



# Quants Nature Reserve

ST 188 175. 34 acres (13.8 ha.)

Mosaic of relic heathy grassland and ancient and secondary woodland on steep north-facing slope of Blackdown Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). Open access at ST 189 176.

**Start:** *The site of the Merry Harriers, Wellington TA21 9PD*

**Terrain:** *The route is along paths and tracks and is steep in places. Some sections can be muddy in wet weather. Please take care when crossing or walking along roads. The road by the site of the Merry Harriers can be busy with fast moving traffic. Dogs welcome, but must be kept on a lead.*

**Distance:** *Approx. 2.25 miles*

**Approx time:** *45-60 mins*

Go For a Wild Walk



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## Nuthatch

*Nuthatches are grey above,  
with a black eyestripe, white  
cheeks and throat, and  
rusty belly.*

## Get Started!

- 1 From the Merry Harriers cross the road and head down the lane signposted towards Angersleigh. Head down the hill for about 150 metres and go through the kissing gate on the left into Quants Nature Reserve.
- 2 Carry on down the track through the heathy grassland following round to the right just before the wooden field gate. This area is summer grazed by ponies. Continue over the stile beside the gate, across the track into the wood and then, after a further 100 metres, fork left down the hill through the wood.
- 3 Continue through the woodland looking out for spring flowers and Dormouse gnawed hazel nuts. At the bottom of this woodland track leave Quants reserve through the squeeze stile and turn sharp left along the public bridleway. The area below the track is summer grazed by Longhorn cattle.
- 4 Continue along the bridleway entering Ruggin Nature Reserve. At the end of the ancient woodland go through the gate following the bridleway along the edge of the field. The fields here are cut for hay and are very flower rich. Leaving Ruggin Reserve continue along the bridleway with Farm Wood House below the track.
- 5 Continue along this track until you reach the T junction at the ruin of Old Lake Cottage and turn left onto the track going up the hill.
- 6 After about 200 metres turn left through the pedestrian gate following the bridleway up hill through Buckland Wood. At the top of the wood turn left keeping the field on your right, this will take you back to the entrance to Buckland Wood on the opposite side of the road to the site of the Merry Harriers.

## Fly Agaric

*Probably the most familiar looking fungus, with its famous red cap with white spots or 'warts'. The cap is rounded or flat. The flesh and stem are white and the gills under the cap are free of the stem.*



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