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Newlands Corner on Albury Downs.



### CHOSEN BY ... MIKE COPE

This walk begins in the Surrey Weald and makes a spectacular ascent of

St Martha's Hill to the church perched high on the North Downs, and visible for miles around. From here, we follow The Pilgrims' Way - once used by pilgrims to visit the relics of St Swithin in Winchester (the capital of Saxon England) and then later to visit Canterbury, following the martyrdom of St Thomas a Beckett. (Before that it was the east/west route for traders, connecting the Channel ports to Salisbury Plain and Stonehenge.) Our route continues to Newlands Corner - a beauty spot on the North Downs Way, before

descending to the mysterious Silent Pool. We continue through Albury village (with its ornate Pugin chimneys) and return to Blackheath via a myriad of half-known paths and sandy tracks.

#### Start

Locate car park entrance, then bear R along tarred lane. After 200m, go half L along bridleway that runs parallel to lane. At Lingwood House, keep ahead along narrow fenced path, waymarked 'Downs Link'. In due course, bridleway and footpath run in parallel, then merge together again. Eventually, path joins a private road before crossing a railway bridge. From here you get your first glimpse of St Martha's

#### **PLAN YOUR WALK**



#### ROUTE

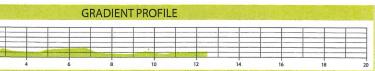
Start/parking Blackheath Common car park, grid ref TQ036462 Is it for me? Very steep ascent up scarp slope of North Downs, then along woodland trails and sandy paths; good level of fitness required for this hike Stiles One

#### PLANNING

Refreshments Newlands Corner café; The Albury Village Stores: The Drummond (Albury); The Percy Arms (Chilworth) **Public toilets** Newlands Corner café Public transport Chilworth railway station: Bus 32 stops by The Percy Arms Maps OS Explorer 145: Landranger 186

Nearest town Guildford

Church, perched high on the North Downs ridge. Cross main road and continue along track. which crosses two streams

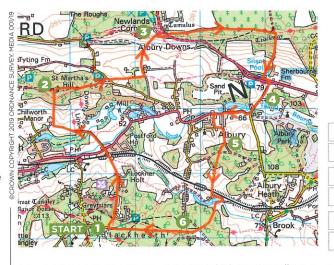


before swinging to the L. Keep ahead at fingerpost, and continue past Chilworth Manor vineyard. When vineyard ends, go R at fingerpost, waymarked St Martha's Hill. Keep going until you reach the door of St Martha's Church.

13/4 miles/2.8km Facing the church door, go R and exit churchyard via gate. Continue along sandy track the fork R downhill. Keep ahead at next two junctions and at signed junction maintain direction along bridleway to reach pillbox. At next junction follow purple arrow to Guildford Lane car park. Go R along road, then L (in 100m) along fenced path (Pilgrims' Way). Follow track downhill to junction, then go L past farm and uphill across field. Continue into woodland and follow path uphill to Newlands Corner Visitor Centre.

31/4 miles/5.2km Go R here to pick up North Downs Way, which crosses A25. Continue through woodland for some time, ignoring the first R. Take next R (at fingerpost) to descend the North Downs escarpment. At the bottom go L towards road (A25). Go L along road for 200m, then take first R towards Albury.

**5 mile/8.2km**Pass the Catholic Apostolic Church and cross bridge over stream. Go R at first bend into



Albury village. Pass fishery on R, then go L along a fenced footpath. At junction, bear L and follow bridleway round to the R and up a sunken lane.

7 6 miles/9.7km

Maintain direction at small clearing then fork half R into woodland. Keep ahead at junction on crest of hill, with de-forested area on L. Go over next junction and follow track downhill through woodland to stile. Cross, then go L across field following path downhill to railway track. Cross level crossing, then go through tree-lined avenue to gate. The track swings L between houses and continues past two more dwellings before veering round to R. At T-iunction, go R up narrow track, which sweeps L and then R. In due course, the

path narrows and the banks

become higher. Eventually you emerge from sunken path to reach a junction. Bear slightly L (following blue arrow) and keep ahead at next junction and across de-forested area. Enter woodland again and keep on narrow path, which leads to another de-forested area. Cross it and then go L (for 50 metres) and then R along wide sandy track.

