

6 With your back to the church, the route is downhill straight ahead southwards on a narrow path through the trees. Go straight ahead at path crossroads down a very steep path with some deep gullies towards Chilworth Manor below. As the path levels out we meet a T-junction with a field gate ahead. Turn left along the narrow path that brings us gradually to the valley floor and maintain direction ahead when a farm track is met. Cross the Tillingbourne and continue ahead to a second bridge. Turn right just before this bridge and pass a Gunpowder information board. Pass the ruins of the mill buildings and continue on this path with a stream on your left. At a clearing go left and cross the wooden footbridge over the water and retrace your steps back to the Percy arms and the end of the walk.

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- Be safe – plan ahead and follow any arrows or signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people



FOOTPATH



BRIDLEWAY



BYWAY



RESTRICTED BYWAY

By car: Chilworth is on the A248 between Albury and Shalford.

Parking: There is no car parking at the station. There are small car parks near points 4, 5 and 6 on the walk.

Train: Nearest station is Chilworth station (Reading – Guildford – Redhill line)

National Rail enquiries: 08457 48 4950

Bus: Arriva 21/22/32 Dorking and Guildford via Chilworth 2 per hour Mon – Sat No service on Sunday Public Holiday

Traveline 0871 200 2233

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North Downs Way

NATIONAL TRAIL

Chilworth

A wonderful short walk exploring the delightful Tillingbourne Valley once a scene of industrial activity and the North Downs passing the dramatically sited St Martha's Church. There are magnificent views across Guildford and towards the Greensand Ridge from this walk which follows part of the North Downs Way National Trail.

