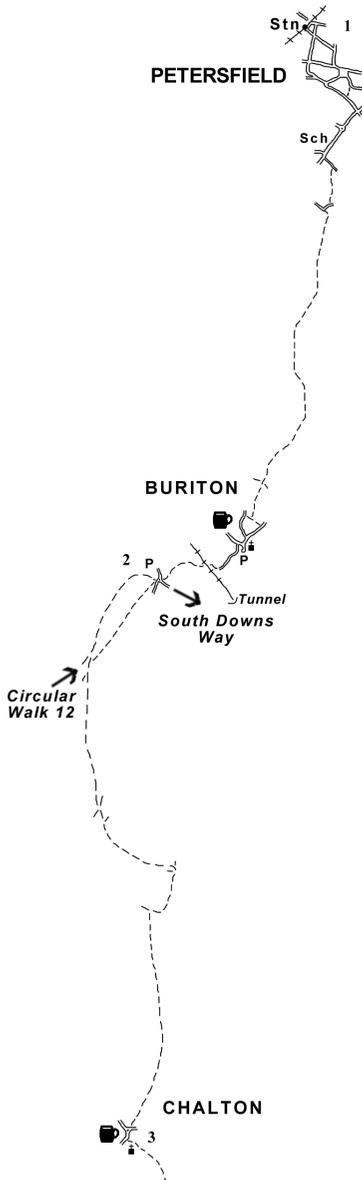


Link Walk H – Petersfield to Rowlands Castle

Visiting: Buriton, Chalton and Finchdean

Distance approximately 7 miles/11km

**The walk starts at Petersfield Station and ends at Rowlands Castle Station;
refreshment at the *Red Lion*, Chalton or *The George*, Finchdean**

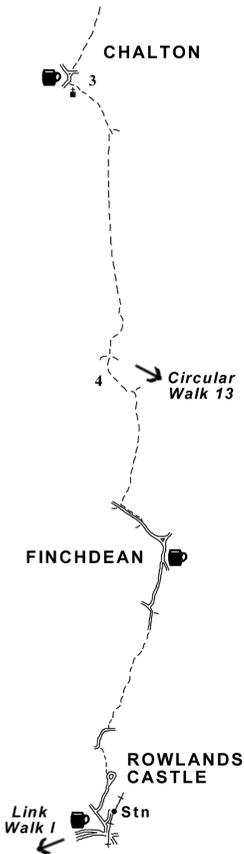


- 1 From Petersfield station, follow the Hangers Way (Circular Walk 12 in a reverse direction) through Buriton, past the duck pond and up the hill to a road junction by Halls Hill car park.
- 2 Follow the sign for the Hangers Way over the stile to the left of the car park entrance, taking the path through fields then rising through woodland to meet to a T-junction with a forest track. Turn left and follow this track (marked with a red footprint sign) continuing straight ahead in about three-quarters of a mile where it crosses another track. Here it joins the Staunton Way (waymarked with the picture of a roe deer and a green arrow) which you follow for about a mile and a half, turning left over a stile and crossing open fields to Chalton. Note the windmill on the brow of a hill to your right as you cross the fields. On arriving in Chalton, the *Red Lion* is straight ahead of you – supposedly the oldest pub in Hampshire.
- 3 Enter the churchyard opposite the *Red Lion* through a lych gate and continue following the Staunton Way which now, while still deep in Hampshire, shares its route to Rowlands Castle with the Sussex Border Path.

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The Red Lion at Chalton



Go through a kissing gate and cross a couple of stiles before taking the right-most of three dividing tracks. Follow this uphill and past a tumulus – there are views to right and left – note Idsworth Church in a field beyond the railway line to the left. After passing under pylons the track changes sides of a fence by going across a stile, then goes round a copse to arrive at a cross-roads of paths.

- 4 For Circular Walk 13, turn left – to continue this link walk to Rowlands Castle carry straight on and round the edge of a field, turning right at the end. *From here you follow Circular Walk 13 in a reverse direction.* After joining a road, pass through the village of Finchdean – turn right in the middle of the village, pass *The George* then take a road uphill to the right, bearing left along a track where the road turns right. The way soon passes a gate and heads across an open field to arrive at Rowlands Castle.

The railway station is well signposted, but if you wish to continue your walk to Havant, carry on through the village – see Link Walk 1.