71/4 miles/11.8km Follow this gradually ascending sandy track for 800m to finish.

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## 5 SURREY/WEST SUSSEX BLACK DOWN

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#### **PLAN YOUR WALK** Taking a breath at the Temple of the Winds viewpoint.



Start/parking parking at the Black Down National Trust car park, GU27 3BJ, grid ref SU920308 Is it for me? Wide and clear paths, tracks and a short section of lane Stiles None

#### PLANNING

Nearest town Haslemere Refreshments

Hemingways in Haslemere (Tel: 01428 656904) or The Duke of Cumberland in Henley (01428 652280) **Public toilets** None **Public transport** Trains or buses to Haslemere, you then need to walk about 2km to the start on Tennyson's Lane Maps OS Explorer OL33: Landranger 186

direction following the main path keeping R at the first junction, then L and L again to reach a fork in the path with a steep bank on your L. To





BENSON Alfred, Lord Tennyson

loved Black Down, and it's easy to see why as you stroll through magnificent woodland and heather-covered heathland to discover magnificent views of the rolling Sussex countryside. Owned by the National Trust, it is the highest point in both Sussex and the South Downs National Park at 280 metres. This is a great walk for families and an exciting adventure for children, with trails to run through tall pine trees and a clear point to aim for at the Temple of the Winds, with its well-placed bench to rest and take in the views.

indicate settlement during the Mesolithic period, some 8000 years ago.

Start 9

Follow the main track uphill in a southernly direction out of the car park. Continue in this

It can also be shortened easily if necessary, removing most of the ascent but still reaching the viewpoint and experiencing the magic of the place. There's plenty of wildlife to spot here, including Belted Galloway cattle, part of a conservation grazing project, woodlarks and Dartford warblers. The area also boasts some fascinating archaeology: the Temple of the Winds was a Bronze Age circular bank, and over 2000 flint artefacts

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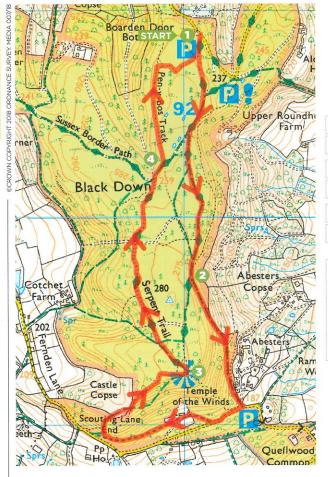
#### **DON'T MISS...**



shorten this walk stay R here and follow the main track to the Temple of the Winds (pt 3).

3/4 mile/1.2km Take the L fork downhill above Abesters Copse following a track to a minor road and car park. Turn R here and follow the road for a short section before forking R onto a track slightly uphill to begin with and then contouring west through the woods to reach the road and a track iunction. Turn sharp R here and follow the path uphill in a north-easterly direction back into the woods to reach the Temple of the Winds viewpoint.

2 miles/3.4km Follow the large track north-west from the view point and take the central option at the next track junction. Follow the Serpent Trail north contouring to the west of the highest point of the ridge. Cross a track and continue to the next major path junction. Turn R here and continue for a short distance to next junction.



4 23/4 miles/4.5km Turn L here off the main track onto Pen-v-Bos Track; follow this north for about 500m until you can take a R turn which brings you back to the outbound path. Turn L here to return to the car park.

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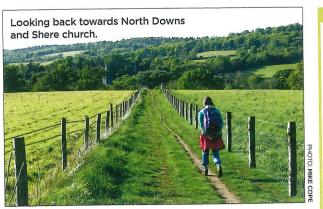






### 05 SURREY & SHERE

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CHOSEN BY ... MIKE COPE There was once a time when the

main thing to say about Silent Pool was that a maiden was abducted there by King John and drowned in the waters. Now a gin distillery and an organic vineyard nearby has changed all that, and eclipsed the former folktale. Although Albury Estate and the chocolate-box village of Shere have both played host to film crews during the making of 'Four Weddings and a Funeral' and 'The Holiday', you are unlikely to bump into celebrities on this walk which avoids the obvious route and takes you down paths less travelled.

