

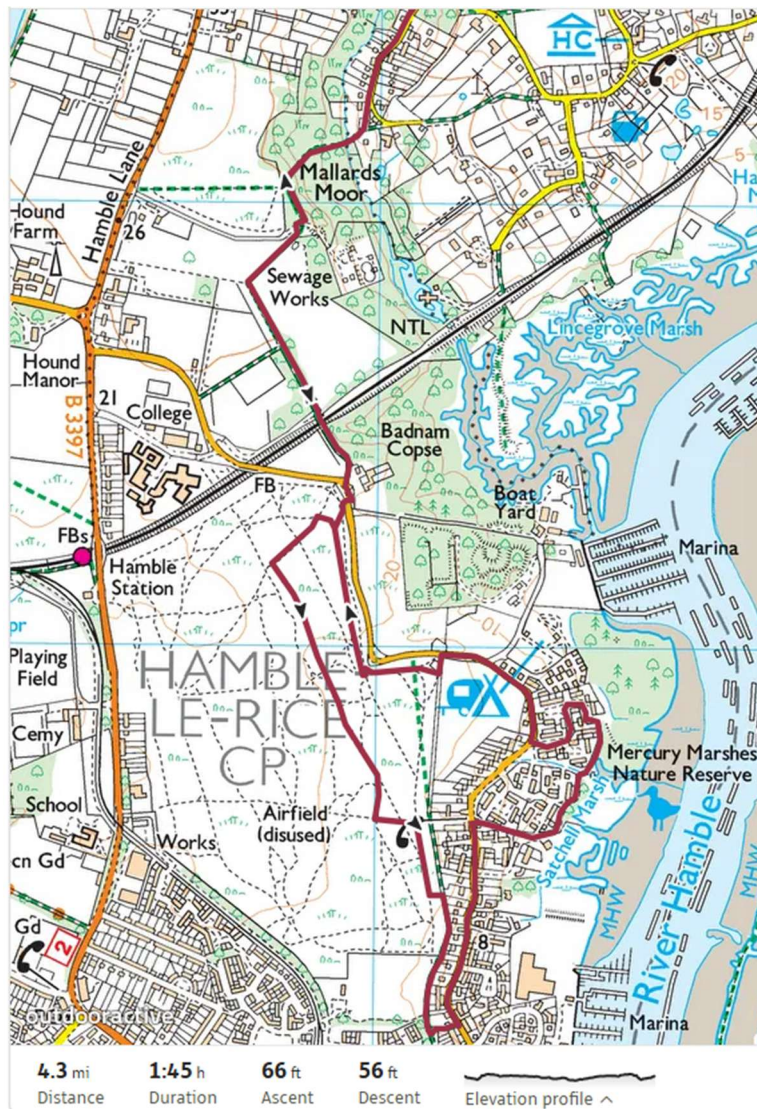
Walk Brief 16th June: Bursledon and

Hamble:

It is proposed we park and meet at The Fox and Hounds Bursledon Birch Spinney, Bursledon, Southampton SO31 8DE at 10:30 on 16th June. After the walk we can eat at the pub, they are expecting us.

The walking route is shown on the next page. The total length of the walk is 4.3 miles and takes us through woodland then onto the disused Hamble Airfield to Hamble. We will then walk through Mercury Marshes Nature Reserve to the site where Naval training ship Mercury use to be. It is also where the very first Sea Scout group was formed by Baden-Powell in 1909. We will then make our way back to the starting point for lunch.

Except for a short distance in the woods where there is a short fairly steep hill the rest of walk is pretty flat. Also, there is a ~400 yds section near entrance to Mercury Marina where we will have to walk in the road as it does not have a pavement.



Besides dressing for the weather on the day please all take care on the walk. The main hazards and precautions to be aware include:

- Paths can be muddy so waterproof walking shoes or boots will probably be needed.
- Care will be needed as paths can be slippery and roots & kerbs etc. are an ever-present tripping, also take care that shoelaces are not likely to trip you.
- There are road crossings where particular care will be needed
- There is stretch where we will have to walk in the road

- Prickly brambles and wild roses growth partially obstructs some paths
- Please remain between walk leader and tail walker.
- Please bring your membership card with you and check emergency contact information is written on the back of the card.
- Please bring your mobile phone and check you have my number in case of a problem.

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