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HARPER'S
STEAKHOUSE & BAR

Harper's Southampton

Just a casual stroll from the calming waters of Swanwick Marina along the banks of the Hamble. A hotspot for those looking to explore the surrounding cities and towns of Southampton, Portsmouth, the Isle of Wight, and the Solent. Set against the backdrop of the charming waterside villages of the Hamble, Harper's stands as a welcoming base for your adventures.



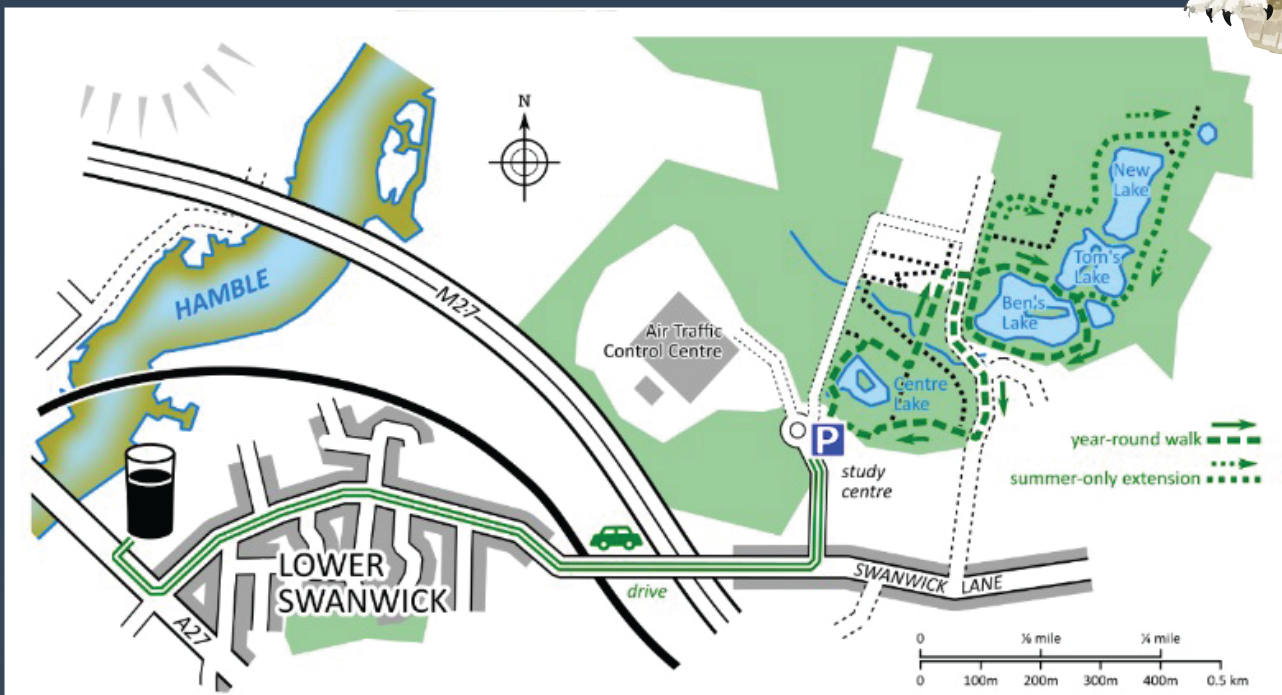
1 mile (winter),
1½ miles (summer): fairly easy
1 hrs

Swanwick Lakes: Approximately 3
minutes' drive (1 mile).

Swanwick Lakes

**Short woodland strolls around a local nature reserve,
created from former clay pits.**

Short drive to start. Allow 1 hour's walking. Some of the woodland paths
are uneven and may be muddy after wet weather.
The path east of New Lake is closed in winter.



Centre Lake



Ben's Lake



New Hill

Lower Swanwick, Southampton
SO31 7EB

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Start point: Swanwick Lakes car park SO31 7AY. From the entrance to Harper's, turn left. Turn immediately left again at the traffic lights into Swanwick Lane. Follow this road for three-quarters of a mile, crossing first the railway then the M27 motorway. Turn left into Sopwith Way, signposted 'Nature Reserve', passing the signs for NATS Swanwick. At a mini-roundabout just before the NATS entrance, turn right to the Swanwick Lakes car park. Parking is free.

