

The Mill Trail features 5 historic water mills on route, but please note that three are now residential properties.

Interpretation panels are located at key stopping points along the Trail.



Follow the waymarkers illustrated in this leaflet.

For a more detailed map go to

[www.whitchurch.org.uk/whitchurch-walks](http://www.whitchurch.org.uk/whitchurch-walks)

#### From the Railway Station

Turn left along Station Road and at the junction with Newbury Road turn right and continue downhill to the Town Square. To complete the longer walk to Laverstoke, continue ahead to the Silk Mill and follow instructions shown below\*.

#### Fulling Mill Loop – 1 mile

To complete the short Fulling Mill loop, turn right into Church Street and when you reach All Hallows Church, take the footpath opposite leading to the riverside path. Cross over the bridge at Fulling Mill and turn left onto the single-track lane; The Weir. Upon reaching Winchester Street, turn left and continue to the Silk Mill and town centre.

#### \*To Laverstoke and Freefolk

Take the alleyway opposite the entrance to the Winchester Street car park, pass through a narrow kissing gate and turn left at the road junction; continue ahead taking the path skirting the school playing fields. Do not cross over the bridge at Town Mill, instead follow the footpath parallel to the river, keeping the river to your left. You will cross farmland with views towards Southfield Farm before passing through another kissing gate. **DOGS ON LEADS PLEASE – LIVESTOCK IN FIELDS BEYOND THIS POINT.**

Continue ahead through pasture meadows, passing through two gates. (To follow a short circuit via Bere Mill, after the second gate look for a stock gate in the corner of the field diagonally to the left of you. Pass through this gate and continue ahead to Bere Mill bridge and then pick up walk instructions on the next page\*\*). To continue to Laverstoke & Freefolk, continue ahead on rising ground with woodland to your right.

Upon reaching Laverstoke Lane turn left to walk through the village. Take the narrow path on the left between the edge of the car park and houses to reach the B3400. Laverstoke Mill, the former Portals papermill, now a gin distillery and popular visitor attraction, can be viewed from the main road.

#### To Freefolk and Whitchurch

Turn left along the main road for approx. 200m and at the entrance to a private driveway on your left cross into the field by the stock gate. Follow the path towards St. Nicholas church, keeping the buildings to your right.

*Do take some time to visit this little gem of a church.*

Follow the tarmacked driveway to the B3400, emerging opposite the impressively thatched Manor Cottages. Turn left and then left again onto the footpath opposite Watch Lane and continue ahead carefully crossing a bridge and sluice gates over the River Test, before emerging into a meadow **DOGS ON LEADS PLEASE – LIVESTOCK IN FIELDS BEYOND THIS POINT.**

Walk straight ahead uphill to the field boundary and then turn right to follow the field edge towards Bere Mill. Pass through a kissing gate and continue across the field to a second gate, emerging by Bere Mill bridge.

*Do take some time to admire this beautiful stretch of the Upper Test.*

\*\* Cross over the bridge and continue along the lane to a kissing gate on your left. Follow the path across the centre of the field to pass through a second kissing gate and continue ahead skirting another grazing field. The path swings left down a short steep slope and then right following the edge of a damp meadow on your left and houses on your right. Continue ahead, where the path meets a residential road; The Green. Walk ahead and where the road swings right, take the footpath on your left.

Follow the path towards Town Mill, passing abandoned watercress beds on your left and crossing over side channels of the River Test.

*Keep your eyes open for kingfishers and water voles.*

At Town Mill, turn right and follow the lane and side stream, passing Town Meadow on your left. At the junction with London Street, turn left and continue to the centre of town where you will find pubs and cafes.

From the town centre, turn right up Newbury Street to return to the Railway Station, or turn left into Winchester Street for the Silk Mill.

# Whitchurch Heritage Mill Trail

Discover the heritage mills on the upper reaches of the world famous River Test chalk stream.



This trail is up to 7 miles, but shorter circuits are available.  
▼ Interpretation panels are available on route.



Interpretation panels are located where shown: ▼

