

# Isle of Wight Walking Holiday

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## Information for Drivers

The boxes give information on destinations for use in satnavs. Country locations don't have precise postcodes, so you may do better with a grid reference or latitude and longitude. If you can use What3words, it is accurate to 10 metres. Most of the directions here are based on Google Streetview, and are the best I can manage. Feel free to use your own route.

### Cheltenham to Lymington Ferry Terminal

Nearest Postcode SO41 5SB  
Grid Reference SZ 332 956  
What3words ///otters.deeply.butlers  
Latitude & Longitude N 50.758997°, W 1.530493°

Google's recommended route takes you through Lyndhurst, which can be a bottleneck. My preferred route, which is more scenic, is through Beaulieu.

Take your own favourite route to the M4, which you will probably join at junction 15.

Leave the M4 at junction 13, and turn right on to the A34, marked for Southampton. When you leave the roundabout take the right-hand lane and stick to it until you are on the A34. The left-hand lane goes to the A339.

At the end of the A34, turn right on to the M3 towards Southampton.

At junction 14 of the M3, bear left to turn right on to the M27 westward.

At the next junction (3) on the M27, turn left on to the M271.

At the end of the M271 turn right on to the A35.

Cross a bridge and carry straight on. (You may be tempted to go left, but this road passes under the A35 and actually goes to the right of it.)

At a roundabout turn left on to the Marchwood By-pass leading to the A326.

Follow the A326 to Dibden Purlieu, then turn right on to the B3054 marked Beaulieu.

Pass through the village of Beaulieu and turn left at a T-junction (still A3054).

In about a mile fork left, marked Lymington (still A3054).

You will cross open heathland, then enter a twisty section. At the end of this, the road swings right, but you should go straight on with the water on your right for the Isle of Wight Ferry. I believe there is no sign here for the ferry, but you will know you are getting near when the road swings sharp left with chevrons.

Follow this minor road until you see the ferry terminal on the right, turn in and report to the booth.

### Norton Grange

Nearest Postcode PO41 OSD  
Grid Reference SZ 347896  
What3words ///establish.geology.ropes  
Latitude & Longitude N 50.704861°, W 1.510473°

As you pass Norton Grange on the way from the ferry to Alum Bay you should not need directions. You can use the above information in your satnav each day.

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## Yarmouth to Alum Bay

Nearest Postcode PO39 0JD  
Grid Reference SZ 308853  
What3words ///display.scarred.taxpayers  
Latitude & Longitude N 50.666727°, W 1.565856°

Turn right out of the ferry terminal.

After crossing the mouth of the Yar, the road turns sharp left. Shortly after this you should see Norton Grange on the right. Drive straight past it.

At a roundabout in Totland follow signs straight on for Alum Bay.

In a few miles you will pass a sign on the right saying "Welcome to Needles and Alum Bay".

Carry on to the end of the road and turn right into the car park. This is pay on entry, so have your money ready (possibly £5, but National Trust handbook says 20% off on production of card). You can park anywhere, but we will start the walk near the pay booth.

## Norton Grange to Mottistone

Nearest Postcode PO30 4EA  
Grid Reference SZ 405838  
What3words ///smart.outdoor.grafted  
Latitude & Longitude N 50.652150°, W 1.428697°

Turn right out of Norton Grange.

Drive up to Totland and turn left at a roundabout on to the A3055 marked Freshwater.

Turn left on to the B3399 marked Calborne and Newport.

After a few miles, turn right on to the B3399 (still!) marked Brighstone and Ventnor.

Keep following B3399 towards Brighstone, and pass through Hulverstone.

As you approach Mottistone, the National Trust car park on the left is very clearly marked.

Turn in and park anywhere.

## Norton Grange to Firestone Copse

Nearest Postcode PO33 4LE  
Grid Reference SZ 558911  
What3words /// freezing.swimsuits.encloses  
Latitude & Longitude N 50.716872°, W 1.210924°

Turn left out of Norton Grange on to the A3054 (which you will follow almost the whole way).

Follow the main road through Yarmouth and on for several miles to Newport.

The road swings sharp right, then left to a roundabout, where you should turn right. The major roadworks at this junction are due to enter a new phase at the start of April, but this probably will be no problem. If you have taken the right road, you should see a large B&Q on your left.

Take the left lane on the dual carriageway, marked Ryde and East Cowes, but don't take the Industrial Estate exit.

Keep bearing left, always following signs for A3054 Ryde.

After a few miles, go straight on at a roundabout, still A3054 to Ryde.

Descend into Wootton Bridge and pass The Sloop pub on your left.

Cross Wootton Creek (boats moored on your left), go up the hill, and take the first right (Firestone Copse Road).

The road enters the wood, and then another road goes off to the left. The car park you are looking for is on the right with a prominent Forestry Commission notice.