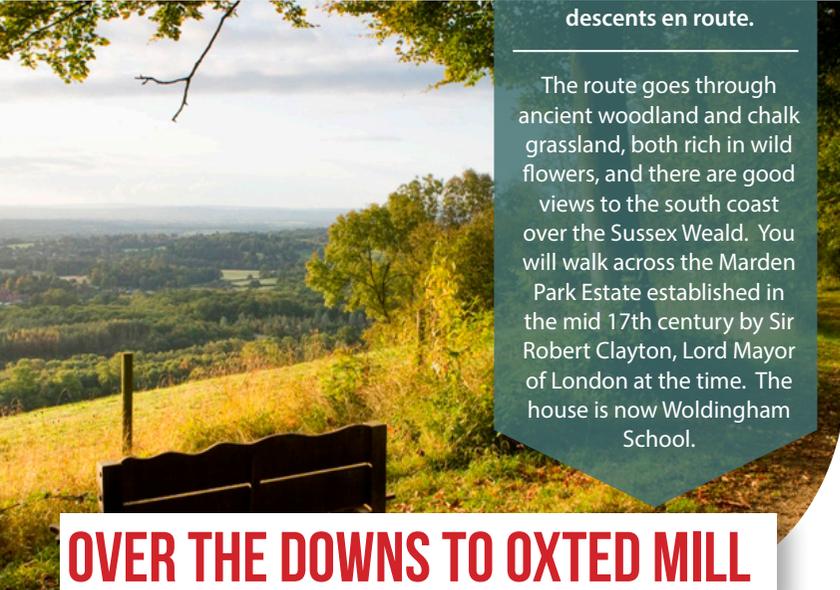


# North Downs Way

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A 5.5 mile (8.5km) linear RAIL TO RAMBLE walk on the North Downs Way from Woldingham station to Hurst Green station, the return rail journey takes ten minutes on a weekday. There are several climbs/descents en route.

The route goes through ancient woodland and chalk grassland, both rich in wild flowers, and there are good views to the south coast over the Sussex Weald. You will walk across the Marden Park Estate established in the mid 17th century by Sir Robert Clayton, Lord Mayor of London at the time. The house is now Woldingham School.

## OVER THE DOWNS TO OXTED MILL ON THE NORTH DOWNS WAY

**Allow 3 hours + travel**

This walk follows public footpaths and bridleways which cross private and public land. Please respect people's privacy, keep dogs under control and remember the Countryside Code.

OS Map Explorer 146: Dorking, Box Hill & Reigate

### ROUTE DESCRIPTION

#### 1 START TO MANOR PARK JUNCTION

At southern end of Woldingham station platform 1, (near waiting room), exit through doorway and go down steps to reach rear access lane. Follow lane downhill, heading away from rail line. You will pass a vehicle

barrier and a lodge house on right to reach T-junction. Turn left along lane with care. After 470m you will come to first turning on left, a track signed as public bridleway, take this and follow it towards Marden Park Farm.

When you reach a property called Shires, go through gap just to right

of it and follow path alongside hedge. Continue along paved section between converted stables and barns to reach T-junction.

#### 2 MANOR PARK JUNCTION TO GANGERS HILL CAR PARK

Turn right on track, heading uphill. Follow this path for just over 1km to reach first signed junction (with metal gate on right). Turn left here, signed to Gangers Hill car park, heading uphill. This is Great Church Wood, ancient woodland that is carpeted with bluebells in late spring.

After 520m, ignore path signed off to left. Further along, at fork, take right-hand path signed for car park. Continue ahead along this for another 1km. You will pass a few benches on left with views to rolling hills on right. You will come to Gangers Hill car park.

#### 3 GANGERS HILL CAR PARK VIA M25 BRIDGE TO NATURAL MOUND

Cross car park to reach vehicle exit to road. Cross road (taking great care of traffic), turn right and then immediately left to go down a flight of steps. At bottom, turn right along path – you are now on the North Downs Way (NDW).

