

HASLEMERE CIRCULAR WALK

TWENTY THREE MILES THROUGH SOME OF THE BEST BITS OF WEST SURREY

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KEY

NT	NATIONAL TRUST	L	LEFT
BP	BRIDLE PATH	TL	TURN LEFT
FP	FOOT PATH	TR	TURN RIGHT
TK	TRACK	THRO	THROUGH
CONT	CONTINUE	RD	ROAD
R	RIGHT		

START AT GR 890358 - O S MAP 186 or OS Map 133 Explorer Orange Series

From NT car park, bear R to viewpoint. TL along Highcombe Edge cont ahead on main TK ignoring other paths. At Hindhead Electricity Substation TR by NT path sign to go steeply downhill. At bottom TL along main path. Take first path on R down to stream, cross by plank bridge and cont ahead. At T junction TL along path, skirting YHA grounds and thro 5-bar gate.

TR along main path soon becoming a metalled lane. Just before small car park on L where lane bears R (GR 895367) turn sharp L along narrow TK. Cont ahead 250 yds to RD. TR and immediately cross RD (A3) with very great care. Take wide gravel TK opposite and follow half mile to path junction. Fork L 40 yds then bear R to reach summit of Gibbet Hill (GR 899359).

Look towards the view and from trig point bear R and ahead down narrow path for 80 yds and over junction of 5 BP's. Cont ahead along main BP ignoring R & L paths, keeping to top of ridge and pass marble base of summer house on L. (GR 907358).

Cont ahead 50 yds to 5 BP junction. Pass the junction post and immediately TL along path winding down hill. Join main TK and keep ahead for approx 300yds, ignoring all paths to L to pass house and smallholding . Pass to L of house along main TK and, after 200 yds thro 5 bar gate with name plate Halcyon House, and then after 25 yds TL down broad TK for half mile TR underneath railway bridge and along lane to main RD (Grayswood Road GR 917348) TR 150 yds.

Cross RD with care and TL along Lower RD follow to end. Cross Prestwick Lane and take BP opposite for 400 yds to field. Cont on line of BP bearing half R across field (often indistinct) following line of wire fence and go thro gap half way along hedge. Thro gate and bear L across corner of field to centre of tree line opposite. Follow path along edge of field keeping trees on L. Go thro field

entrance and keep ahead crossing field. Go thro 2nd field entrance and TR for 100 yds to metalled lane. TL along lane and after 20 yds as lane bears R by lake fork L along BP. Continue ahead ignoring all turns to R and L - the poor metalled surface becomes very good as the path passes Furnace Place. Pass Stream Cottage thro main ornamental gates of Furnace Place to lane.

TR along lane and after 150 yds TL on path. After 25 yds TR then head along R edge of large field, and BP to RD (footpath indistinct). Cross RD and take BP thro Anstead Brook Stud where tarmac ends, cont on BP ahead (often muddy) thro 5-bar gate. After 200 yds TR over stile and up thro 2 fields keeping hedge on R. Thro small gate into wood and cont straight ahead and uphill after 100yds forking right and ahead (path indistinct and often overgrown) to small gate into field. Straight over field keeping fence on L and TL on BP. Cont ahead 600 yds via gate and between fields to Barfold Farm (GR 928311).

TR up lane for half mile and where lane turns sharp R continue ahead uphill on BP to R of car park and Black Down NT sign, to meet main TK (Sussex Border Path). TL along Border Path for 200 yds and fork L along BP for a further 100 yds and then after another 100yds bear L. Cont ahead keeping to main TK ignoring all paths to R & L. After 500 yds fork R and cont ahead along ridge. After 300 yds fork L to stone memorial seat to Mabel Elizabeth Hunter and viewpoint just below hill top. Retrace steps 100 yds and TL. Fork R over crossing TK after 25 yds and go straight ahead. Cont on main TK along summit of hill for half mile ignoring paths to R and L. At main cross TKs take TK opposite going straight ahead downhill (GR 918303).

Cont one mile to lane. TR for half mile, TL along TK by Beech Trees (FP sign by National trust no Parking sign) and cont ahead over stile through trees and passing three fields ignoring paths to R and L to Valewood House entrance. BR and ahead down lane 1000 yds to main RD (GR 895317).