1 From the Swanwick Lakes car park and study centre, take the path to the left of the Centre Lake, crossing a footbridge, then bear right around the lake. 2 Climb to a T-junction of paths and turn right, past a circle of log benches. 3 Turn left at a bend and descend to a crossing over a stream. 4 Climb alongside a fence to a junction by a kissing gate, where you turn right. 5 Go through the kissing gate into a lane and cross straight over through another similar gate. 6 For the summer extension, turn

left and start out along the Yellow Trail to the viewpoint over New Lake, and see map for the route beyond. For the shorter all-year-round walk, follow the Blue Trail straight on, which bears left and descends to Ben's Lake. 7 Pass an arm of Tom's Lake (left) then keep right along the main path around Ben's Lake at the bottom of the summer extension, passing another small lake on the left. 8 Continue around and above Ben's Lake on the Blue Trail back to the lane you crossed earlier. 9 This time, turn left along the lane and follow it downhill. 10 Climb out of the valley and keep right at an entrance on the left. 11 Opposite another entrance, turn right through a kissing gate and past another Swanwick Lakes Nature Reserve sign, ignoring a path on the right. 12 The path winds uphill through woodland before descending, from close to the NATS entrance road, back to the study centre.

What to Bring for Your Walk?

We recommend wearing comfortable walking shoes or lightweight waterproof boots, especially if the ground is damp. Dress in weather-appropriate layers, opting for breathable clothing in warmer months and a light waterproof jacket if rain is expected.

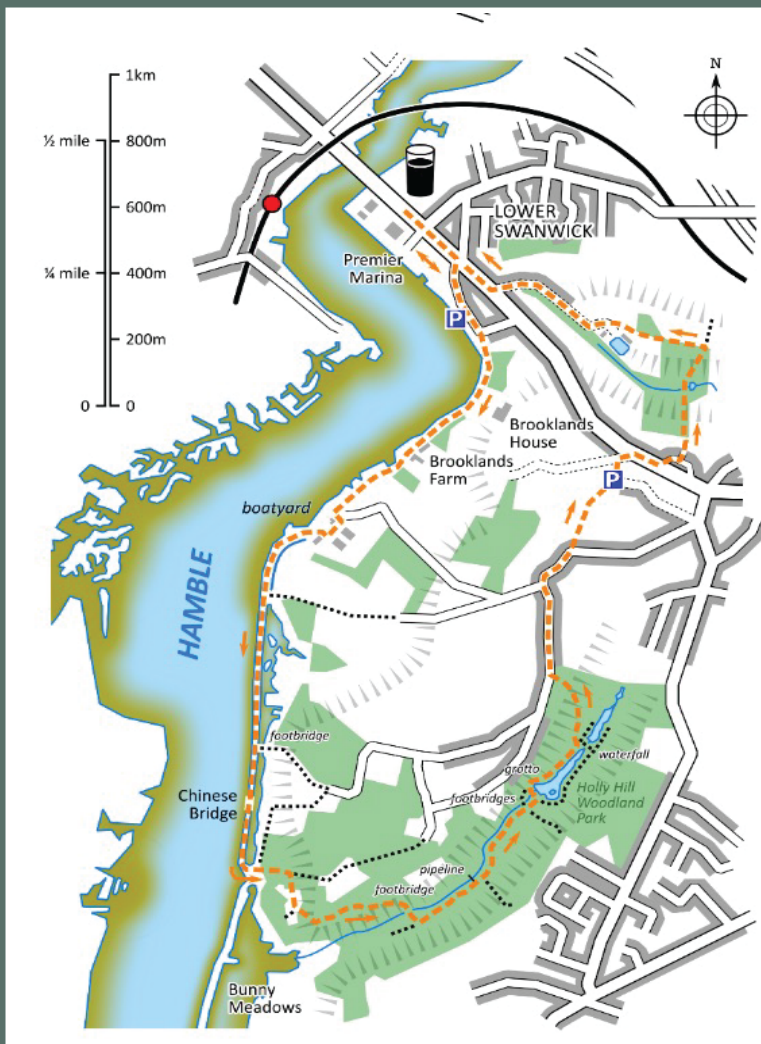
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Hamble Estuary & Holly Hill Woodland Park

Walk down the Hamble Estuary with a wooded parkland return.

Allow 2 hours. No major ascents or descents.
Woodland paths may be muddy in places.



a path along the hamble estuary



The arched footbridge



The pair of turnstones.



1 Turn left from the car park exit. 2 At the traffic lights, cross the A27 and turn left, past the entrance to the Premier Marina. 3 Turn right into Swanwick Shore Road and walk down to the waterside. 4 Walk past the end of Victory Cottages and then past Hard Cottage on the left and continue past a small pay-and-display car park. 5 When the road swings left by a bench and noticeboards, carry on straight ahead along the driveway, with the Hamble still on your immediate right. 6 Follow the riverside path for half a mile, passing in front of Brooklands House and Brooklands Farm, until you reach a boatyard. 7 Follow on-site signage through the busy marina, turning right to return to the riverside. 8 The path follows a causeway between a reedbed on your left and the estuary on your right. 9 Beyond a signposted footpath off to the left, continue along the causeway, now with a tidal lagoon to your left. These lagoons are connected to the estuary via culverts known locally as “bunnies”, hence the name of Bunny Meadows a little further downstream. 10 Continue past a footbridge on the left, staying on the riverside causeway. 11 Cross an arched footbridge on the causeway known locally as the Chinese Bridge. 12 Continue to the end of the lagoon on your left, then turn left by a bench, past a sign for Wendleholme. 13 Ignoring a path on the left, go through a gate ahead into woodland. 14 After about 75m turn right off the main path, shortly crossing an open area and passing a bench on the left. 15 Bear left into the trees, climbing

