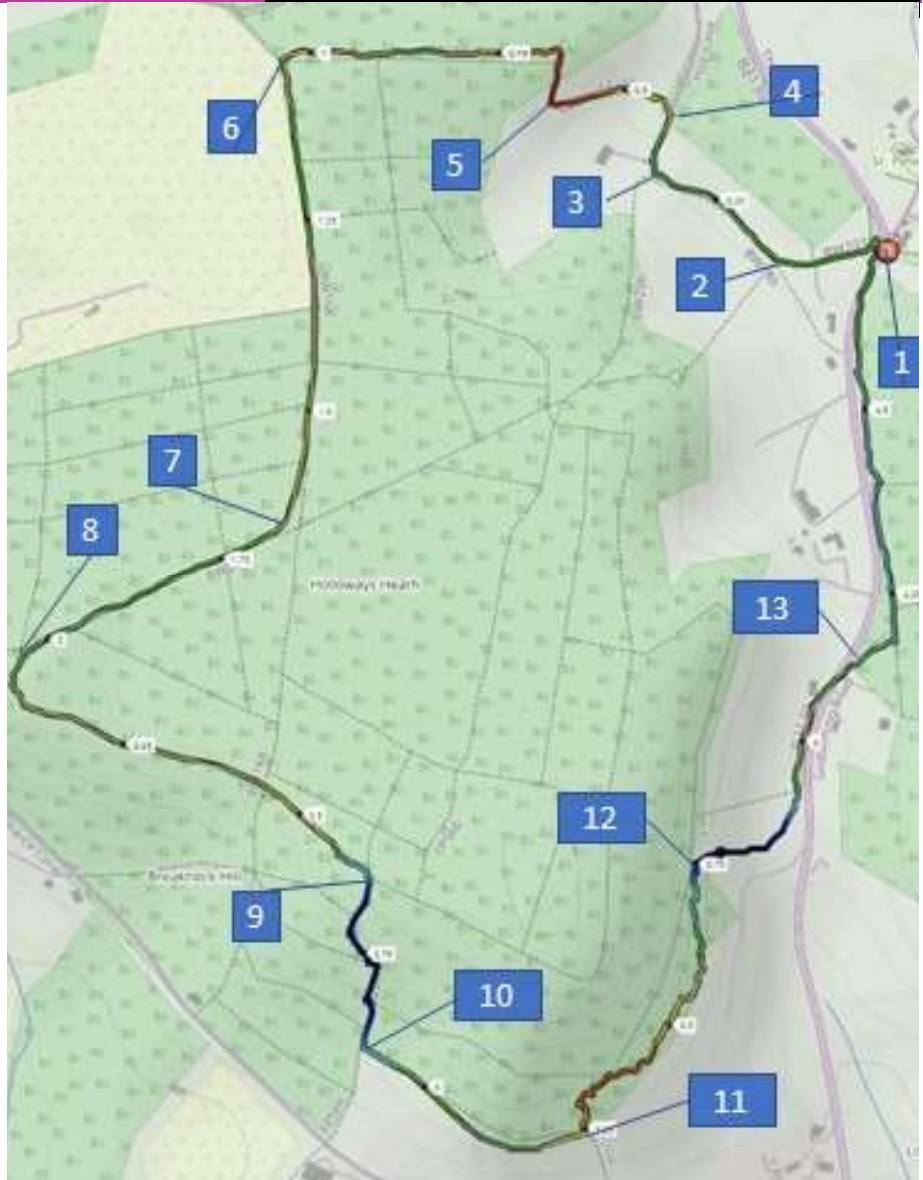


Walk with The Bridge: Hascombe and Hollways Heath

A lesser known part of Hascombe with fine woodland, historical interest and lovely views.

Length 3 miles; ascent 132m

1. Park in Hascombe in the public car park opposite the White Horse. Do not cross the road but follow the bridleway which leads out of the car park.
2. After 120m turn right onto the signposted bridleway.
3. After 150m bear right down to Hoe Lane (slightly downhill); do not follow the track to the left and up the hill.
4. After 100m follow the footpath sign up steps to the left and follow the path through the field up hill. *The house on your left is Hoe farm. It was rented by Winston Churchill and his brother, Jack, in 1915 leased for the summer months, Hoe Farm in Hascombe near Godalming, as a weekend retreat for their families. It was here that Winston Churchill learned to paint.*
5. After 100m Pass through the gate and turn right up hill and cross the stile by the footpath sign. Follow the path up hill. At the top of the slope (50m) turn left following the footpath sign



6. When the track bears left, continue straight on until you reach a junction with a bridleway with a field beyond. Turn left on the bridleway (field now on your right). *As you walk along this track, you catch glimpses of Hydons Ball to your right (1 mile to the west).*
7. 270m after leaving the field behind and at a junction with a marked footpath,

turn right (marked Greensand Way).

8. Eventually the path starts to go downhill and there is a footpath marker. **Do not** take this downhill but turn left on a path which curves round to the left and slightly uphill. Continue along this path with a slope to your right. *There is bench on the right with good views towards Blackdown.*
9. Ignore the bridleway on the right marked as "Breakneck hill" and continue until you reach a footpath marker. Turn right downhill at the marker. Take care as steep in places. The track branches almost immediately - take the right hand fork.
10. Continue until a junction of marked paths. Turn left on the level footpath, do not continue down the hill. *There is a field on your right and views open up towards the South Downs.* After 100m, keep to the edge of the field (ignore the wire across the path) keeping the trees and bushes to your left and the field to your right.
11. Eventually the path bears left back into the woods. Ignore the footpath which goes right down the hill. *Before re-entering the wood, enjoy the view (right to left) of Gibbet Hill, Blackdown, Bexley Hill (Midhurst transmitter) and the South Downs.*
12. Continue through the woods (passing under a fallen tree). There are houses on your right and Hascombe hill can be seen beyond them. Take the path to the right down to a stile with a footpath sign. Take this path and continue down hill across a field. The path then bears left parallel to the road.
13. Cross the road (Long Vere Barns). Take the path to the left. Continue on this path parallel to the road through a car park. Cross the road just before reaching the car park at the starting point of the walk.

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