#### Start |

At Silent Pool information board take path through woods towards Vineyard. Just before entrance, go R up self-quided trail that leads to North Downs Way (NDW). Ascend the path lined with yew trees to fingerpost at top, then bear R along NDW. The track can be quite muddy in places, as it gets churned up by mountain bike tyres. Continue to West Hanger car park and across Staple Lane.

1 miles/1.8km When you reach another road and a large concrete basin, go R then immediately L to pick up NDW again. Ignore side turns until you reach a sharp L hand bend (near

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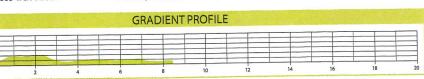


Start/parking Silent Pool car park, GU5 9BW, arid ref TQ059485 Is it for me? Moderate ascent and descent of scarp slope of North Downs. Relatively flat walking along field and woodland paths Stiles 1

#### PLANNING

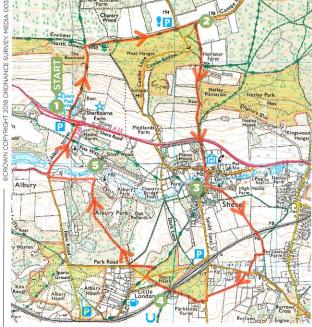
Nearest town Dorking Refreshments The Dabbling Duck café, Shere; pubs in Shere **Public toilets** Middle Street, Shere Public transport Bus 32 from Guildford to Dorking stops near Silent Pool Maps OS Explorer 145; Landranger 186

houses). Leave NDW here and keep ahead along bridleway. Keep on descending scarp slope of North Downs, past a clearing on R, and then



through patch of yew woodland. At this point, you will notice a deep trench-like byway running parallel to the path. Keep going until you reach the busy A25. Cross it and follow path as it drops down to join the steep-sided hollow lane (byway) leading to car park. Continue to road and then go L to enter Shere. Follow road round to R and cross bridge over stream.

" 21/4 miles/3.6km Take first L (opposite the White Horse Inn) and proceed along lane past St James church, Shere, Before churchyard ends, go half R through wicket gate and along narrow footpath. The field on L was one of the film locations for 'The Holiday'. At junction, keep ahead along fenced path. Cross bridge over railway to emerge into open pastureland. Keep ahead along fenced track and at end of field go R down path with wood on L. Path swings L towards white house and then broadens out with high conifer hedges on both sides. At road, go R and then L to pick up broad fenced path with holly bushes L. Eventually path opens out into large lawn with paddocks on L. Follow line of the hedge as it swings round to the R. Cross high stile and follow fenced path to a road. Bear L then R along tarred byway (Parklands). Pass houses on L and cross railway at gates of the crossing.



3½ miles/5.8km Continue through woodland until you reach a road. Cross it and bear half R into woodland following Shere Millennium Trail, Ignore first L. then bear L at next junction. Pass green farm shed and when you reach road go R into 'private' driveway (South Lodge) and through metal gate to follow footpath through the Albury Estate. Keep following the yellow arrows at all times, through sweet chestnut and conifer woodland. When woodland ends, go through wicket gate and drop down to tarred drive.

2 4½ miles/7.4km To visit Albury Old Church. go half R for a short distance. To continue walk, bear L and follow drive to cattle-grid and road. Bear R over Tilling Bourne stream and past church. When you reach A25, cross with care. then bear L along footpath that leads back to car park.

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# SURREY TILFORD & MOOR PARK

Distance: 7½ miles/12km Time: 4 hours Grade: Moderate





CHOSEN BY ... MIKE COPE This walk begins on Tilford Green and

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#### **PLAN YOUR WALK**



#### ROUTE

Start/parking Car parking area nr Tilford Green; grid ref SU873432, GU10 2BU Is it for me? Moderately flat route along woodland paths & across Crooksbury Common: some road walking involved Stiles None

#### PLANNING

Refreshments The Barley Mow, Tilford; The Donkey, Charleshill **Public toilets** None Public transport None to start, but Bus 46 Farnham-

Nearest town Farnham

Guildford stops in Charleshill (point 5) Maps OS Explorer 145; Landranger 186

down a sunken lane with high banks (and exposed tree roots), which descends to a T-junction. Go L here and continue along path with tall conifers and rhododendron bushes.

