

Discovering the Preston Candover Area

Seven Scenic Walks

Walk Number 7

- (a) The Oakhill Lane Walk ; approximately 3 miles; 1.5 hours
- (b) The Moundsmere Walk ; approximately 6 miles; 3 hours
- (c) The Berrydown Walk ; approximately 4 miles; 2 hours

1. From the lay-by next to Preston Candover Village Hall walk in the direction of Alresford for some 400 metres and take the turning to the left of the Village Green; pass the cottages on the left and just past Church Farm enter the path on the left by the footpath sign. Follow along the side of these fields in a straight line keeping the boundary hedge on your left, cross the next 2 stiles, continue straight across the centre of the next field to the stile in the hedgerow opposite, cross and continuing in a straight line go across the next very large field to yet another stile in the opposite hedgerow. After crossing this stile onto Preston Down, turn left and keeping the boundary on your immediate left go to the apex of the field and track, the Oxdrove. Turn left on this track (in effect keeping in the same general direction) and follow it through the wooded area until it reaches the Bradley/Preston Candover Road.

So far all walks follow the same route.

2. For Walk (a) The Oakhill Lane Walk

Turn left on this road and after a short distance take the track on your right; walk up the hill and over the brow until it joins the Oak Hill Lane. Turn left into this lane and walk to the end. Turn right on to the Bradley Road, walk to the end, turn left and after about half a mile we are back at the lay-by.

3. For walks (b) The Moundsmere walk and (c) The Berrydown Walk

On reaching the Bradley Road turn right and walk along this road for several hundred metres until you reach the cross roads. Turn left here and walk up the hill, over the brow to reach a 'T junction' when the main path turns sharply to the right.

4. Walk (b) The Moundsmere Walk

Turn left here onto the grass/earth track and walk up the hill to the main entrance gates to Moundsmere Manor. Turn left on reaching the main drive and walk along to reach the Preston Candover/Axford Road at Moundsmere Lodges. Turn left here and walk through Preston Candover Village to the lay-by by the Village Hall.

5. Walk (c) The Berrydown Walk

Continue to follow the main metalled lane until after probably 1000 metres the Axford-Herriard / Ellisfield-Moundsmere crossroads are reached. Turn left and walk along this road, past several dwellings at Berrydown until after the road turns markedly left at a thatched dwelling on your right you will see a 'bridleway' marked track on your left. Go up the track until Moundsmere Farm is reached, then going in the same general direction, cross over Moundsmere Driveway and walk down the farm track until the Oakhill Lane is reached at a 'T' junction. Turn right onto this lane and follow its path to the end (the Bradley Road). Turn right and after one field, the Preston Candover/Axford road is reached. Turn left and walk through Preston Candover Village to reach the lay-by where we began this ramble.