

Amberley
Distance: 2.5miles/4km
Time: 1.5–2 hours
Bus: 73 (check timetables)
Compass Bus
Train:
Regular services from London/south coast
Access:
Some stiles, some sections of the path may be boggy in wetter months
Key:

-  Walk
-  Footpath
-  Bridleway



Amberley walk

Amberley is a chocolate box village with many old buildings, thatched cottages, a castle, a church, two pubs and a shop. There is also a working pottery. Amberley Wild Brooks is a large area of flood meadows, one of the richest wetlands remaining in the UK.

Route Instructions

- 1** From **Amberley Station** cross over the road to the pavement and turn left under the railway bridge. Shortly after this take the footpath on your right along the bottom of the railway embankment. Follow the footpath along the river bank until you arrive opposite **Bury**.
- 2** Turn right, away from the river, and follow the footpath across some low lying fields (this section of path can be boggy in wetter months). After crossing the railway line and passing a section of the castle walls you arrive in **Amberley village**.
- 3** Turn left at the junction shortly after passing the **Pottery**.
- 4** To extend the walk, take the steep track down to **Amberley Wild Brooks** before returning the same way. This will give you a flavour of this extensive and important wetland area.
- 5** At the junction turn right and walk downhill, past the village shop, and turn right at the next junction just before **Amberley Village Tea Room**.
- 6** You've now arrived back where you were at route point 3 but going the other way. This time turn left and take the footpath opposite the road which will take you past the **village recreation ground** to the main road.
- 7** At the main road turn right along the verge path back to **Amberley Station**.

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South Downs National Park

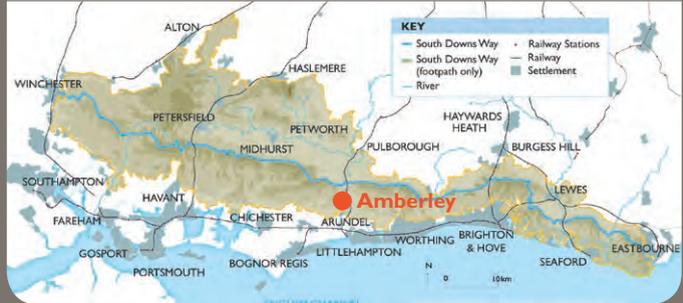
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Walks near Amberley



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Amberley, Burpham and North Stoke

Distance: 10 miles/16 km

Time: 4.5–5.5 hours

Bus: 73 (check timetables)

Compass Bus

Train:

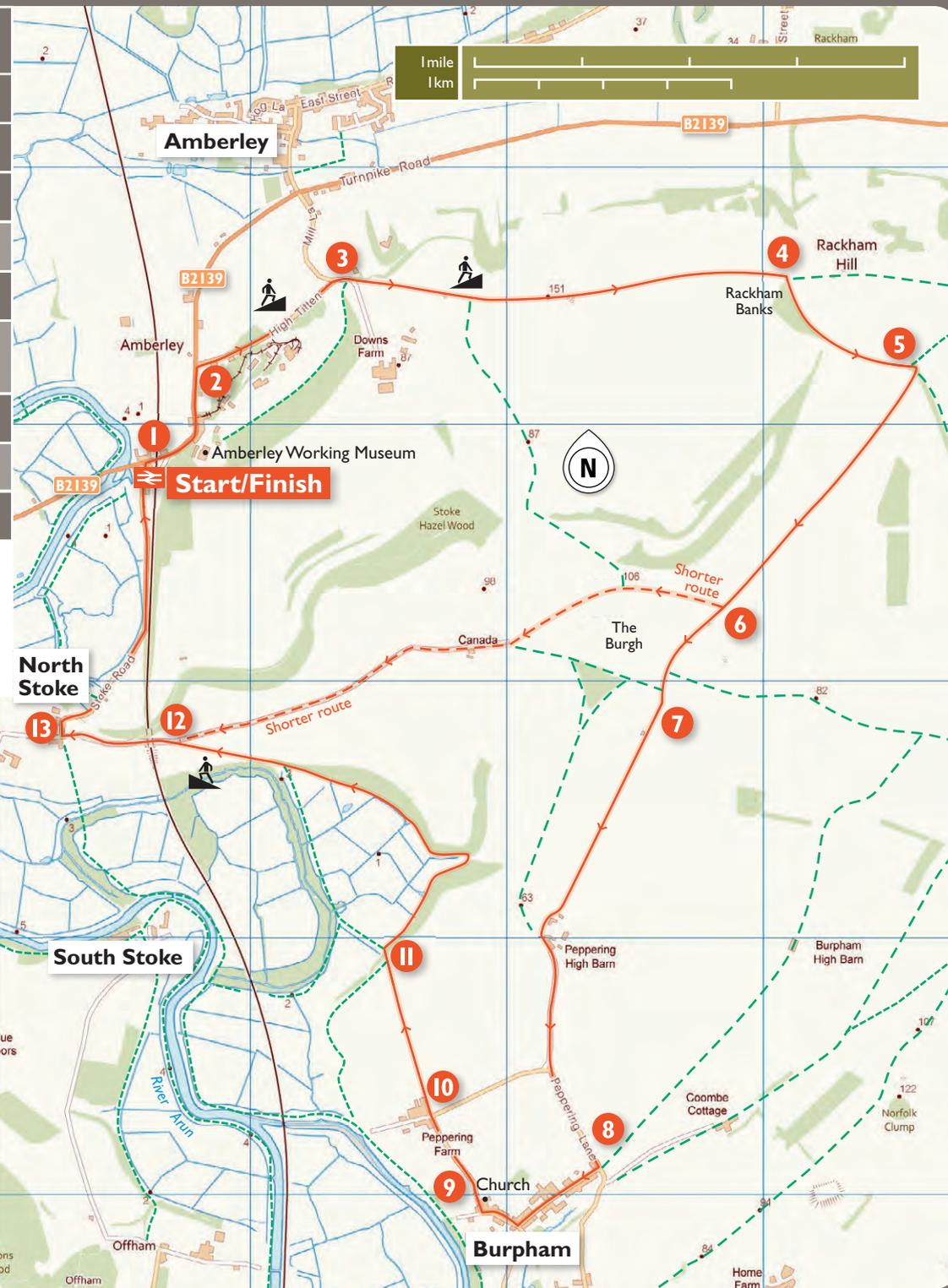
Regular services from London/south coast

Access:

Some gates, no stiles

Key:

-  Incline
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-  Bridleway



Route Instructions

- 1 From **Amberley Station** turn right then go past the **Museum**. There is a footpath on the far side of this busy road.
- 2 Turn right up **High Titten** onto the **South Downs Way (SDW)**.
- 3 Turn off the road at the timber chicane and follow the SDW to **Rackham Banks**.
- 4 At Rackham Banks, a scheduled ancient monument, turn right and take the bridleway which runs between a wood on one side and a field on the other.
- 5 At this complex junction turn right then keep going; ignore the bridleway to the left a few metres further on.
- 6 To walk the shorter route take the next turning right. Follow the path until you meet the little lane which comes up from **North Stoke** and ends at the metal gate near **Canada barns**. Follow this lane until you pick up the route again in **North Stoke** at point 13.
- 7 Alternatively, follow the footpath straight on through to **Peppering High Barn**.
- 8 Take the second right into **Burpham**, then turn right at the junction.
- 9 Just past the **church** turn up the tarmac lane to the right.
- 10 At **Peppering Farm** leave the road at the corner and carry on down the bridleway.
- 11 At the edge of the flat floodplain, turn right and follow the bridleway along the foot of the wooded banks.
- 12 Follow the bridleway up the hill and along the road.
- 13 At the junction, you can carry on to see **St Mary's church**, North Stoke, then retrace your route back to the junction and take the road downhill back to **Amberley Station**.

Amberley, Burpham and North Stoke walk

Amberley Working Museum is a 36 acre open-air museum dedicated to the industrial heritage of the south east. The main chalk quarry at the museum is famous for being the location of the mine in the James Bond film View to Kill. The museum is home to a number of resident craftspeople using traditional methods. Open mid March to early November: 01798 831370, www.amberleymuseum.co.uk

Burpham Village is steeped in history. It is positioned on the site of one of the five forts built by King Alfred the Great between Chichester and Lewes to defend the country from Danish raiders, hence the name 'Burgh' for fort and 'ham' for village. Local tip: Burpham is pronounced 'Burrfam'.

You can clearly see where the River Arun carved out its channel through the chalk. Nowadays flood banks confine what was once a wild and wandering river.

St Mary's Church, North Stoke is set in a secluded location near the River Arun. It remains virtually unaltered since medieval times.



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