slightly, then bear left again, shortly keeping right of a blue ‘Low Tide Loop’ waymark on a post. 16 The path winds its way down to the bottom of the valley and crosses a footbridge. 17 At a T-junction by a Holly Hill Woodland Park sign, turn left along a boardwalk. 18 Keep left and continue along the valley bottom, with the stream to your left. 19 By a pipeline bridge, pass a stepped path on the right signposted to the car park. 20 Continue beside the stream until you reach a ‘Cawles Copse’ notice next to a sign pointing back to the Hamble Foreshore. 21 Continue ahead to the bottom of a lake and turn left over a footbridge with metal railings. 22 Bear right past the Grotto and a notice explaining its construction. 23 Continue along the lakeside path past a Redwood tree (right) and some boulders (left) to Waterfall Bridge, which crosses a boardwalk below a small cascade. 24 Here, leave the valley bottom and follow an ascending path to the left (waymarked ‘Exit/Holly Hill Lane’) that curves left up to a gate into the residential road. 25 Turn right along the road. 26 Pass the end of Crableck Lane on the left. 27 When the road bends right, cross and take a signposted public footpath beside a pair of house entrances. 28 Continue between gardens to emerge in a car park. 29 Cross into a track and follow it to the right, out to the road. 30 Turn right past a bus stop, then cross at a traffic island in front of a shop. 31 Turn right, then left by a phone box into a private car park. 32 At

the rear right of the car park, pick up a descending bridleway. 33 Follow the path down through trees to a swampy stream and pond. 34 Climb out of the valley to a path junction, where you turn left onto a public footpath along a fence. 35 Follow the path along the top of the wood then descend beside another wood on the right towards a pool used for diving practice. 36 Join the access road to the diving centre and follow it past houses on the right and a diving shop on the left out to the A27. 37 Turn right along the pavement, crossing Old Swanwick Lane and Swanwick Lane, to return to Harper’s.

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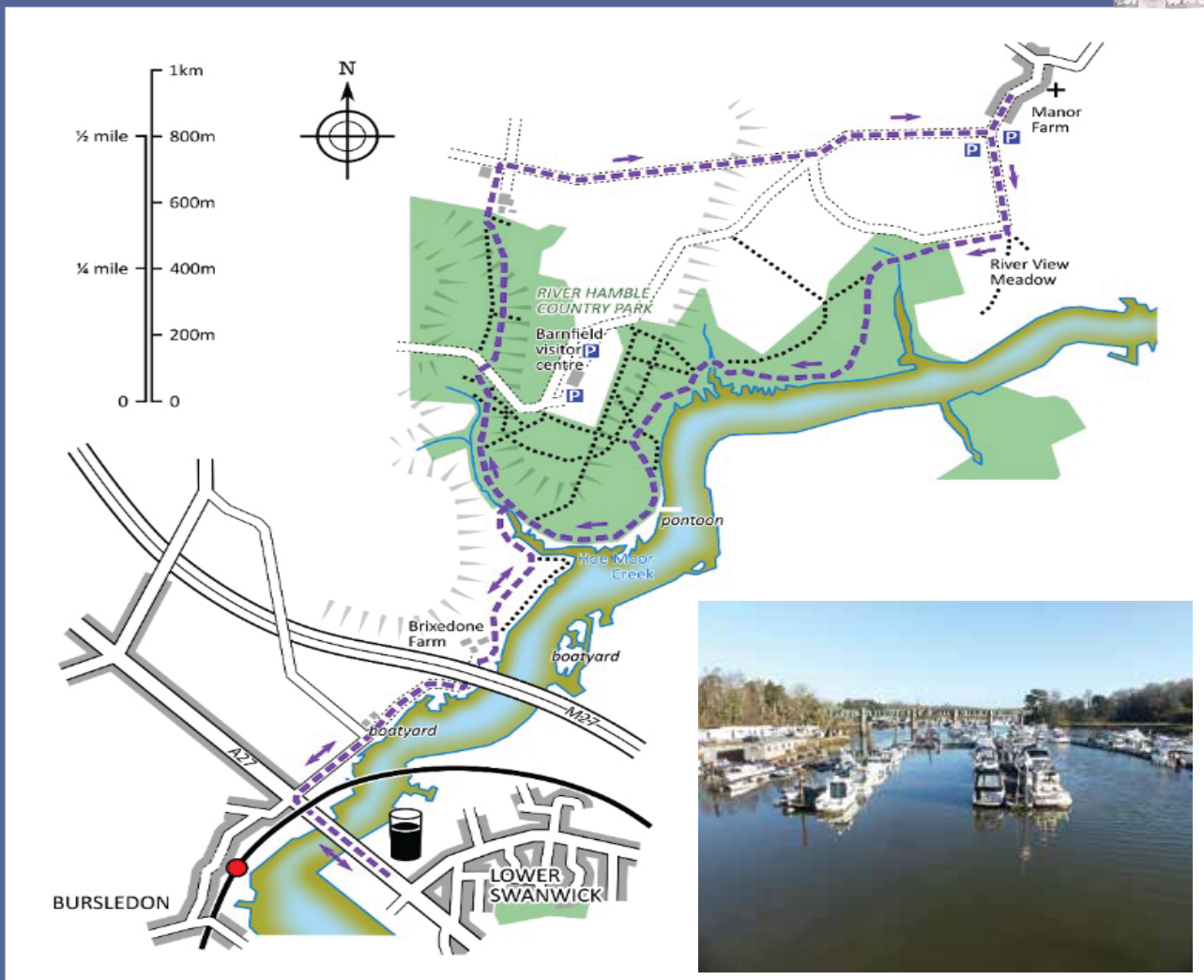
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River Hamble Country Park

