

North Downs Way

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An easy-access 3 mile (4.5km) circular walk around a well-known beauty spot on the North Downs Way.

Spectacular views, space to run around and picnic. Many places of interest including the Inglis Memorial and National Trust's Reigate Fort. You may also see Belted Galloway cattle grazing on the open land by the Inglis Memorial, they are used to people.

COLLEY HILL AND REIGATE HILL ON THE NORTH DOWNS WAY

Allow 1.5 hours

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.

START TO INGLIS MEMORIAL

Leave Margery Wood car park to join woodland footpath, passing between low wooden bollards and then passing through a simple staggered fence to reach a fork. Take left-hand branch and follow

this wide stone path steadily uphill through woodland until you come to footbridge over M25. Cross this and, at far side, keep ahead along another short section of woodland footpath. Over to your left you will see a tall ornate brick water tower.

NOTE: Beyond next gate you may come across Belted Galloway cattle.

Go through single gate ahead and you will meet a junction with North Downs Way NDW (surfaced path). You are now on top of Colley Hill with magnificent views across the Weald to the South Downs. Turn left with views to your right and passing water tower on your left.

Stay with this path and you will reach the Inglis Memorial on your right, a circular structure with columns. Be sure to look up to the internal ceiling. This unusual building with its cobalt and gold ceiling showing an astronomer's view of the heavens, was originally built as a drinking fountain for horses.

1 INGLIS MEMORIAL TO REIGATE FORT

Go through gate near memorial and continue on NDW, through a section of woodland. You will pass a pillbox on your right before coming to a clearing with a pair of aircraft wingtip sculptures and an information board. This memorial is the site of a World War II plane crash.

Further along, just after passing the tall masts of a transmission station on your left, you will come to entrance for Reigate Fort on your right. Take time to explore the fort, please note that, as sheep graze here, dogs are not permitted. Reigate Fort was built in 1898 as one of 13 mobilisation centres, established to protect London from invasion.



2 REIGATE FORT TO WRAY LANE

Continue along NDW which now becomes a tarmac lane passing a few houses on your right. Just beyond these you will come to crossroads with a public bridleway. Go straight ahead, continuing on NDW which becomes a stone path once again.

Walk downhill (steepest gradient of this walk) to reach Reigate Hill Footbridge. The single span footbridge, the earliest example of a reinforced concrete footbridge in the country, was built in 1910 by the firm Mouchel.

Cross bridge and you will emerge into Wray Lane car park and picnic area which has a cafe kiosk and toilets. This is another great place to pause and enjoy views. There are several picnic benches, deck chairs and a topograph viewpoint.

