

## Walk Brief 10:30 19<sup>th</sup> Sept: Titchfield

The walking route is as shown below and is 5.1 miles long and follows route of Titchfield Navigation Canal on the way back. We will start from the Barry's Meadow Car Park, Titchfield, Fareham PO14 4DG (this link will give location <https://goo.gl/maps/68r9x6STKRtrYNi98> ), it seems to be free and not often busy.

At the end of the walk we have the option to have a drink or lunch The Queens Head <https://goo.gl/maps/VB4HXGiyAtfBKCQY8>

Please let me know if you plan to come and if you need a lift or have room in your car to help with lifts to and from Titchfield.

Most of route is fairly flat but as always roots, pebbles etc. may present tripping hazards and paths can be slippery. Also, it is likely that some of the route will be pretty muddy.

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## Background Information

The following are extract from Titchfield History Society <https://titchfieldhistory.com/about-the-history-society/> If you want to lean more the webstite is a great source of information.

*The Village of Titchfield can date its history to 6th century Anglo-Saxon times, two centuries before the Vikings invaded Britain. Evidence of Roman occupation abounds in the local area and Titchfield's accessibility from its once natural tidal harbour suggests that it benefited from navigable access at high tide that would have allowed shallow keel vessels to travel up the Meon Valley.*

*Titchfied thrived on agriculture and sea trade. Geographically, it is an ideal location to live and prosper with rich soils supporting sheep farming and a thriving port that facilitated trade via Hill Head on the busy Solent before it was blocked off in 1611.*

*A canal was built to connect Titchfield with the Solent and runs along the western edge of the Titchfield Haven, the purpose can only be surmised but Titchfield was referred to as a thriving marketplace in medieval times and one has to presume that floating trade elevated its already busy market and local Tannery trade. Today, the canal is somewhat overgrown with trees, but it has a footpath which follows the canal on one side and the Titchfield Nature Haven on the other on its route to the Meon beach where Titchfield harbour once existed.*