

# North Downs Way

NATIONAL TRAIL 

explore  
Surrey

A 6 mile (9.5km) circular walk from Boxhill & Westhumble station in the beautiful Surrey Hills AONB, passing through Denbies vineyard and Ranmore common.

Denbies Hillside comprises chalk downland & woodland on the southern slope of the North Downs. The land is grazed to maintain it as an important habitat, with a diverse range of wildflowers that attracts a variety of butterfly species, including the distinctive Adonis Blue.

## RANMORE CIRCULAR 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

#### START TO CRABTREE LANE CAR PARK

Leave station platforms and walk through car park to reach T-junction with Westhumble Street. Turn left and then join pavement to cross railway bridge. Immediately afterwards, fork right into Crabtree Lane between flint arch and chapel). Follow quiet lane ahead. Look right for views to River Mole. After climbing steadily for 1km, you will pass Norbury Park Crabtree Lane car park on right.

#### 1 CRABTREE LANE CAR PARK TO WOODLAND EDGE CROSSROADS

*(Note: if you are starting walk here, exit car park back onto lane and turn right).*

Follow lane steadily uphill for 400m. On top of hills to left you can see St Barnabus church spire at Ranmore which you will be passing later on this walk. Keep straight ahead at junction, passing Crabtree Cottages on left. Immediately afterwards, ignore footpath signed left. Simply keep ahead on footpath which leads

you past fields and through woodland for 670m. At far edge of woodland (just before a stile ahead), you will come to a signed crossroads of paths.

#### 2 CROSSROADS TO GATE INTO WOODLANDS

Turn left on bridleway which leads you downhill through woodland. At staggered crossroads keep straight ahead, continuing downhill. At bottom of woodland you will come to a single gate ahead. Go through to enter a pasture (may be holding sheep) and walk at 11 o'clock for just a short distance to reach gate out to road. Turn left and then immediately right to join track signed for Bagden Farm and youth hostel. Track swings right to enter Polesden Lacey Estate. Continue past farmhouse and barns on right, then stay on main track which climbs 120m more.

You will come to a pair of gates ahead. Pass through smaller (right-hand) of these and keep in same direction across pasture, passing to right of large oak tree in centre of field. At far side, a gate leads you back into woodland.

#### 3 WOODLAND TO RANMORE ROAD

Keep ahead along track for just 50m, then fork left (through old gateway). Stay on main wide bridleway track climbing steadily through woodland. Some way along (700m), keep left to merge with another bridleway coming in from right. 100m later you will reach a fork, take right-hand branch. Towards top of slope you will reach another fork (with cottages visible ahead). Keep right and follow track which swings left, passing cottages on right. You will emerge out to T-junction with Ranmore Road.

#### 4 RANMORE ROAD TO COTTAGE JUNCTION

Cross over road with care and turn right along grass verge for just 40m. Turn left onto signed public footpath, an unmade track between hedgerows. Pass by old gate and then turn sharp left to join North Downs Way (NDW). After just a few paces, go through gate ahead to enter Steers Field. Take right-hand of two grass paths ahead, which is Denbies Hillside. To right there are views over Westcott and Dorking. After passing a couple of cottages on left you will come to a signed junction of paths (right-hand branch is a link to Greensand Way). Turn left, staying on NDW.

#### 5 COTTAGE JUNCTION TO DENBIES CROSSROADS

Go through kissing gate then walk diagonally right across verge (about 2 o'clock). Cross Ranmore Road with care and follow side road opposite (signed Bookham, Westhumble & Parish Church). Follow quiet road past St Barnabus church on right. Keep straight ahead along lane for a further 0.5km, ignoring any paths signed off to left. Where main road swings left, keep straight ahead past white vehicle barrier to join a concrete track with Denbies Lodge on right.

Keep ahead for just a few paces and then take first turning right (still part of NDW), a stone track between fields. Turn left at next junction, still following NDW. Pass through gate ahead to enter Denbies Wine Estate. You will now have glorious views ahead and across vineyard slopes. Continue along track, pass through a second gate and follow track as it swings left. Follow track meandering down through woodland to reach a signed crossroads of tracks.

