

The Watercress Way Walks– Railway Route 1

Summary: A route of 4.90 miles, from South Wonston along the disused Didcot, Newbury and Southampton railway to Kings Worthy.

This walk has outstanding views of open countryside and passes the historic Worthy Down Halt.

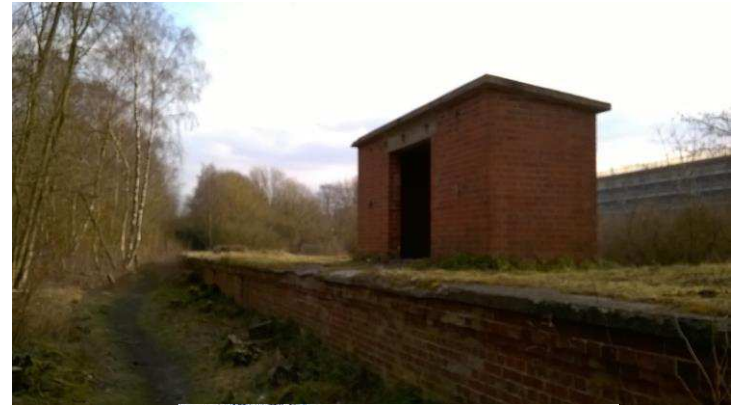
At the half way point there is the opportunity by adding 0.5 miles to visit the King Charles pub for refreshments.

OS Map: OL 32 (start point: grid ref. 471 357)

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Suitable for walking, running and off-road cycling

- Worthy Down Halt



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1. Start: South Wonston Recreation Ground (Car Park next to Pavilion)
2. Take the Ox Drove (right at entrance to the Car Park).
3. After 1/3 miles turn right along the disused Didcot, Newbury and Southampton Railway (D.N.S)
4. Follow railway for 1 1/2 miles, passing Worthy Down Halt. Then downhill along tarmac road for 1/3 mile to Springvale Road. Turn left
5. Walk 1/2 mile and turn left along Cundell Way at Tesco Express*, After 80 yards join Hookpit Farm Lane (this becomes a track after 170 yards). It goes under the London/Southampton railway. After a second railway bridge turn right and follow the side of the D.N.S.
6. Just before reaching Worthy Down camp turn left along a footpath after the horse paddocks.
7. Cross road leading to Worthy Down Camp and take footpath between fields to Recreation Ground (750 yds).
8. Enter South Wonston Recreation Ground and return to car park.

* There is an option to continue along Springvale Road for a further ¼ mile for refreshments at the King Charles