Immediately cross RD (with great care - blind bend) to take BP opposite by Sussex Bell Gatehouse and National Trust sign Marley Wood. Follow BP uphill, (it bears sharp L along wire fence after 50 yds before continuing its original line of direction). At the BP junction TR and cont ahead up hill ignoring all other paths for 1/3 mile. At 5 path junctions pass thro boundary bank and between broken gate posts. Immediately TL along NT FP at first with boundary bank on L. At major cross paths TL and cont ahead. Soon cross tarmac house drive, 25 yds after which TR on TK (forking L 15 yds before lane) (GR 890308). (View point to R)

Cross lane and take FP opposite, running diagonally from it. After 250 yds TR along FP soon going downhill. Ignore paths to R and L and soon reach brick-built pond at bottom and path junction. TR along FP across pond outlet stream and then bear L to follow TK at first alongside trees for one and a half miles. Just before RD, go thro 5-bar gate and immediately TR along FP. Cont uphill 250 yds and TL thro small wooden gate by large oak, to go along path past cricket pitch and pavilion to RD. TR along RD 100 yds and TL opposite to go down FP by Lynchmere Green (house) (GR 868310). Cont ahead, crossing a stiles and down left side of field to bottom where cross 2nd stile and take path

ahead thro wood ignoring paths to R and L. Where TK bends sharply to R cont on keeping bank on R (ignore branch to L going uphill).

Follow FP ahead ignoring paths to R and L (keep on main TK) 1/3 mile passing 2 signposts (and further on ignoring FP sign to left) and continue on main FP to top of hill. Here TL on FP, pass signpost and immediately fork R 10yds then over TK under power cables coming in at right angles to the line of power cables to be followed and cont ahead going downhill on FP running under power cables, to reach RD (GR 859315).

Cross RD going slightly to R (ignoring unsigned path directly opposite) and take BP ahead and uphill. At top at BP junction bear R and BP soon becomes gravel TK then RD. After 1/3 mile, at Gillhams Farm, TL thro gate along BP which runs diagonally across top of field, (NB do not go down path to L of field), thro gate into wood (Woodland Trust). Continue thro wood and after quarter mile reach field.

Cross, keep ahead along L hedge TL along metalled FP thro farm gate and ahead to railway pedestrian crossing. This is the main Portsmouth line with many trains and is electrified. Listen for trains and cross with extra care (dogs on leads). Cont up track opposite and reach Prince of Wales public house at Hammer Bottom (GR868326).

From the steps at the back of the Prince of Wales take path running straight ahead uphill. Keep power lines on L until summit and T junction of power lines. TR along broad track and follow to car park and road. TL and reach A3 by Little Chef. Cross with care. The crossing is laid out in a dog leg across the dual carriage and traffic is very fast on both carriages. Take FP opposite . Down hill 150yds cross track and uphill ¼ mile to reach broad track and NT stock gate. Pass thro and after 100yds TR on main track .

Follow downhill for ¼ mile ignoring all turns to R and L and reach Waggoners Wells Ponds (GR 860344)

TR along path running along the bank of the ponds soon reaching and passing to the L of car park by second pond. Cont ahead over lane crossing and bear L and ahead on main path. After a 100 yds TL by large fir along BW to follow the path up the valley - Hunters Moon. Follow the line of the valley on BW ignoring all R and L turns until the path joins the main track at Thames Water Authority Stoney Bottom Pumping Station. TR along track and at path junction by house garage TL steeply uphill. Reach main road. Cross with care. TL and first R down Beechhanger Road (GR 867355).

Follow 250 yds and soon after road bend TL along FP (signed). Cross RD end and straight ahead. Path bears L and soon after entering woods TR through oak and holly to go steeply downhill thro woods to RD. (GR866357)

TL along RD for 250yds to Public Byway sign on R. Make a right U turn thro green metal barrier and follow BP uphill. At T junction TR and follow BP uphill for 1/3 mile ignoring all paths to L and R. 35 yds before the metal deer proof

boundary fence TR at National Trust sign along narrow BP. Follow NT BP signs. At multiple BP and FP crossing cont ahead along BP and in half mile reach RD. TL along main A287 RD and cross with care. TR along BP by Highcombe Edge for 400yds. At cross track by Hindhead Electricity substation TR and retrace steps along main track to car park via Punchbowl viewpoint.