Woodland walking with fine views over the River Hamble
and a chance to visit a historic farm.

Allow 2–3 hours. Woodland routes may be muddy in places, and there are a few stiles and steps. Admission charge for Manor Farm attraction.





1 From the front of Harper's, turn right and cross the bridge over the Hamble. 2 Pass under the railway bridge and turn immediately right into Blundell Lane. 3 Follow the road down to a bend, where you go straight on, through Foulkes & Sons boatyard. 4 Beyond the boatyard, follow the road right and left, and under the M27 overbridge. 5 Just before the entrance to Brixedone Farm, turn right over a stile onto a footpath and bear left to a gate and stile into a field. 6 Follow the left-hand side of the field, then bear left parallel to Hoe Moor Creek. 7 Beyond a gateway, bear right to a stile and cross a causeway and footbridge over the creek. 8 On the other side, turn left and follow the path that then enters the River Hamble Country Park. Ignore a path off to the right. 9 Cross another path, then turn left at a fork by a bin and before a gate. 10 Turn right to a zebra-crossing over the tarmac service road for the Country Park. 11 Follow the permissive bridleway opposite, which runs parallel to another track in close proximity to the left. 12 Eventually (ignoring crossing paths) the two tracks unite and continue, past another path on the right and leave the woodland, with buildings beyond a fence on your right. 13 At the end of this path, go through a kissing gate onto a road. 14 Turn right and go

straight across a crossroads. 15 Follow the road past a series of properties on the right, the last of them called Kings Copse Farm. 16 The track beyond dwindles to a path and, beyond a gate, meets another service road above the exit signs for Manor Farm. 17 Cross over and go through the hedge onto a path running parallel to the road. Turn left. 18 This leads to the Manor Farm car parks. To visit the attraction, turn left, otherwise turn right down a bridleway between the two car parks. 19 Go through a gate and when the track bends right (signposted Barnfield and Toplands) continue onto River View Meadow. 20 Instead of following the obvious path down towards the river, turn right along the top edge of the meadow (with a hedge separating you from the track on your right) and continue to a wooden barrier into trees. 21 Follow the path downhill then bear right to a footbridge. 22 Climb the steps beyond and, ignoring an inconspicuous path to the left, continue along the most obvious path until you reach a fork. 23 Turn left here and follow the path towards the River Hamble. As it approaches the river, the path swings right. 24 Go through a gap in a fence and descend to a footbridge over an inlet of the river. Climb the steps beyond. 25 At a path junction, unless visiting the

Barnfield visitor centre, keep left above the river. There is an optional diversion on the left (with steps) to the 'Beach' but for the main route take the path signposted 'Pontoon', shortly keeping left at a junction and passing the other end of the 'Beach' path. 26 Continue past another stepped path down to the beach and, beyond the pontoon, follow the path as it swings right around Hoe Moor Creek. 27 Beyond a bench, continue to the footbridge over the creek that you crossed earlier. From this point on, you are retracing your outward steps. 28 Turn left over the footbridge and stile and follow the path left on the other side of the creek. An unofficial path runs along the water's edge back to the stile near Brixedone Farm. 29 Follow the short footpath back to the farm drive, and turn left under the M27. 30 Walk back through Foulkes' boatyard to Blundell Lane. 31 Follow the road ahead, back to the A27. 32 Turn left under the railway and cross the Hamble back to Harper's.

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