

SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK

These two Miles Without Stiles circular routes set in a beautiful area of the South Downs National Park are suitable for off-road class 3 all-terrain mobility scooters.

Enjoy stunning 360 degree views from Ditchling Beacon, the highest point on the chalk in East Sussex, visit the historic Jack and Jill windmills or pay your respects at the peaceful Chattri war memorial. Following these trails also takes you along a section of the famous South Downs Way National Trail – a 100 mile route which runs the entire length of the South Downs National Park, from Winchester to Eastbourne.



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southdowns.gov.uk/newsletter

Ditchling Beacon
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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



Disabled Ramblers is a small charity which was set up around 20 years ago to encourage disabled people to access the countryside on their mobility scooters. Members of the charity helped to create the two routes in this leaflet and tested each one to ensure that they are suitable for rambling on an all-terrain Class 3 mobility scooter, or equivalent power chair.

For more information about the Disabled Ramblers and how you can get involved, visit disabledramblers.co.uk

YOU CAN FIND THIS ROUTE ON VIEWRANGER

Download the free ViewRanger app from your app store. Once registered you can search for South Downs National Park to view all of our routes. All our routes on ViewRanger are available for FREE – you do not need to buy any maps to view our walks and rides.



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These circular routes have been made possible due to support from Gatwick Airport, which enabled surface and gateway improvements to be carried out.

MILES WITHOUT STILES DITCHLING BEACON AND THE CHATTRI



SOUTH DOWNS
NATIONAL PARK

Green hairstreak
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Fragrant orchid
© SDNPA/Jan Knowlson



View from Ditchling Beacon © Sam Moore



POINTS OF INTEREST

JACK AND JILL WINDMILLS

These picturesque windmills stand atop the scenic South Downs with spectacular views out across the Sussex Weald. Jack is privately owned but Jill is often open to visitors and when the wind is blowing she may even be in operation with a guide available to explain the mysteries of milling. Visit jillwindmill.org.uk for more information.

DITCHLING BEACON

One of the highest points on the South Downs, Ditchling Beacon, once an Iron Age hillfort, has

stunning pockets of rich chalk grassland. If visiting in July look for the musk orchid, only found in the south of England, limey-green in colour and honey-scented. Between June and August you'll also see the marsh fragrant orchid which is dark pink in colour and can be found on the northerly scarp slopes.

Amongst these spectacular flowers keep an eye out for the green hairstreak butterfly. When not in flight they hold their wings closed showing a green underside with a faint white streak. Rival males can often be seen spiralling close to shrubs.

THE CHATTRI

This beautiful memorial stands on the Downs near Patcham at the place where Hindu and Sikh soldiers who died in Brighton war hospitals during 1914-1918 were cremated.



Around one and a half million members of the Indian army fought alongside British soldiers during the war. The word 'chattri' means umbrella in Indian Hindi, Punjabi and Urdu and is reflected in the memorial's style.

FIND YOUR WAY

Follow the arrows on waymarkers.

Footpath



Bridleway



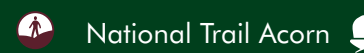
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Byway



Open access land



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

Parking: Jack & Jill windmills free car park with height barrier.

Alternative car parking is available at Ditchling Beacon (charges apply).

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DITCHLING BEACON

TRAIL: 

DISTANCE:
5.7 miles (9.2km)

GRADIENT:
Some steep gradients.

PATH:
Loose stone and mud in winter. There are no steps or other barriers.

1 From the car park head back out of the main entrance and turn left following the main track up the hill.

2 Continue along the South Downs Way (SDW) to Ditchling Beacon. As you continue east along the SDW you'll pass two dew ponds. The first on your left is fenced in and the second open for livestock to drink from. These round ponds are man-made ponds lined with clay and filled by rainwater to provide water for sheep and cattle.

3 At the crest of the hill you'll see the trig point on your right. This is the highest point in East Sussex where you are rewarded with 360° views. Now retrace your route

some 100 metres down the hill and take the path through a wooden gate on your left. The bank to your left is the remains of the ramparts of the Iron Age hillfort that stood on Ditchling Beacon 3000 years ago. Continue on this track south, over the rise and gently downhill.

4 Continue straight ahead at the path junction – here the track steepens a little and has some loose flints.

5 At the gate continue straight ahead, down the hill. This grass slope is the steepest section of the route.

6 Continue through the gate heading south. Here the route flattens out and may be muddy in winter.

7 Go through the gate on your right and across the vehicle tracks, then head left and gradually up the hill. Do not follow the vehicle tracks along the valley floor.

8 Drop down to the gate and turn right onto the main farm track.

9 At the top of the hill there is a cross road of paths, turn right at this point and follow the Sussex Border path north, where you'll re-join the SDW at Keymer Post.

10 When you reach the SDW, turn left and retrace the start of your walk to the car park at Jack and Jill windmills.

CHATTRI MEMORIAL

TRAIL: 

DISTANCE:
4.5 miles (7.2km)

GRADIENT:
Some steep gradients.

PATH:
Loose stone and mud in winter. There are no steps or other barriers.

1 From the car park head back out of the main entrance and turn left following the main track up the hill. Turn right onto the South Downs Way (SDW) heading south.

2 Continue through New Barn Farm and straight over the crossroads of track.

3 Follow the track down into Rag Bottom – this is quite steep with occasional loose flint. Then follow the track back up the hill the other side.

4 Turn left and then right to follow the track along the edge of the field at Middle Brow.

5 At the crossroads of paths turn right onto the Sussex Border Path and continue down to the Chattri war memorial.

6 When you want to continue your walk retrace your route back up the Sussex Border Path, then continue straight over at the crossroads.

7 When you reach the SDW, turn left and return to the car park at Jack and Jill windmills.

MAP REF:
Find this area on
OS Explorer OL11
(was 122)

BREEZE UP TO THE DOWNS

The Brighton area has excellent bus services with double-decker Breeze buses serving the popular Devil's Dyke daily (mid Jun-Aug) then a

weekend & bank holiday service throughout the year for Devil's Dyke, Stanmer Park and Ditchling Beacon. See brighton-hove.gov.uk/breezebuses for full details.