.

Eventually you reach St Mary's Church a delightful grade one listed building dating from at least the 12th century and quite probably of Saxon origin (although nothing remains of this earlier period) (5).

Turning left past the church you follow a path that runs around a paddock to your right. The path turns right (6) and eventually emerges by the A34 flyover.

Turn left and head back along Winchester Road (7), retracing your outbound route, until you return to your starting point at the Winchester Street car park.