You will come to bench and viewpoint on left, overlooking Oxted and the Greensand Ridge. Continue on main path and, at next signed junction (where main path swings right), walk straight ahead to join a more subtle bridleway into trees. Path begins by running parallel with M25 down in valley bottom, then passes between two large beech trees and starts to steadily descend. Note: there is a steep slope to left.

As you approach fence line ahead, swing sharp left then right to continue your descent. Path approaches fence line again; turn left here and follow path with fence now on right. Follow this stony enclosed path all way down to bridge over M25.

Cross bridge and continue ahead along track which later becomes a tarmac lane, and then a junction with Barrow Green Road. Cross over road with care and go through (very tight) kissing gate opposite. Keep ahead on enclosed path between pastures. Across to right you will see a large mound, believed to be remains of a Norman Motte.

#### 4 NATURAL MOUND TO OLD OXTED HIGH STREET

Continue on fenced path which leads you past large pond, Townland Pond, on right. Further along, as you pass a private property on left, a single gate ahead leads you out to T-junction with Sandy Lane. Turn right and follow lane down across a pretty stream and then under road bridge which carries A25 overhead. You will emerge to a junction with Old Oxted High Street.

You may wish to stop here for refreshments or to look at many old buildings along High Street, some of which date back to 15th century. The oldest pub in Oxted is probably The Old Bell. If you wish to cut short walk, you can get to Oxted station by turning left heading downhill to cross busy A25 by subway, then follow Church Lane to roundabout and continue ahead to reach Oxted Station.

#### 5 OLD OXTED HIGH STREET TO OXTED MILL POND

To continue on main route, cross over High Street and continue ahead along Beadles Lane. After 220m, turn left into side road called Springfield (passing Old School House). As road bends left, keep ahead on tarmac driveway (by house called Blackthorns). As you reach gateway, take narrow fenced footpath on right beside driveway. Further along, path leads you past mill pond for Oxted Mill on left, which is situated on River Eden.

#### 6 OXTED MILL POND TO TANHURST ROAD

Beyond mill pond, cross over road and continue ahead passing mill on left and Mill Cottage on right. Follow gravel track which swings right then left and leads you to kissing gate. Go through this (into a horse paddock, so take care with dogs) and go straight ahead to reach stile opposite.

