

# The New Forest

**Date:** Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March (end of 7<sup>th</sup> Week)

**Depart:** 8am, Trinity Gates

**Return:** Evening, approx. 7.30pm

**Cost:** £12

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Join us for a trip to the New Forest, one of the largest areas of unenclosed pasture land, heathland and forest in the south of England. This is an area with a fascinating history, rich in wildlife and fragile landscapes. Our walk starts at Godshill and will take us across heathland, along ridges, through ancient woodland and down into gentle river valleys. The New Forest was designated by William I in 1079 as a royal hunting ground. The term New Forest stems from the original name Nova Foresta, which refers to a protected hunting ground rather than specifically woodland.

It's certainly not all dense forest – the New Forest is a mix of old deciduous forest, open heathland and forestry plantations. Look out for deer (perhaps even an elusive White Hart), buzzards and New Forest ponies. We'll visit a number of interesting sites: old bombing ranges from World War Two, a hidden lake, tiny villages (possibly with a pub visit too) and springs with healing powers – results not guaranteed!

As an added bonus, the New Forest is less than two hours drive from Oxford.



**Any questions?** Contact Josh O'Shaughnessy, trip organiser and New Forest local ☺  
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**Interested?** If you would like to come on the trip you can sign up and pay at Free Tea in First Week, on the OUWC website (<http://www.ouwc.org/bookings/> - payment by bank transfer) or by contacting the trip organiser (Josh O'Shaughnessy) and providing a cheque payable to "OU Walking Club". A ballot will take place in 2<sup>nd</sup> week to allocate places, after which participants will be emailed and those who do not receive a place will be informed and refunded. *Please be aware that you must provide payment by the end of 1<sup>st</sup> week to be entered into the ballot. Please also note that if you cancel after receiving a place, you will only be refunded if your place is filled by another participant.*

**N.B.** In order to join this or any other club trips you must be a member of OUWC.

**Equipment:** More information about the trip and a full kit list will be circulated closer to the time. As a brief guide, you will need: walking boots (broken in); waterproof jacket and trousers; warm clothing (fleece/jumper, hat and gloves); a packed lunch; something to drink (at least 1l). Waterproofs can be borrowed from the club but we must know in advance. [You may be turned away if you do not turn up with appropriate clothing and footwear, in accordance with OUWC rules.]