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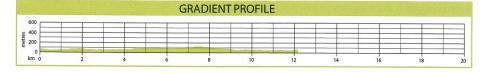
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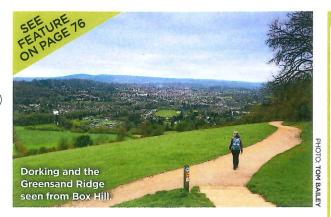
#### PLANNING

Nearest town Farnham Refreshments

The Barley Mow, Tilford; The Donkey, Charleshill **Public toilets** None Public transport None to start, but Bus 46 Farnham-Guildford stops in Charleshill (point 5) Maps OS Explorer 145; Landranger 186

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CHOSEN BY ... **JENNY WALTERS** Box Hill is a beloved beauty spot in the

Surrey Hills, a place of Jane Austen picnics and farreaching views. And that's just one of the highlights on this walk, which explores the intensely peaceful woodlands of Ranmore Common to the west, passing the grand house of Polesden Lacey, Denbies vineyard and the timberframed cottage of Tanners Hatch - which is a youth hostel if you fancy an overnight retreat in the countryside.

Start 9

Exit car park through gate by pay machine and take L of three paths, going ahead

towards big view. When you hit grassy cross-path, turn R to contour along top of hill and through gate into woods, following sign for North Downs Way (NDW). At fork, keep R on NDW, and walk through woods to three-way split in path at tall fingerpost. Turn R on byway. Walk to road, ignoring all turns.

→ ¾ mile/1.4km

Cross and take bridleway ahead. Follow down hill to join wide track coming in from R. and walk on to fingerpost. Go ahead on bridleway, passing bench with view to Polesden Lacey. Pass turns to L and Yew Tree Farm on R, to reach fork beyond. Go L, down through yew grove and up to junction on Polesden Lacev estate.

#### PLAN YOUR WALK



#### ROUTE

Start/parking Denbies Hillside National Trust car park (non-members £6). RH5 6SR, grid ref TQ141503 Is it for me? Paths and lanes, steep climb to Box Hill: steep steps down. Busy road crossing. Stiles 4

#### **PLANNING** Nearest town Dorking

Refreshments Box Hill visitor centre; pubs Westhumble, station café **Public toilets** Box Hill centre Public transport None to start: train to Box Hill (point 5) and buses. Maps OS Explorer 146; Landranger 187

" 2 miles/3.2km Bear R to go down hill on lane. At bottom, turn L on Polesden Valley Walk through woods. Fork R as signed and follow path through series of gates along valley floor to

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reach bench in field corner. Bear R, then go through second gate on L. Turn L on track then soon R on bridleway into field, walking with fence to L. Pass waymark post and go through gate to R of barn, to reach track. Turn L and walk to road.

3 miles/5km

4 Turn R on road, then take first road on R signed Ranmore Common. Turn L on footpath after houses, through field with fence to L. Continue along edge of wood to next field. Contour to R around hillside to waymark in woods. Turn L on bridleway, soon joining tarmac lane to go down to fingerpost. Turn R on footpath between fences to road. Turn R and follow to Westhumble station.

2 41/2 miles/7.4km Keep on lane to A24 and turn L for Box Hill via underpass. On other side, turn L signed Thames Down

Link and walk over bridge, bearing R at roundabout to pass Burford Bridge Hotel, then go through gate on R signed Box Hill. Take L of two paths ahead, climbing steeply and curving R along top of escarpment, signed Stepping Stones Walk (SSW). Continue up through gate and keep R at fork beyond. At next signpost, turn L on Hill Top Stroll to pass Box Hill Fort and reach road. Go R to visitor centre.

