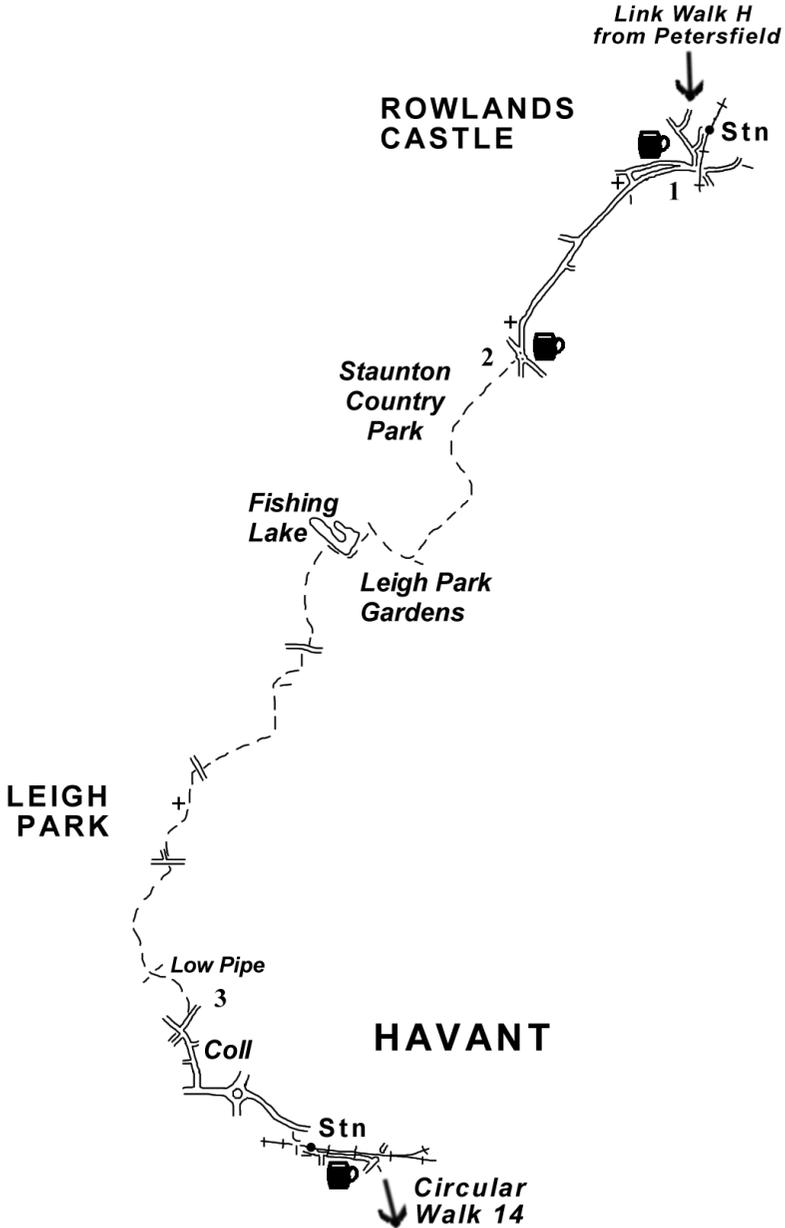


Link Walk I – Rowlands Castle to Havant

Distance approximately 3¾ miles/6km

**The walk starts at Rowlands Castle Station and ends at Havant station;
refreshment at Rowlands Castle and Havant**



Walk I

- 1 From Rowlands Castle station road, turn left then right, away from the bridge, and follow the pavement along the road on the left side of the green. Continue along this road (Redhill Road) to a roundabout. Cross the road with care, turn left then shortly take a track to the right, opposite a pub. Pass through a gate into Staunton Country Park.
- 2 Follow the Staunton Way through the park by Leigh Park Gardens, past the fishing lake and continue south alongside the stream which issues from the lake.

This should be waymarked as the Staunton Way, but at the time of writing (October 2008) there were no signs in evidence. The route from the pond to the first road is particularly boggy and obscure and seems to require crossing an open ditch at one point! After that, take the metal kissing gate opposite and follow the path through woodland, then along the stream edge on one side or the other as best you can, sometimes through housing estates.



The fishing lake in Staunton Country Park

- 3 Shortly after passing under a large pipe (mind your head!) the path joins a road (Stockheath Lane) at a sign saying “Hermitage Stream, Hermit’s Lea”. At a T-junction, turn left onto Barncroft Way and go past the entrance to Havant College. Turn left at the next T-junction along New Road. At the large roundabout go straight ahead into Elmleigh Road. Just past the Magistrate’s Court, turn right and across a footbridge over the railway line to the main entrance of the station.

To continue to Hayling Island and Portsmouth, follow Circular Walk 14.

