

# North Downs Way

NATIONAL TRAIL 

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Surrey

A 3.5 mile (5 km) gently undulating circular walk from Puttenham Common through woodland at the foot of the Hog's Back ridge.

Puttenham village has some of the last remaining hop gardens in Surrey. Oast houses were built here in the nineteenth century to dry hops before they were transported to breweries in Guildford and London. In 1223 the manor of Puttenham (now known as Puttenham Priory) was divided between two sisters, one of whom gave her half to the Augustinian Priory of Newark near Ripley

## PUTTENHAM CIRCULAR 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.

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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)

## ROUTE DESCRIPTION

### START TO PUTTENHAM LANE

It is worth taking time before you start walking to enjoy views from car park. There is an extensive view south to sandy heights of Hindhead and Blackdown. Leave car park via vehicle entrance back to Suffield Lane. Cross over with care and go ahead past Top Rodsall Cottage on left. Follow path as it turns left behind cottage and continue down some steps to T-junction with sunken track. Turn left and almost immediately right along footpath through woodland edge. At junction of paths, continue in same direction on path marked with yellow arrow. Follow this path with open field to left. At edge of woodland, pass through kissing gate ahead and continue on grass track between open fields (NB game birds reared here). At the end of grass track, cross low stile ahead to join narrow fenced path. Path leads you alongside a second (disused) stile and then swings left to reach road (Puttenham Lane) via a third stile/gate.

### 1 PUTTENHAM LANE TO SUFFIELD LANE

Turn left along road, taking care of any traffic, for 150m to turn left at a kissing gate and follow path along left-hand boundary of field. Path swings left, right and left again to reach stile at top of the rise. Pass alongside this (with fence still on left) then bear diagonally right (about 2 o'clock) across field to a stile between oak trees. Cross this stile and walk at about 11 o'clock across this next field. Beyond brow of rise, follow path straight ahead (with views to Puttenham Priory) to cross stile into belt of woodland. Follow fenced path along edge of woodland belt. Beyond trees, cross next stile ahead, then follow fenced path with a large pond visible through hedge on left. Path leads you out via a stile to village road, Suffield Lane.

### 2 SUFFIELD LANE TO T JUNCTION

To right you will see entrance gates for Puttenham Priory. Cross over and turn right along road edge (caution - traffic) to reach T-junction. Cross over to reach pavement in front of Good Intent pub. (If you wish to see oast houses and church you can take a small detour by turning right at this T-junction).

### 3 T JUNCTION TO LASCOMBE LANE

Standing on pavement facing pub, turn left along The Street. Soon you will be forced to swap to left-hand pavement. The

long street village of Puttenham stands on the spring line dividing the chalk of the Hogs Back to the north from the Greensand to the south. Ignore first footpath signed off to left, keep ahead and soon you will be forced to swap back to right-hand pavement. Where road swings right, fork left onto Lascombe Lane.

### 4 LASCOMBE LANE TO LOWER LASCOMBE

Lascombe Lane forms part of North Downs Way (NDW). This National Trail crosses northern edge of Puttenham Common and continues up Lascombe Lane and through Puttenham village. At fork, leave NDW and take left-hand branch onto Highfield Lane (heading uphill). Follow lane passing horse paddocks on left. From this point there is an excellent view beyond paddocks (back to your left) of the Palladian mansion Puttenham Priory. Continue up to top of hill where you will find the property, Lower Lascombe, on left.

