

Local Experience Trail

as chosen by

Camper Dreamin'



Soak up the beautiful sights and sounds of Brockenhurst village and put our Local Experience Trail to the test! We have teamed up with weekend warriors Izzy and Laurie from Camper Dreamin', who live for the moments when they can hit the road, get lost in the Great Outdoors and break free from their working week.

Travelling around in their converted camper van with their pup Bear, they enjoyed our adventure trail after a wonderful weekend stay at Hollands Wood. Following 5 simple points through Brockenhurst village, with plenty of tasty and interesting pit stops along the way, it's a great route for all the family – don't forget to pick up some campsite dinner inspiration sourced from the local butchers and bakers of Brockenhurst!

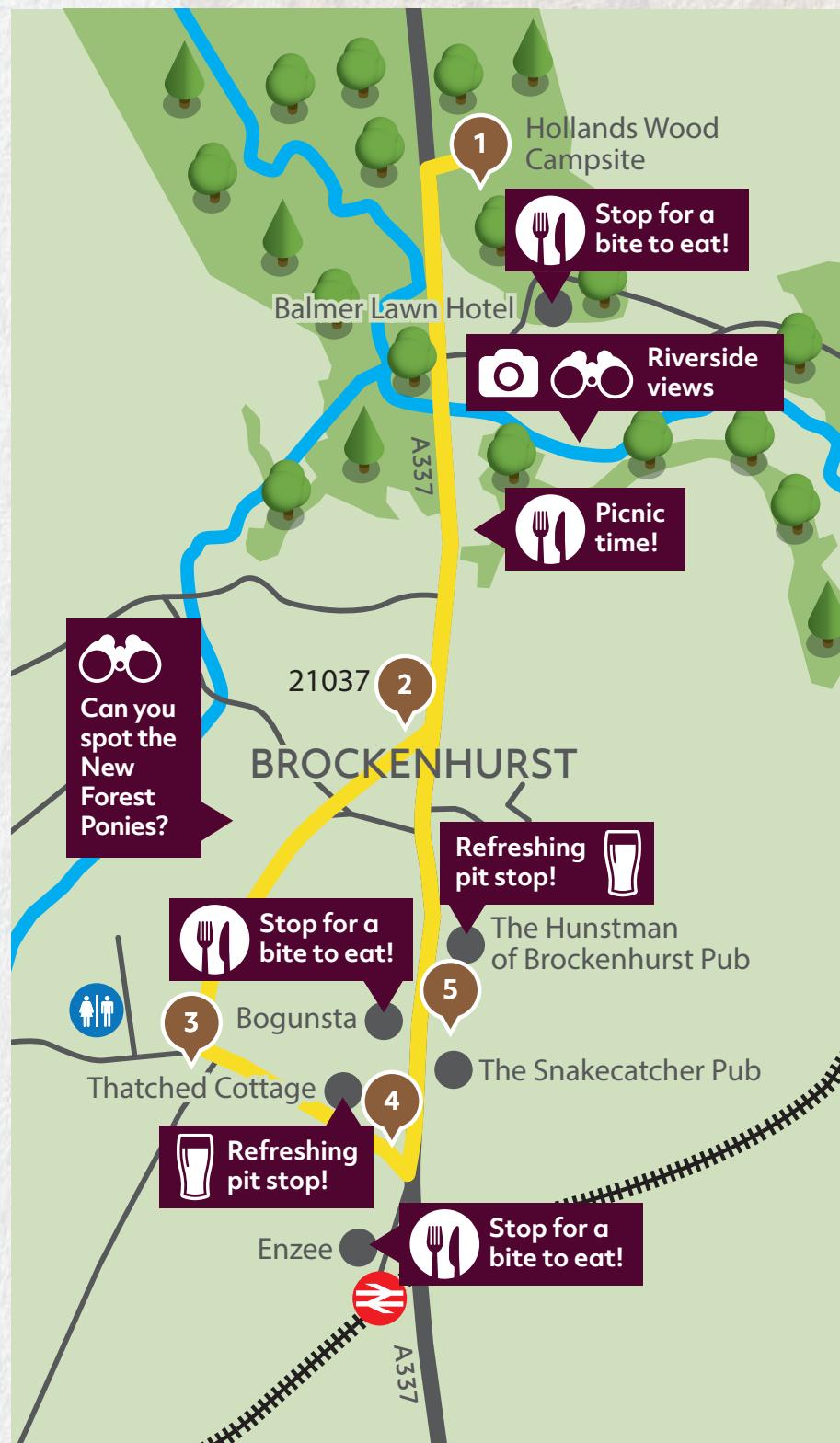
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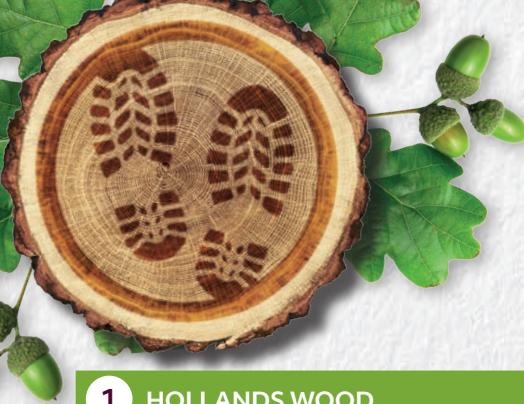
Length of walk: 2.5 miles

Duration: 2-3 hours

Difficulty: This one's an easy one!