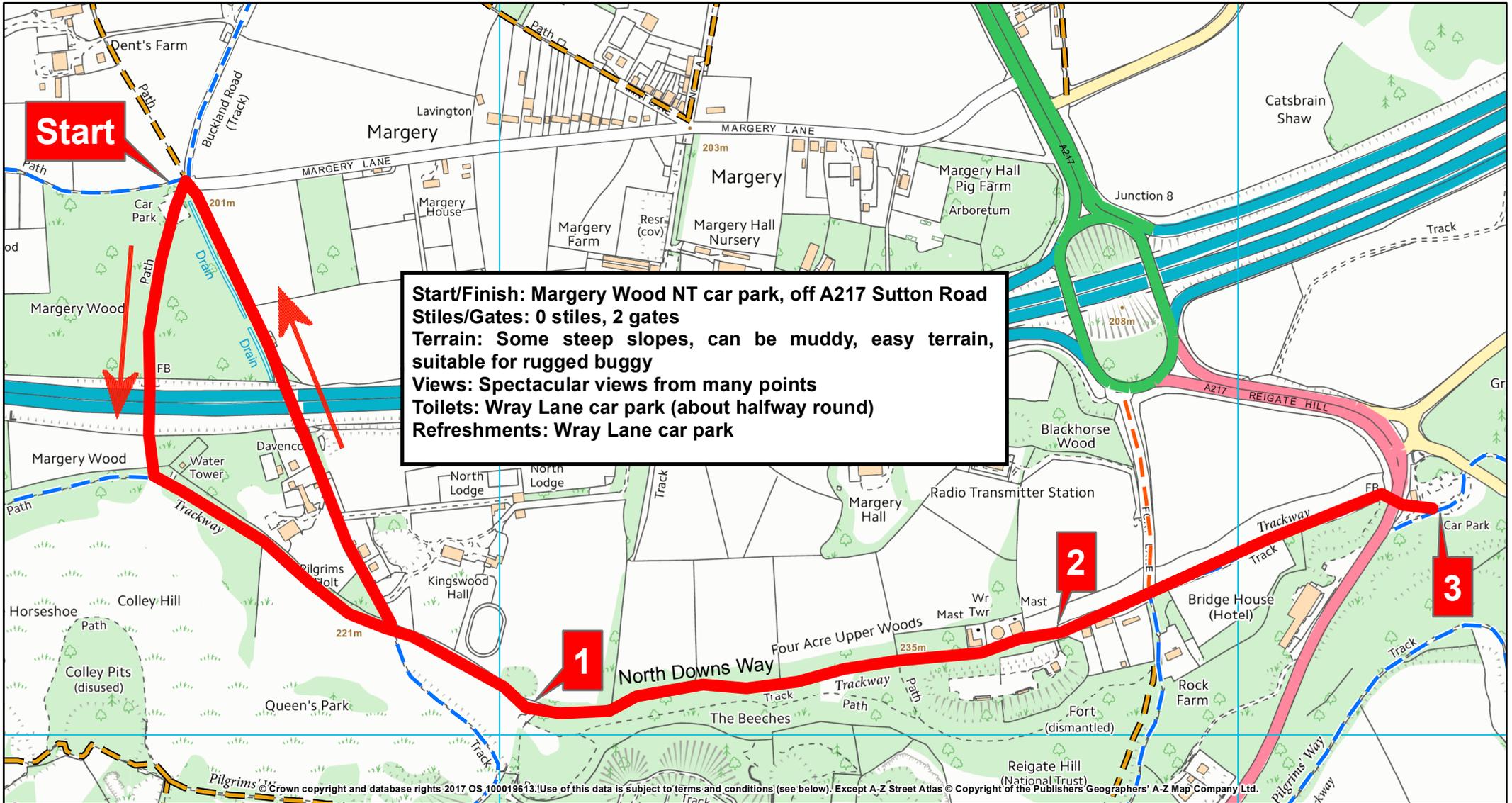
3 WRAY LANE TO END

Retrace your steps back over Reigate Hill Footbridge and follow NDW back past Reigate Fort, plane crash site and on to reach Inglis Memorial. Pass memorial (now on your left) and continue for about 170 metres to reach a single gate on your right.

Turn right through this gate and join tarmac residential access lane directly ahead. Follow this quiet lane across M25 and then leading you gently downhill. At bottom of slope you will come to car park on your left where walk began.

There are options to extend this North Downs Way walk further to Gatton Park, you'll then be walking our Discover Gatton walk (total 6 miles). Start at Reigate Hill Wray Lane and it becomes a circular figure of eight

Fully illustrated walk directions to download at www.surreycc.gov.uk/selfguidedwalks or download the app at ifootpath.com



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HOW TO GET THERE - KT20 7BD

Car: Margery Wood National Trust car park, minutes from J8 of M25, taking the A217 North towards Sutton, 1st left into Margery Lane. No pay machines, non NT members can pay using phone & debit cards. No public transport to walk start point. However bus routes 420/460 stop at Reigate Hill/Wray Lane. For help planning your journey visit: <http://journeys.travelsmartsurrey.info>

RIGHTS OF WAY

- Footpath
- Bridleway
- BOAT
- Restricted byway