#### 6 DENBIES CROSSROADS TO CHAPEL LANE

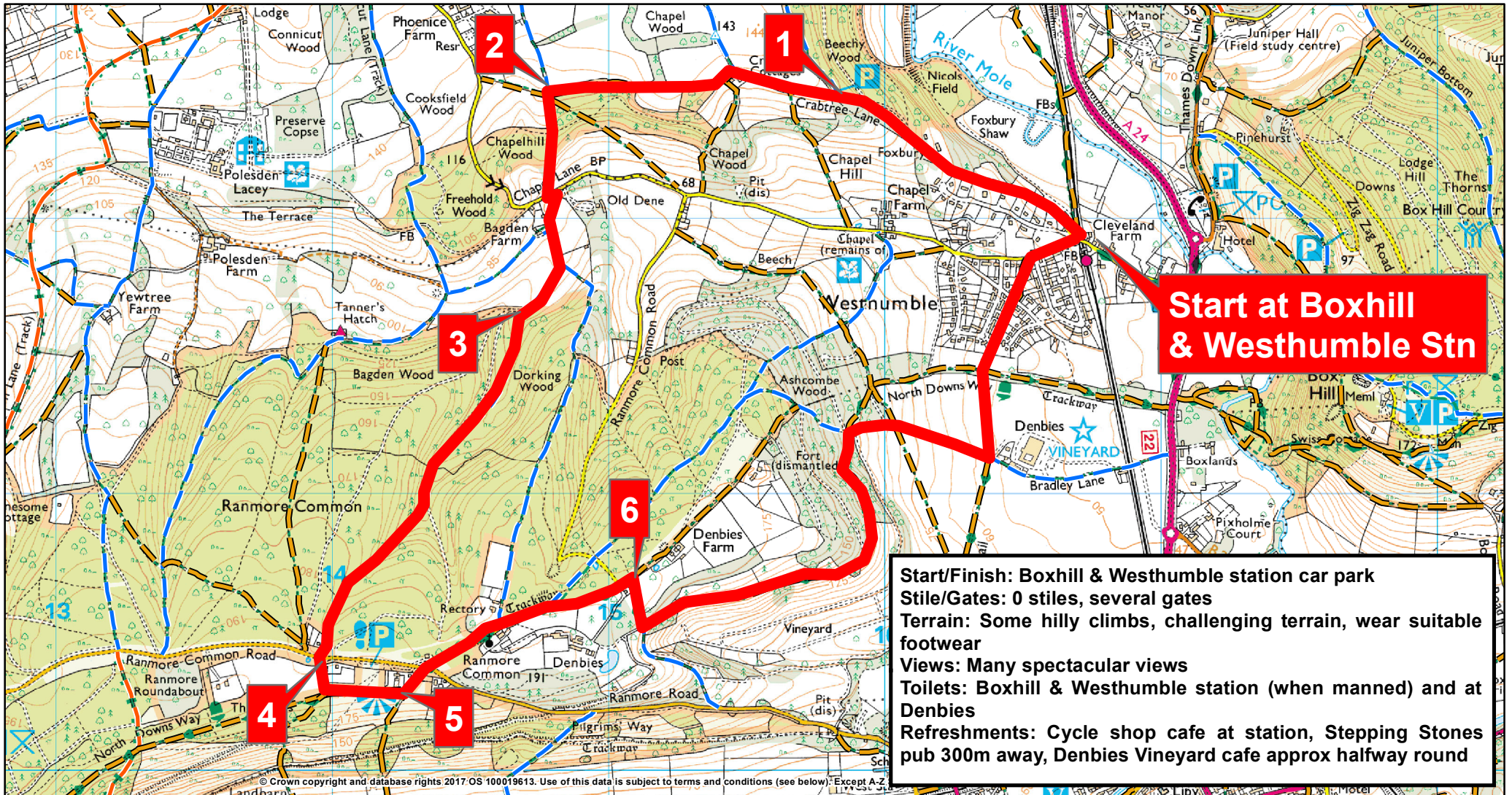
Turn right, leaving NDW to join public bridleway. Follow track which heads downhill. Bear right to join concrete track (between vineyards) heading for complex of farm estate buildings. (NOTE: Denbies is a working farm so please keep dogs on lead). A few paces before you reach buildings ahead (Bradley Farm), you will see a signed crossroads of paths. If you wish to visit Denbies Wine Estate visitor centre and cafe, keep ahead past house and farm buildings, then turn left into centre's car park. Otherwise, for main route, turn sharp left at this crossroads to join wide grass track which runs between vineyards.

Follow wide grass track and, at end of vineyard, pass through gate. Cross over stone track and go ahead through gate into field. Cross field at 1 o'clock to reach kissing gate on far side. Go through this gate and join narrow footpath between gardens. You will eventually emerge out to a quiet residential road, Adlers Lane. Cross over and join narrow footpath which continues ahead. This path leads you steadily uphill and out to T-junction with road, Chapel Lane.

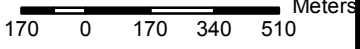
Turn right along road, then fork right between white fencing to join raised pavement running along right-hand side of road. Further down, join pavement immediately alongside road passing end of Crabtree Lane on left. (Note: if you are parked in Crabtree Lane car park, turn left here and follow lane for 1km to reach car park on right). Otherwise, keep straight ahead on pavement which swings right and over railway bridge. You will come to Boxhill & Westhumble Station on right where 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)


# Ranmore Circular on the North Downs Way



1:20,000



Meters



OS terms & conditions: You are permitted to use this data solely to enable you to respond to, or interact with, the organisation that provided you with the data. You are not permitted to copy, sub-licence, distribute or sell any of this data to third parties in any form.

**HOW TO GET THERE - RH5 6BQ**





**Car** - Norbury Park Crabtree Lane car park from point 1 of this walk.

**Train** - Start and finish at Boxhill & Westhumble station. Check train times before starting walk, as service can be infrequent

**Bus** - Route 465 stops nearby on A24.

For help planning your journey visit: <http://journeys.travelsmartsurrey.info>

**RIGHTS OF WAY**

-  Footpath
-  Bridleway
-  BOAT
-  Restricted byway