Facilities: Car park, public toilets, cafes and restaurants and optional bike hire





Map your adventure



1 HOLLANDS WOOD

Head straight out of Hollands Wood campsite, turning left onto Lyndhurst Road/A337. Continue to walk straight and after a short distance you will see Balmer Lawn Hotel on your left. For those who may have skipped breakfast, we can recommend a delicious lunch or afternoon tea served on the beautiful front lawn, perfect on a sunny afternoon! (Plus enjoy 25% off for all Go New Forest card holders!) Continue past the bus stop, which has a left turn and allows you to cross the Lymington River. This is a great green space for a picnic or even a photo to capture the beginning of your local experience adventure!

2 GRIGG LANE

Continue back along Lyndhurst Road, over the bridge and follow the road for roughly half a mile. You will pass several houses and Meerut Road, on the right hand side. As you pass Carey's Manor Hotel and Senspa, turn right onto Grigg Lane. Here is a great place to spot the famous New Forest ponies which roam freely throughout Brockenhurst. Follow the road down, which will shortly lead out onto Brookley Road, the main high street of Brockenhurst.

INTERESTING FACT! The village high street Brookley Road hasn't really changed over the last 100 years and contains a wide selection of traditional and independent local stores, including butchers, bakers, florist, gift shops and even a great bike shop.

3 BROOKLEY ROAD

Turn right onto Brookley Road, which leads you out into the middle of the high street. Here, enjoy a wander through the wide range of local shops and cafes which line the street. Why not make a stop at Pot Pourri, home to a fantastic range of gifts, jewellery, accessories and soft and wooden toys. Or get some campsite dinner inspiration from the local butchers and bakers!

4 FORESTER ARMS PUB

Turn back around and wander through the rest of Brookley Road. For those looking for something stronger to wet their whistle, we recommend a pit stop at the Thatched Cottage Gin Bar, home to the only gin bar in the New Forest and stocking over 300 different types of gin – you're certainly spoilt for choice! As you come to the end of the high street, you will see the Forester Arms pub on the left hand side. This is a great place to stop and enjoy a well-deserved drink before heading home! For those looking to continue their adventure, why not enjoy the rest of your journey on two wheels? Hire out some bikes from nearby Cyclexperience, which is located down Lymington Road and through the car park on the right hand side, past Brockenhurst Station, SO42 7TW. The shop is also a designated Local Information Centre and provides some idyllic and safe forest trails and cycle routes in and around the New Forest. Go New Forest card holders can also enjoy 10% off bike hire!

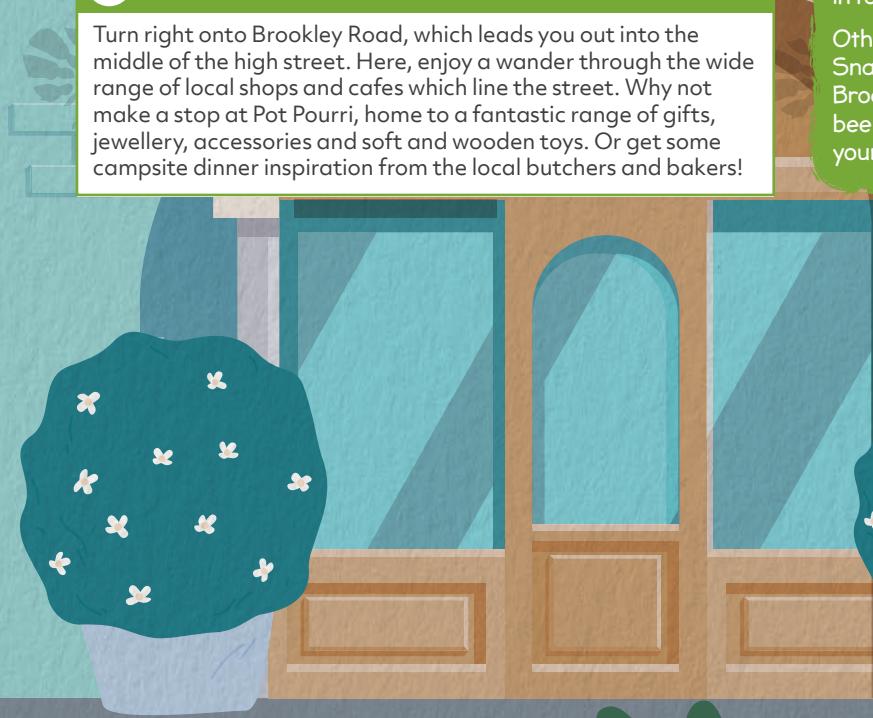
5 LYNDHURST ROAD/A337

To make your way back to camp, head straight back up the Lymington Road/A337.

OPTIONAL PITSTOP! If you're feeling a bit peckish, why not stop at Enzee, a family friendly Italian restaurant and pizzeria, located to the right of Brookley Road. (SO42 7TW)

There are a selection of cafes and pubs to suit all tastes and styles on your journey home. Why not try Bogunsta, a friendly independent cafe serving a delicious range of homemade food and proper coffee! You could always pop in for a tasty cake to take back to the campsite with you!

Other local pubs along the route home include The Snakecatcher – great for local ales and also The Huntsman of Brockenhurst, which serves a selection of food and crafted beers. Wherever you decide to stop, make the adventure your own and enjoy all the local experiences throughout!



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