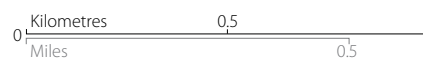


Route Description

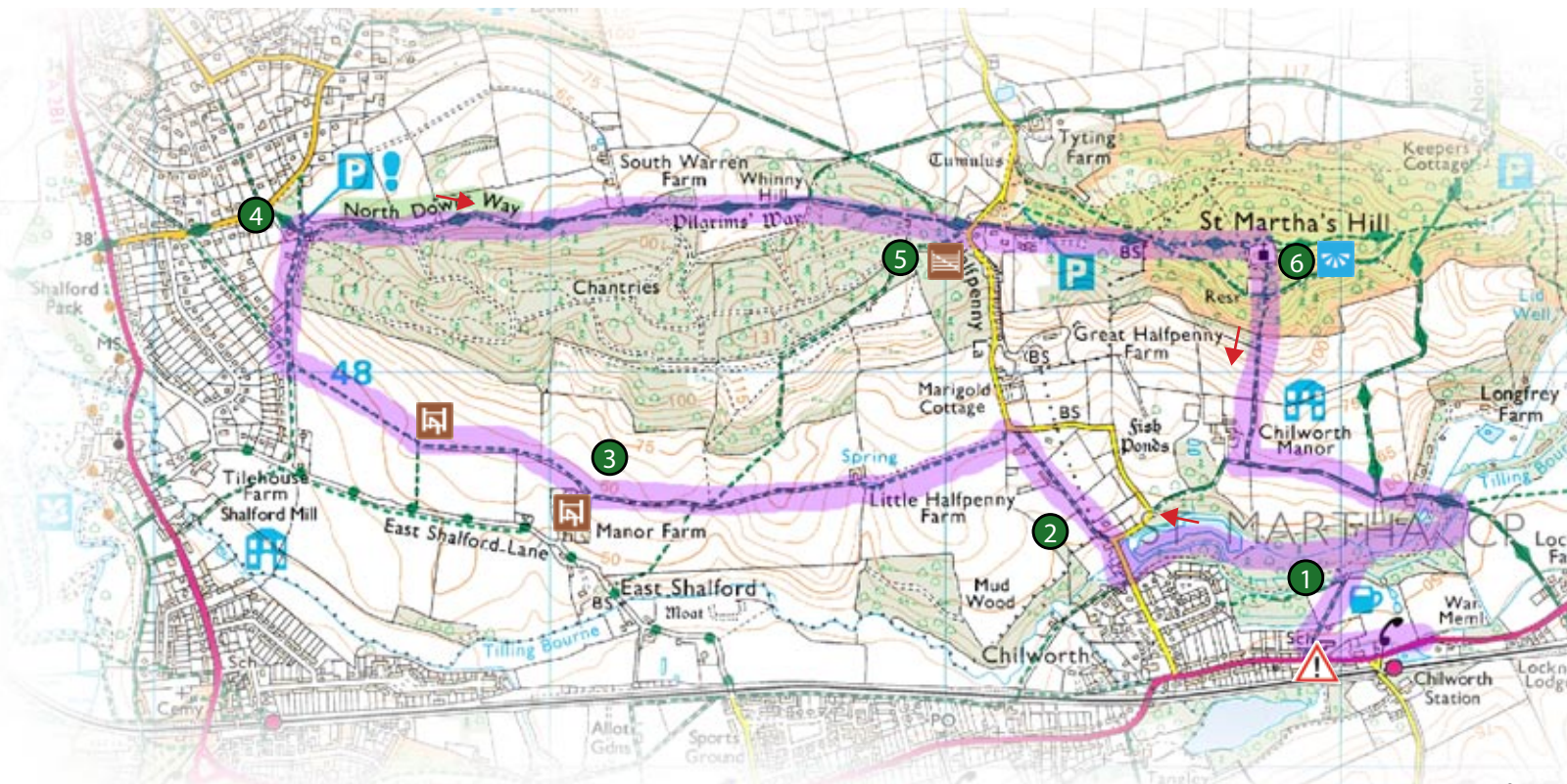
- 1 With the Percy Arms behind you go right alongside the A248 passing an infant school. Turn immediately right on a narrow path that runs alongside it. Soon go between fields and cross a footbridge to reach a T-junction. Turn left here and pass reminders that at one time this peaceful woodland employed around 400 people in the production of gunpowder. Finally this pleasant track ends at a wrought iron gate. Turn right along the road and cross the Tillingbourne to meet Halfpenny Lane.
- 2 Turn left here on a drive and then bear right on a sign posted steep and rocky footpath. At the end of this path turn left and enter a field by a post box and Public Footpath sign. Press on along the left hand side of this lovely undulating field and when passing old farm buildings in a dip maintain direction ahead along the hedged track. Ignore paths to left and right until Manor Farm is reached where the track ends abruptly.
- 3 Go right over a stile and then follow the hedge on your left to maintain your original direction. Press on ahead along the well-defined path at a second field where soon you will catch a glimpse of Guildford Cathedral across the fields. Cross a stile to reach a quiet road. Turn right here and walk along the road for a short distance. Look for a turning to the right up the track by a Public Footpath sign. Ignore side paths into Chantry Wood and continue until Chantry Cottage is reached on your right.
- 4 Immediately after passing the cottage turn right on to the North Downs Way National Trail. Keep to this broad track as the route skirts dense woodland. At the crest of a fairly long rise you will be treated to a wonderful vista of Pewley Down. The track now goes downhill to meet the

entrance to South Warren farm. Ignore a path into woodland and press on ahead along the track that soon passes between attractive fields. Keep following the North Downs Way to meet a road.

- 5 Turn left along the road for a short distance and then turn right by Southernways Cottage onto the North Downs Way again. Keep to this sandy path and follow the North Downs Way signs uphill to reach St Martha's church. Circumnavigate the graveyard rightwards to reach a few welcome seats with wonderful views.










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Walk Overview

Distance: 5 miles (8km) allow 2.5 hours

Start/Finish: Chilworth Station or car parks at points 4,5 or 6 if travelling by car (see car parking)

	Stiles: 2
	Gates: 1
	Terrain: One or two climbs and descents of the North Downs – paths can be steep and gullied in parts.
	Views: Wonderful views across Pewley Down and southwards towards the Greensand Ridge
	Toilets: None on route
	Refreshments: Percy Arms at Chilworth near the start of the walk.
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