

A short walk around the Pignal Inclosure

Distance

3 miles (5km) Return

Approximate time to complete

90 mins

Grade

Easy

New Forest Tour stop

Hollands Wood,
Brockenhurst

O/S Map covering this walk

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'New Forest'



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Route Information

A lovely walk, through Forestry Commission managed Inclosures, that offers a great opportunity to spend a few leisurely hours in the enclosed woodlands. Walking in the Forest on a summer's day just can't be beaten. Use the New Forest Tour to get you to Brockenhurst and the Hollands Wood campsite, then enjoy the wildlife and wonderful scenery on this easy walk.

Brockenhurst

Brockenhurst, the only village within the Perambulation of the New Forest whose value in the Domesday survey of 1086 was doubled (to £4) when that of many others was reduced, was also the only village mentioned as having a church. St. Nicholas, built upon a mound, may date back to Pagan times. Roman "bricks" and parts of Second and Third Century masonry have been built into the South porch and, in the South wall of the knave, typical herringbone masonry, possibly from an earlier church, can be seen. Both the doorway and the nave show late Norman work.

The churchyard contains the grave of Brusher Mills, the snake catcher, a famous local character, his headstone being suitably engraved.



The main attractions of the village are the Ford, running across the end of Brookley Road, the main shopping area, and the cottages, many of which, built by the Morant family. St. Saviours' Church was built by Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs. E.W. Walker-Munro, who also enlarged and rebuilt Rhinefield House between 1888 and 1890.

Other published walks in the New Forest

"More Walks Around The New Forest" by the New Forest Group, Ramblers' Association provides 17 walks to help you enjoy the New Forest and its surroundings.

Standing Hat Circular Walk

Approximately 3 miles (5km)

- 1 Leave the New Forest Tour at Hollands Wood campsite and walk towards the Balmer Lawn Hotel. Turn left up the Balmer Lawn Road keeping the hotel on your left.
- 2 Bear left at the cycle way-marker post '31' (Beaulieu/Lyndhurst) and continue up the gravel track to the "Standing Hat" Forestry Commission car park. Keep left at the fork towards the car park up a slight incline.
- 3 From Standing Hat car park enter Pignal inclosure by five-barred gate.
- 4 Take left hand north easterly gravel track.
- 5 Take third right hand track and proceed in an Easterly direction
- 6 Turn right at junction and walk along gravel track crossing over the cross track to the Inclosure boundary. Keep within inclosure.
- 7 Take sharp right hand track south westerly, and walk back to Standing Hat car park crossing Etherise Gutter.

This walk should take you around an hour and a half and cover approximately 5kms. It is always advisable to take an Ordnance Survey map and a compass on any walk to help you avoid getting lost.