~ 53/4 miles/9.2km With centre on R, follow path ahead by road, then down to viewpoint and trig point. Bear R (west) on SSW down into woods, forking L at sign for SSW to descend steps and reach fork with stone marker at bottom. Go L to reach stepping stones across river (follow bank short way to R to use footbridge instead). On far side of stones, take track ahead to car park and A24.

76½ miles/10.4km

Turn L a short way, then cross A24 dual carriageway with extreme care (or subway from earlier is 400m to R). Follow NDW through gateway and along lane, under railway and ahead through gate onto Denbies Vinevard, Keep ahead with NDW over crossroads, and over next one, curving L to join lane and follow NDW uphill. Stick with lane/NDW for 1.5km to reach fingerpost by gate. Turn R with NDW, then L with it at next junction to join Ranmore Common Road. Go ahead and follow it past church to junction. Turn R to return to car park.

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Distance: 3½ miles/5km Time: 2 hours Grade: Easy

Brook Lo

Farm

Waterland

Farm

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Little

Holmwood House







CHOSEN BY ... MIKE COPE Follow this gentle undulating

trail around Holmwood Common, with its mix of dappled woodland, sunny clearings and scattered ponds, stretching over 650 acres. In days gone by, people living on the common would have had 'Commoner's Rights': these ranged from the right to graze you sheep or cows (pasture), the right to gather firewood (estovers) and the right to graze your pigs (pannage). Today the general public have access to the common, whatever the season, and are able to explore this hidden gem on foot, by bike or on horseback.

### Start |

Locate the Holmwood Common notice board and follow the waymarked circular trail. Go R at the white donation box (with the pond ahead of you) and continue over footbridge. Go R at next fingerpost following the circular trail. Follow track as it swings L and branch R at next fork. Go L at next fork in the direction of 'Viewpoint' and Mill Road car park' (following the orange arrow). Continue along wide unmade road through woodland (with houses on R). Keep ahead at first junction.

1/2 mile/0.75km At the next wooden fingerpost, go R in direction of 'Viewpoint' (following the



#### ROUTE

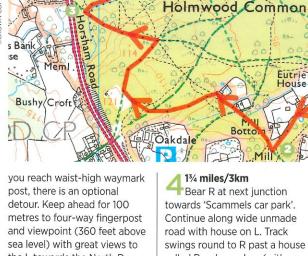
Start/parking: Fourwents Blackbrook car park, RH5 4NX, arid ref TQ183454 Is it for me? Gentle undulating circular trail through woodland, which is clearly waymarked Stiles None

#### PLANNING

Nearest town Dorking Refreshments None **Public toilets** None **Public transport** None to start, but Metrobus 21 goes from Dorking station to Holmwood Maps OS Explorer 146; Landranger 187

wide track, past Holly House and Mill Cottage. Follow track as it bears slightly L at circular car parking area, near Uplands Cottage, Branch L at fork along semi-tarmac trail through woodland, which eventually swings round to the R. When

orange arrow). Continue along



Holmwood

the L towards the North Downs at Box Hill. To continue walk. go L at previous waist-high post. At next junction go L downhill, still following the orange circular trail.

7 11/4 miles/2km Just before busy main road. go R at fingerpost to follow orange arrow. At next fingerpost bear L in direction of 'North Holmwood'. Continue over watercourse along 'cinder' track, and go R at next fork.

Bear R at next junction towards 'Scammels car park'. Continue along wide unmade road with house on L. Track swings round to R past a house called Brookmeadow (with vertically-hung red tiles). Look out for the white post with a horse's head on it, which was once used to tether animals. Go L then immediately R (at Ford Cottage) over wooden footbridge, and keep ahead through small pocket of woodland. Go L at next waymark post following the circular trail (orange arrow). Continue along track which swings round to the R and keep ahead at wooden

fingerpost in the direction of 'Fourwents Pond'.

#### 3 miles/5km

Continue along woodland path and past two little ponds. Go L at next fingerpost towards 'Fourwents Pond'. Track swings round to R and at next junction (with pond ahead) go L (past white donation box) to return to car park . WW

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