

# SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK

From rolling hills to bustling market towns, the South Downs National Park's landscapes cover 1,600km<sup>2</sup> of breathtaking views, hidden gems and quintessentially English scenery. A rich tapestry of wildlife, landscapes, tranquillity and visitor attractions, weave together a story of people and place in harmony.


For your guide to everything there is to see and do in the National Park visit [southdowns.gov.uk/discovery-map](http://southdowns.gov.uk/discovery-map)

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## YOUR COUNTRYSIDE CODE: RESPECT. PROTECT. ENJOY.

### Respect other people

- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Keep to the paths unless on Open Access Land 

### Protect the natural environment

- Take your litter home
- Keep dogs under effective control

### Enjoy the outdoors

- Plan ahead and be prepared
- Follow advice and local signs



Above: Amberley Museum  
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## AMBERLEY MUSEUM

Amberley 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 *A View to a Kill*. The museum is home to a number of resident craftspeople using traditional methods. Open mid March to October. [amberleymuseum.co.uk](http://amberleymuseum.co.uk)

SOUTH DOWNS WALKS

# AMBERLEY



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Amberley is a chocolate box village with many old buildings, thatched cottages, a castle (now a private hotel), a church, two pubs and a shop. There is also a working pottery.

Amberley Wild Brooks is a large area of flood meadows, jointly managed by Sussex

Wildlife Trust and the RSPB. It is one of the richest wetlands remaining in the UK.

The village of Burpham (pronounced 'Burrfam') 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.

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.













Houghton village thatch  
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## FIND YOUR WAY

Follow the arrows on waymarkers.

- Footpath  
- Bridleway  
- Restricted byway  
- Byway  
- Open access land  National Trail Acorn 

## TAKE THE LEAD

For a safe and fun visit with your dog please remember to keep them on a lead around livestock, horses and wildlife. Always bag and bin your dog poo – any public bin will do!

## GETTING HERE

**By bus:** There are regular services to Amberley, visit [traveline.info/se](http://traveline.info/se)

**By rail:** Amberley station is on the Arun Valley line from London Victoria. Check [nationalrail.co.uk](http://nationalrail.co.uk) for details.

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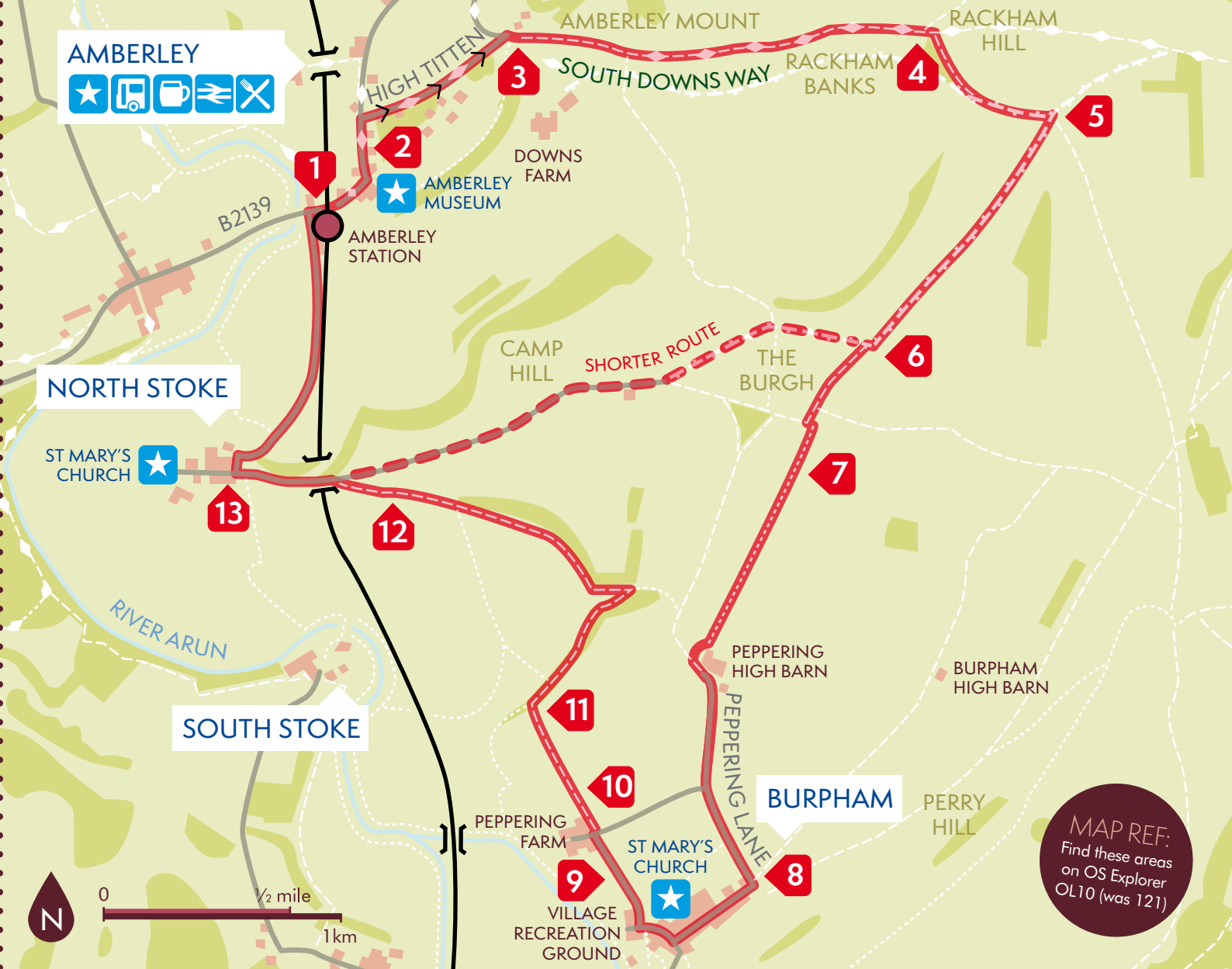
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Looking down on Amberley from the South Downs Way  
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# AMBERLEY, BURPHAM AND NORTH STOKE

TRAIL:   
 SHORTER ROUTE: 

**DISTANCE:**  
 10 miles (16 km)  
 Shorter route:  
 5.4 miles  
 (approx 9km)

**ALLOW:**  
 4.5–5.5 hours

**GRADIENT:**  
 two steep inclines,  
 uneven ground.  
 Some gates,  
 no stiles.

Enjoy far reaching views of the low weald, and the winding River Arun from the top of Amberley Mount.

**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 for a steep climb onto the South Downs Way (SDW) and Amberley Mount.

**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. At the fork, follow the left (higher) path 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 carefully take the road downhill back to Amberley Station.



# AMBERLEY

Discover the attractive downland village of Amberley, full of historic interest and hidden gems.

## TRAIL:



## ALLOW:

1.5–2 hours

## DISTANCE:

2.5 miles (4 km)

## Extension:

1.8 miles  
(approx 3 km)

## GRADIENT:

some stiles. Some sections of the path may be boggy in wetter months.

**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.

## KEY:

- Point of interest
- Pub
- Bus stop
- Refreshments
- Station
- Trail point
- Road
- Bridges
- Incline
- Railway line
- National Trail
- Bridleway
- Footpath
- Restricted Byway
- Woodland
- Buildings

