

## Healthy walks around the New Forest

Walking is a good form of exercise. Healthy walks make it easier to exercise as part of your normal day. Regular brisk walks will increase your heart rate, making you warm and slightly out of breath. Start slowly, enjoy the fresh air, and gradually build up to the recommended 30 minutes a day.

The benefits of regular brisk walking include

- Reduces the risk of heart disease
- Keeps your heart strong
- Reduces or maintains your weight
- Reduces blood pressure
- Tones your muscles
- Relaxation and enjoyment

Calories used when walking

Weight (stones)	8	9.5	11	12.5	14	15.5	17
Calories used after walking 1 Mile	64	79	93	107	120	136	152

If you are taking medication, recently had an operation or in any doubt about your ability, please consult your doctor.

Walking Safely

- Tell someone when & where you are going walking & when you expect to be back
- Wear suitable clothing & footwear
- Take care crossing roads
- If you are walking in poor light, wear reflective clothing

Leaflets for similar health routes are also available for Fawley, Fordingbridge, Hythe & Dibden and Marchwood. For further information visit [www.hants.gov.uk/countryside/hpp/healthwalks](http://www.hants.gov.uk/countryside/hpp/healthwalks) or call the number below.



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## Ringwood

circular walk 4



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Distance: 3.5 km / 2.25 miles  
Duration: 45 minutes  
Condition: Generally good, but could become muddy in places.

## Starting Point: Cornerways Medical Centre

**1** Turn left out of Cornerways Surgery & take second road on left into Northfield Road. Continue along pavement, just before reaching Edwina Close on the left, cross road & take path between houses on the right. At path junction bear left and continue into Kingfisher Way. Follow road round until emerging on to North Poulner Road.

**2** Cross road, either walk across grass bearing left & through gate to gravel track or turn left then right into the main entrance of Poulner Lakes. Continue ahead with Wash Pit Lake on left & Northfield Lake on right. Where track turns left (to car park) continue straight, following fenced path just to the left of the main track.

**3** At path T-junction turn right, take next left over stream then left again following path parallel to stream. Take next left over bridge. Turn right following the boundary of the grassed area before heading for the car park.

**4** Continue through the car park & back out to North Poulner Road. Cross road & turn right; take next left into Morant Road.

**5** At T-junction turn left then take next right, continue ahead turning right into Link Road. On reaching Gorley Road turn left taking you back to Cornerways Surgery.

**Poulner Lakes** - The remaining evidence of the extensive gravel workings immediately to the north of Ringwood, these lakes now represent a much valued public open space for local inhabitants.

**The Linbrook Stream** - One of the gravel bottomed brooks which drain the commons to the east of the Avon Valley and flow down to join that river on its course to the sea.

