

# The Watercress Way Walks– Railway Route 1

**Summary:** A circular route of approximately 5 miles, from South Wonston along the disused Didcot, Newbury and Southampton railway to Kings Worthy.

You could also start at Eversley Park in Kings Worthy. Step 9.

This walk is part of The Watercress Way and is waymarked. There are outstanding views of open countryside and it passes the historic Worthy Down Halt.

At the half way point there is the opportunity to visit the King Charles pub for refreshments by adding 0.5 miles.

- Worthy Down Halt



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1. Start: South Wonston Recreation Ground (Car Park next to Pavilion)  
Lower Rd, South Wonston, Winchester SO21 3HP
2. Take the Ox Drove (right at entrance to the Car Park).
3. After 1/3 mile turn right along the disused Didcot, Newbury and Southampton Railway (D.N.S)
4. Follow the railway for 1 mile, passing Worthy Down Halt. The Halt was used during the WW2 by troops at Worthy Down Camp. See the Information Board. Worthy's Conservation Volunteers have been working for several years to clear the platforms and maintain the area.
5. About 400m past Worthy Down Halt turn right down the steps to pass under the railway bridge.
6. When you reach Hookpit Farm Lane turn right onto Burnet Lane. Follow the path to the right into Top Field.
7. Walk around Top Field and then bear right onto Kim Bishop Walk.
8. At the end of Kim Bishop Walk cross Wesley Road onto Broadview. At the top of Lower Broadview stop to look at the village mosaic, then cross the road and continue on to Upper Broadview. After 170 yds turn right down Lovedon Lane for a short distance crossing the old railway bridge.

There is an option to turn right along Springvale Road for a further 1/2 mile for refreshments at the King Charles.

Return along Springvale Rd then turn right by Tesco Express then immediately left into Hookpit Farm Lane. Rejoin the footpath at the end of Hookpit Farm Lane then step 13.

9. Turn right at the bollards into Eversley Park. Read Information Board.  
(Alternative starting point with parking Loader Cl, Kings Worthy, Winchester SO23 7TF).
10. Cross Eversley Park and turn right onto the path by the children's playground. This leads onto Legion Lane.
11. Cross Springvale Rd and take the path opposite which leads onto Kim Bishop's Walk
12. Follow the path back through Top Field and down Burnet Lane to Hookpit Farm Lane.
13. Turn left onto the footpath under the bridge.
14. After a second railway bridge keep to the side of the railway. Do not go back up the steps.
15. Just before reaching Worthy Down camp turn left along a footpath after the horse paddocks.
16. Cross the road leading to Worthy Down Camp and take footpath between fields to Recreation Ground (750 yds).
17. Enter South Wonston Recreation Ground and return to car park.