

Adventure Awaits!

Montagu Arms → Buckler's Hard

Distance: 2 miles each way. Start the route from the footpath behind The Montagu Arms (exit the gate at the top of the car park and the footpath is on your right) The route to Buckler's Hard is sign-posted the whole way.

Duration: Approx 1 hour each way.

Terrain: Flat and well surfaced paths with a few optional diversions along boardwalks.

Pushchairs: The whole route is suitable for pushchairs.

Dogs: A dog-friendly route so your furry friends can join in on the adventure too!

One of the most popular family routes is from the beautiful village of Beaulieu to the historic Buckler's Hard. This scenic walk follows a two-mile riverside path, offering stunning views of the river and surrounding scenery. The walk takes about an hour each way, making it a relaxed and enjoyable outing for everyone.

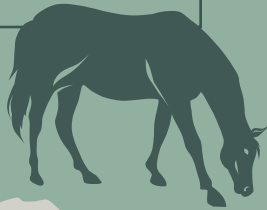
Explore the route

Buckler's Hard played an important role in building ships for the Navy during WWII where it prepared ships for D-Day and operated as a repair yard. The chapel you'll see at the end has been here for hundreds of years and has seen many stories unfold. The river nearby was used to move huge ships easily, like a giant water highway!

Along the way, you'll spot boats on the river, swans gliding by and local wildlife such as ducks and squirrels.

Along The Path

Keep an eye out for graceful swans, paddling ducks, and maybe a heron by the water. You might also spot horses grazing in the neighbouring fields. The trees and plants create a lovely scene all year round.



Visit The Bird Hut

Don't miss the bird hut in Keeping Marsh. Overlooking the reed bed, it's a great place to see herons, ducks and other water birds.

What did you see?

Look For Boats

You might see boats bobbing on the river, fishing boats or small sailing boats. Keep your eyes peeled for any that pass by!



Arrive at Buckler's Hard

This historic shipbuilding village has two rows of brick cottages leading down to the Beaulieu River. Explore the old shipyards, cosy pubs and shops that tell its story.



Start At The Montagu Arms

Look around the gardens for tall bamboo, busy honey bees, a bright orange acer tree and chirping house sparrows — there are signs of nature all around!

Challenge!

Collect these items along the way:

A smooth stone

A leaf bigger than your hand

Something red

Something that smells nice

A feather

See The Duke's Bath House

Built in 1760 for the Duke of Montagu's son, it has an historic saltwater pool which was believed to ease arthritis. It has served as a workers' spot, weekend cottage, a yachtsmen's clubhouse and is now a private residence.



Visit St Mary's Chapel

A small, peaceful chapel once used by shipyard workers and possibly smugglers, with a hidden cellar for their stash. It later became a village school and is now owned by the Montagu family, open to visitors year-round.