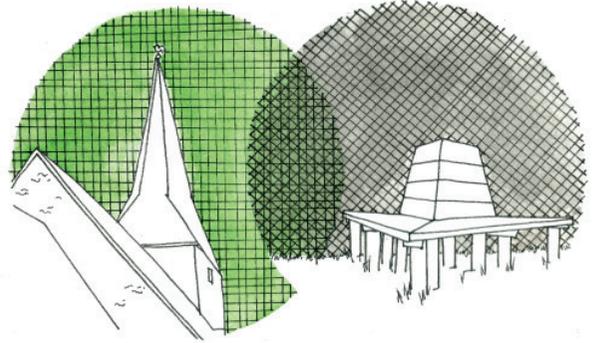
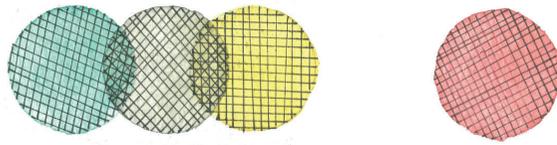


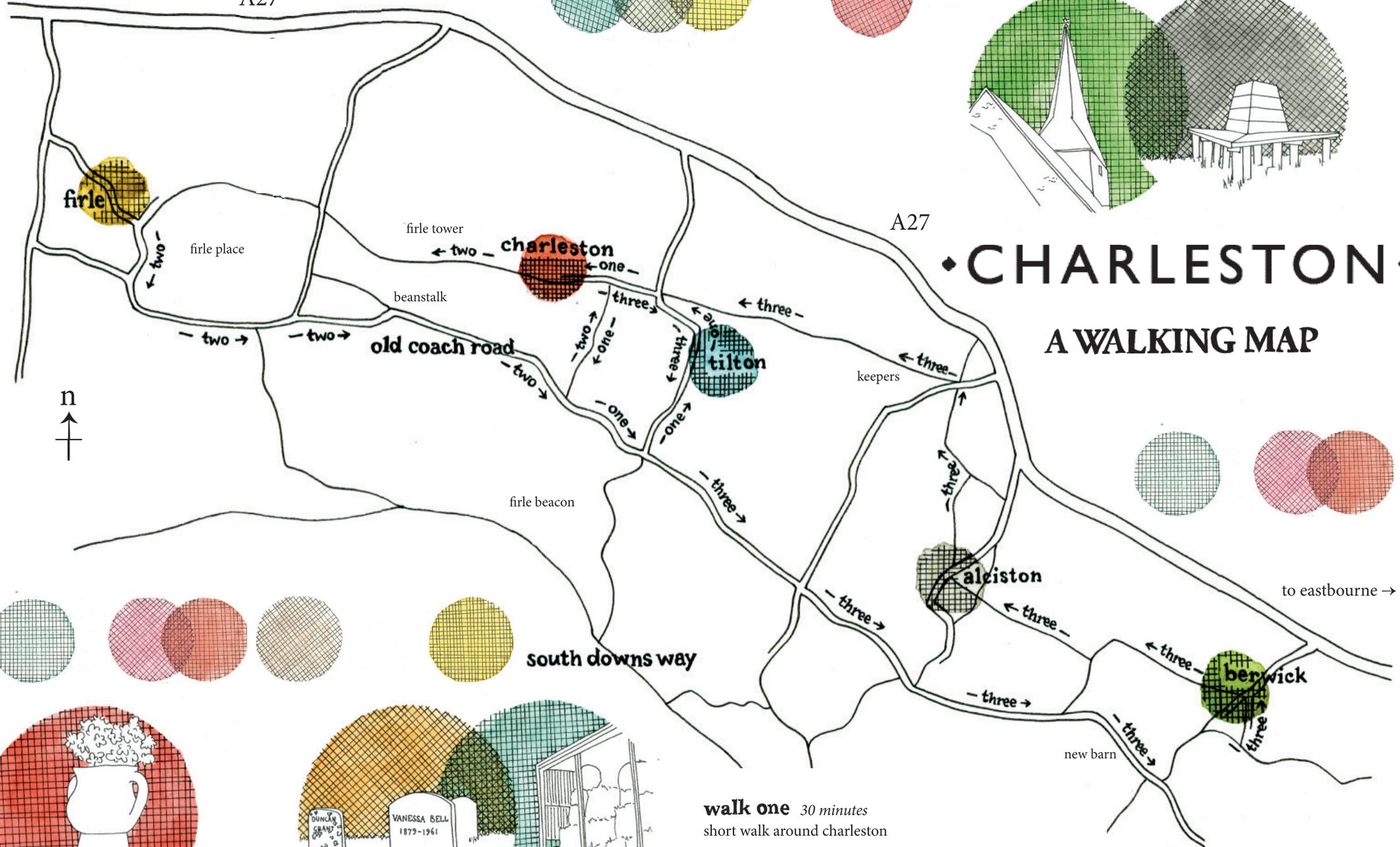
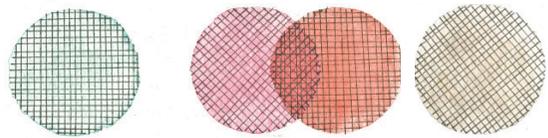
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# CHARLESTON

