## NEW FOREST WALKS



## **TALL TREES TRAIL, RHINEFIELD**

Rhinefield can be accessed from Brockenhurst. Start from the first car park from the A35 at Brock Hill. Leave the car park by the trail sign and cross the road. Walk along a gravel path with red marked posts to guide you. Immediately you are among tall trees.

The planting of this ornamental drive was completed around 1860. You soon come to the lower car park, at Blackwater. Look out for the information plaques all along the walk giving details of trees and forestry information.

A short detour from the walk, along the road, brings you to a small river with a footbridge. Return back and opposite the car park is a wide gravel track with the Tall Trees Trail just 50 yards up on the right hand side. However, consider a diversion by walking straight on and visiting the arboretum. Walk around and then return back along the track to resume your walk.

Now you are walking northwards again parallel to the road, back to the Brock Hill car park. The basic walk takes around 40 minutes at a gentle stroll.

## **RIVER WALK TO BUCKLERS HARD**

A pleasant walk that takes you from Beaulieu Village to Bucklers Hard. Approximately 4.5 miles (7km) return.

- 1. Start at the Montagu Arms Hotel
- 2. From the top car park turn immediately right
- 3. The start of the walk is a short lane leading into the school sports field. Keeping to the edge of the sports field, head to a stile in the right hand corner.
- 4. After the stile, follow the footpath through the gate marked 'Solent Way'. The Beaulieu River is now visible on your left.
- 5. After a short distance you will enter The North Solent Nature Reserve. Continue along this path and soon there will be an open field to your right.
- 6. Bear left by the cottage at the top of the field and follow the footpath signs to Bucklers Hard
- 7. Then bear right and in a short while bear left.
- 8. After approximately 100 yards, take the woodland path
- 9. At the end of woodland path, you will come to a boat yard. Cross the road and follow the path sign posted 'Solent Way'. This path skirts the boat yard and brings you to the river again with Bucklers Hard ahead of you. Toilets are available, plus a shop.
- 10. Return to Beaulieu by retracing your steps

Caution: After heavy rain parts of the path are liable to be very muddy.