### 5 LOWER LASCOMBE TO KISSING GATE

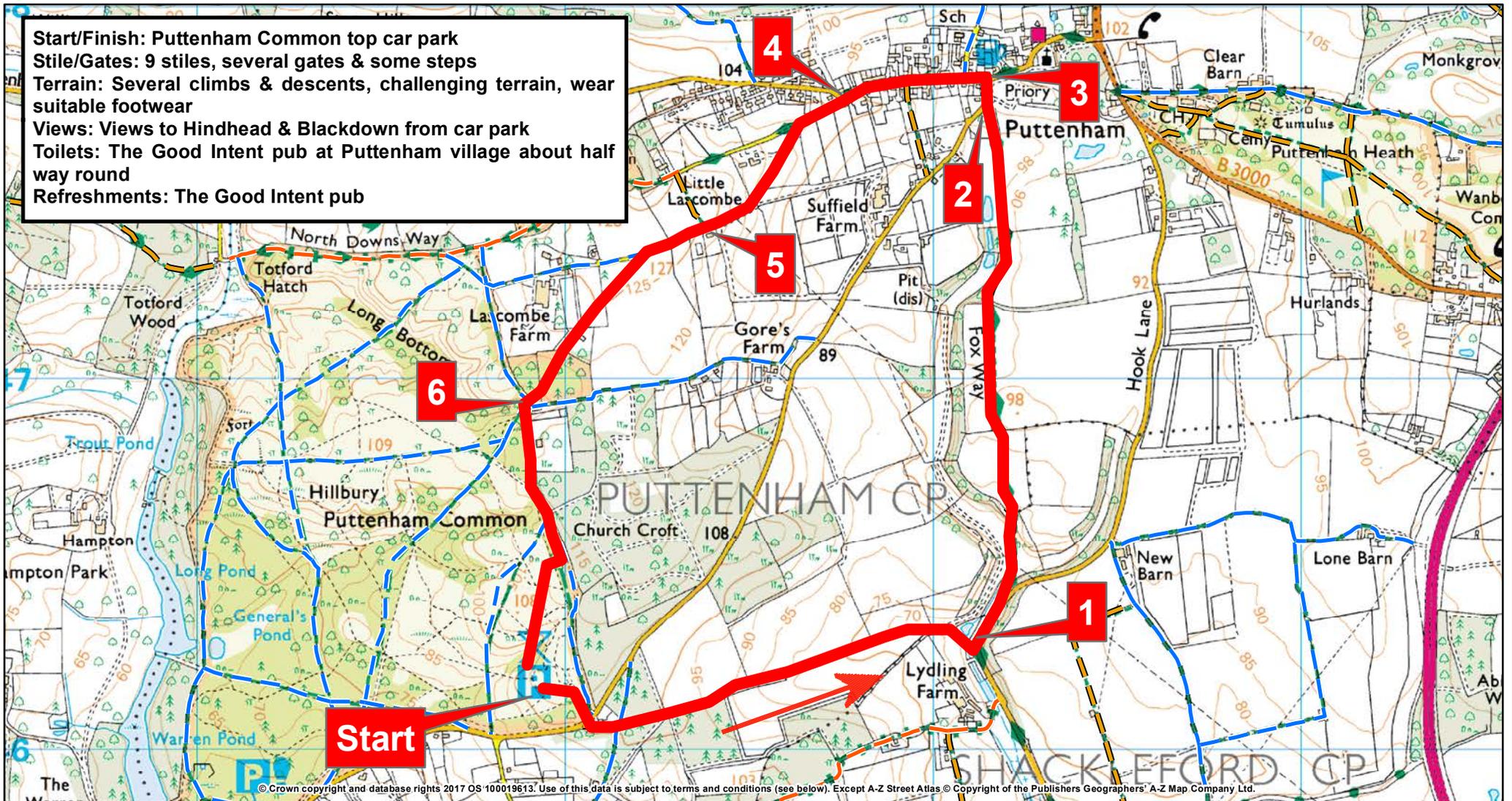
Ignore footpath signed right here, simply keep ahead on lane for 160m to a point where it bears right. Fork left here (about 11 o'clock) to join signed footpath across crop field. Cross stile and continue in same direction across next field (may be holding cattle). Cross next stile, go over tarmac drive and keep ahead to join fenced footpath passing red brick and tile property on left. Path leads you through section of woodland, managed by The Woodland Trust. You will come to a kissing gate ahead.

### 6 KISSING GATE TO END OF WALK

Go through kissing gate and turn left along sandy track. Keep straight ahead at crossroads of paths to pass cottage on left. Path climbs to pass an impressive square brick property, Murtmoor, also on left. Keep ahead along main track, ignoring any small paths into Puttenham Common on right. Surrey Wildlife Trust (SWT) manages 263 hectares of Puttenham Common, an important area of now scarce lowland heath and part of the common is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). Eventually you will see a smaller path forking right which leads you past a row of small wooden posts and to car park where walk began.

# Puttenham Circular on the North Downs Way

**Start/Finish:** Puttenham Common top car park  
**Stile/Gates:** 9 stiles, several gates & some steps  
**Terrain:** Several climbs & descents, challenging terrain, wear suitable footwear  
**Views:** Views to Hindhead & Blackdown from car park  
**Toilets:** The Good Intent pub at Puttenham village about half way round  
**Refreshments:** The Good Intent pub



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### HOW TO GET THERE - GU3 1BG

**Car** - Puttenham Common Top Car Park on Suffield Lane. Leave village heading south-west along Suffield Lane, top car park on right, opposite Top Rodsall Cottage. NB 1.95m entrance height barrier.  
**Bus** - Route 65 stops on A31 at Puttenham Hill. From here, you can walk down to Puttenham village and start walk from this point

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

### RIGHTS OF WAY

-  Footpath
-  Bridleway
-  BOAT
-  Restricted byway