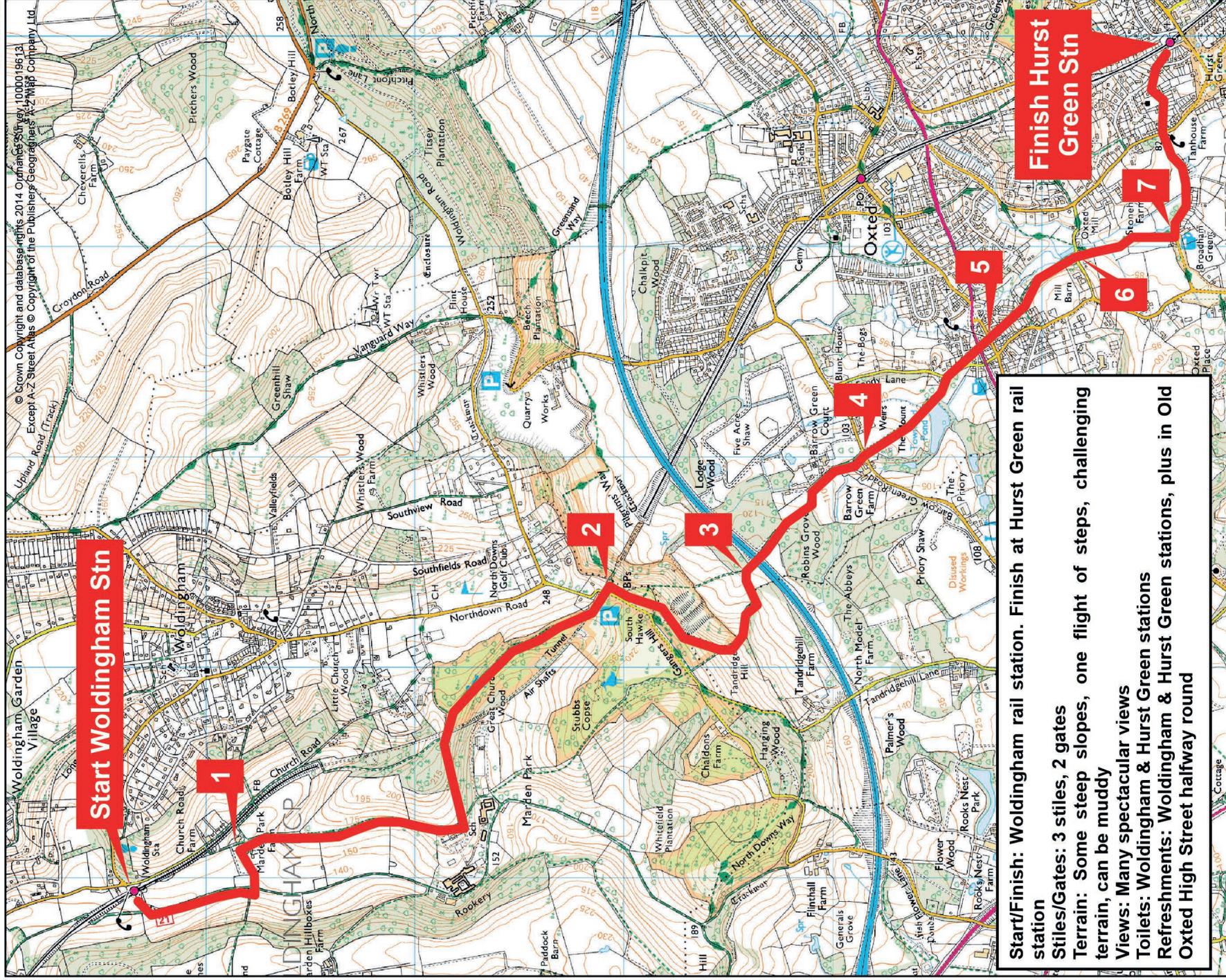
Cross stile (can be very muddy) to reach second paddock and cross this at about 11 o'clock to reach stile at far side. Cross stile and walk ahead keeping hedge on your left. At far end of field, another stile leads you out to Tanhouse Road with Haycutter pub opposite. Visible across to right is Broadham Green.

#### 7 TANHOUSE ROAD TO END

Cross over road with care and turn left along pavement. Continue along pavement which swings left across stream and climbs gradually to reach a crossroads. Cross over with care and go straight ahead into Church Way. Further along you will pass flint St John's Church on your left.

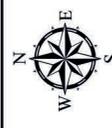
At T-junction with Oast Road turn right. Follow road for just 100m, to a point just past house no. 23 (Green Halt). Turn left here through staggered barrier to join fenced footpath which leads you past Adsum Cottage (no. 25) on left and you will emerge directly alongside Hurst Green Station, where this walk ends. From here it is a 10 minute train journey (on weekdays) back to Woldingham Station where the walk began.

Fully illustrated walk directions to download at [www.surreycc.gov.uk/selfguidedwalks](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/selfguidedwalks) or download the app at [ifootpath.com](http://ifootpath.com)



**Start Woldingham Stn**

**Start/Finish:** Woldingham rail station. Finish at Hurst Green rail station  
**Stiles/Gates:** 3 stiles, 2 gates  
**Terrain:** Some steep slopes, one flight of steps, challenging terrain, can be muddy  
**Views:** Many spectacular views  
**Toilets:** Woldingham & Hurst Green stations  
**Refreshments:** Woldingham & Hurst Green stations, plus in Old Oxted High Street halfway round



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**HOW TO GET THERE - CR3 7LT**

**Car:** There are various places to park near or at Woldingham station (pay and display).  
**Train:** Woldingham & Hurst Green stations.  
 For help planning your journey visit: <http://journeys.travelsmartsurrey.info>

**RIGHTS OF WAY**

- Footpath
- Bridleway
- BOAT
- Restricted byway