## A WALKING MAP



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short walk around charleston

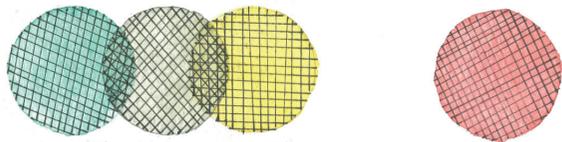
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charleston - firle circular

**walk three** 2 hours 15 minutes  
charleston - berwick circular

## walk one

Short walk around Charleston 30 minutes (2 km)

Starting at Charleston, with the pond directly behind, head south up the track alongside the barns on the right. Far reaching views over the Sussex Weald and the Downs will be seen, with Firle Tower visible to the north-west. Take a left turn heading east onto the Old Coach Road towards Alfriston. Walking a short distance to a dip in the landscape, turn left at the junction onto the bridleway (blue arrow) to the group of houses known as Tilton. After a large hay barn, bear left and follow the concrete track to a right bend, then immediately left towards Charleston. (*The path to the right, past the hay barn, leads to Tilton House, the Georgian former home of John Maynard Keynes.*)

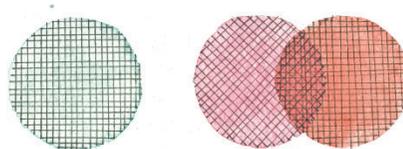


## walk two

Charleston - Firle circular 1 hour 15 minutes (5 km)

Heading west towards Firle, leave Charleston with the house to the right, through two farm gates, with barns on the left. This first section can be muddy, but the ground soon becomes easier. Keep straight ahead, passing Compton Wood on the right, then left through an open gate and immediately right to continue west. The vista now opens out with a view of Firle Tower. Slight diagonal to first gate, then forward through two fields, making for a line of trees. The footpath is a defined line between the crops. Keeping the Tower on the right, go through a gap in the trees. Firle Place comes into view (ahead left) from the top of the next field. Keeping to the right-hand

field edge head down to the lichen covered flint wall and carry on through a wrought-iron gate close to the side of a house. Cross the lane to the gate into Firle Place park. Following the first two waymarked posts, make for the tallest pine tree to locate the track leading to the gate to The Dock track into the village of Firle. *Church of St. Peter: Graves of Vanessa Bell, Duncan Grant and Quentin Bell. Little Talland House (Virginia Woolf's first house in Sussex, 1910). The Ram Inn.*



Head south out of the village, keeping the church on the left. As the street changes to track, pass the farm and follow the curve to the left alongside a flint wall. (The path up to Firle Beacon and South Downs Way starts at the top of the field.) Keeping low, go ahead on Old Coach Road (E). Take a right fork at Beanstalk, and continue straight ahead, looking for the left turn 'permissive path', which completes the circuit, returning to Charleston beside the barns and shop.

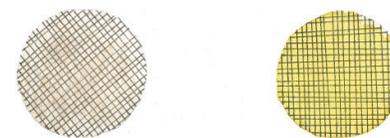
## walk three

Charleston - Berwick circular 2 hours 15 minutes (8.5 km)

Leaving Charleston with the pond on the left, walk down the drive. Turn right, following the concrete track towards Tilton. Head south, passing large barns, towards the steep escarpment of the Downs. At the Old Coach Road junction, swing left (towards Alfriston) heading east. Keep straight, crossing BoPeep Lane, to eventually reach a triangular wooden bench waymark. Keep straight on the Old Coach Road until New Barn on the right. Take the left turn towards Berwick village. Turn right at the silage pile, making for Berwick Church. *Sz. Michael and All Angels: Murals by Vanessa Bell, Duncan Grant,*

*Quentin Bell. The Cricketers' Arms is five minutes walk straight ahead.* Head down the church path towards the village, bearing left at the grass roundabout. Keeping straight (W), first on the concrete path marked 'Private Road Footpath Only' then straight across the first field. At the hedge, follow path round to left (Wealden Walks), turn right through gap in hedge, straight along field edge towards Alciston Church. Turn right, then soon left over a stile beside flint wall skirting the church. Climb over second stile onto church path to street. *Turn right for the Rose Cottage Inn.*

Opposite the path from the church, spot a yellow waymark arrow pointing up steps, through a gate. Crossing the field, head for the gate slightly left ahead. *Be aware there may be horses.* Follow a diagonal path down to next gate. Turn right, keeping close to a line of trees (NE), through gate into next field. Now head north-west with a left turn, keep close to the left-hand field edge, then swing right, dropping down to corner gate. Climb the next field (NE) and out onto Bopeep Lane. Turn left, making for Keepers (pottery), with fields on the right. Keep heading straight (approx. NW) with Tilton Wood on the left, through five fields, making for a gate opposite the lane to Charleston up ahead.



To return to Charleston from Alciston if very wet underfoot, go south to the Old Coach Road (10 minutes) turn right at the triangular wooden bench waymark to return on the gravel path, then right again via Tilton.