



OCTAGON WALKS

Guiding walkers to a beautiful and unspoilt part of West Sussex in the South Downs National Park



INTRODUCTION

This booklet has been produced to help guide visitors through a beautiful and unspoilt part of West Sussex within the South Downs National Park.

The Octagon Parish is made up of eight villages with churches: Stansted, Racton, Stoughton, East Marden, North Marden, Up Marden, Compton and Forestside and two villages without churches: West Marden and Walderton. Blessed with wonderful walks and fine views down to the south coast, its small ancient downland churches are noted for their spiritual peace and tranquility, some dating back to Saxon times. There are two stately homes in the area: Stansted House and Uppark.

To mark the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in 2012, The Octagon decided to establish a long circular walking route using existing footpaths and bridleways to link all the villages together. This is called *The Octagon Way* and is about 18 miles long. There are also eight circular *Octagon Short Walks* of 2–4 miles each.

GET THE No 54 BUS

Why not reduce parking pressure and help to conserve this beautiful National Park by using the local bus service. The no.54 bus passes through the area – 5 times daily except Sunday – making it possible to bus and walk. Find out more about local buses in the contacts section at the back.

Parking: Apart from Stansted Park Garden Centre there are very few official car parks in The Octagon. This booklet gives guidance where you can park for each walk.

Environment: Please help us to care for this beautiful place by following a few simple guidelines:

- Close **gates** behind you.
- Keep your **dogs** under close control at all times to protect livestock, wildlife and your dog!



- Please take your **litter** home with you.
- **Wildlife:** Please do not disturb or harm any wild animals.
- Photograph **wildflowers** but leave them unpicked and untrampled for others to enjoy.
- **Take care on public roads.** Some routes do involve walking along or crossing roads.
- Remember that **wild animals, farm animals and horses** can behave unpredictably – so give them plenty of space.
- Remember that **footpaths are only open for walkers**, whilst bridleways are open to walkers, cyclists and horse-riders.

1 STANSTED PARK

The walk crosses part of beautiful Stansted Park, with distant views to Chichester Harbour and different types of woodland managed by the estate.

POINTS OF INTEREST

Stansted House: A hunting lodge stood on this site for 800 years. Replaced by a 17th Century house, destroyed by fire in 1901. The current house was built in 1903. The estate has a garden centre, farm shop, Pavilion tea room, maze, pottery, light railway and magnificent grounds. www.stanstedpark.co.uk

St Paul's Chapel: The south entrance is built in beautiful Tudor brickwork. The poet Keats visited the chapel in 1819. Visits can be arranged with Stansted House.

Lumley Seat: A former Georgian landscape folly converted to a house in the 20th Century.



Distance: 2¼ miles

Time: 1 hour

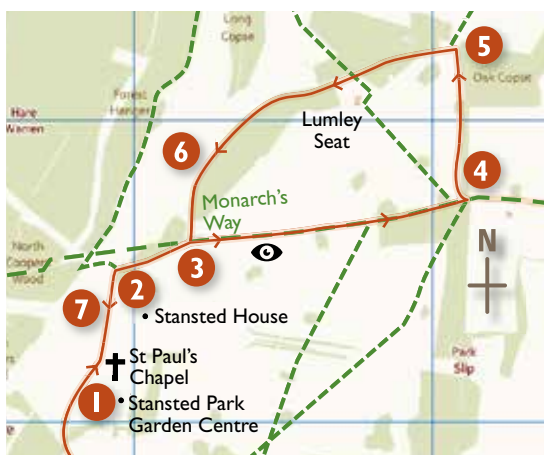
Access: Mainly level walk, half on tarmac roads (suitable for wheelchair use), no stiles.

Getting there: Bike or walk from Rowlands Castle rail station – about 1½ miles.

Parking: Use the Garden Centre car park, open 0900 – 1800hrs after which you can drive out but not return.

ROUTE

- 1 From Stansted Park Garden Centre car park walk north to end of bridleway in front of Stansted House.
- 2 Turn right →. Follow road 300 yards north east to Y-junction. Wheelchair users are advised to follow tarmac road to left, continue past map points 6 and 5 then retrace route to start.
- 3 Walkers follow straight gravel bridleway for 2/3 mile with distant views of Chichester Harbour (on right) and Lumley Seat (on left).
- 4 Turn sharp left ←. Continue to cottages with view of Lumley Seat on left.
- 5 Turn left ←. Follow tarmac road through mixed woodland at the back of Lumley Seat.
- 6 After ½ a mile with open fields (on right) the road continues back to the Y-junction. Bear right →.
- 7 Follow public bridleway back to Stansted car park.



2 WALDERTON to WATERGATE

A pleasant walk over open countryside with lovely views to the south. Woods have displays of bluebells and wild garlic in Spring.

POINTS OF INTEREST

Ems River: A seasonal chalk stream that used to power mills and feed watercress beds.

Monarch's Way: A 615 mile footpath loosely following Charles II's 1651 route from Worcester to Shoreham-by-Sea where he escaped to France.

Watergate House: Modelled on the original 18th Century house which burnt down. Not open to the public.

The Barley Mow Pub: Traditional country pub with skittle alley – walker and dog friendly.



Distance: 3½ miles

Time: 1½ hours

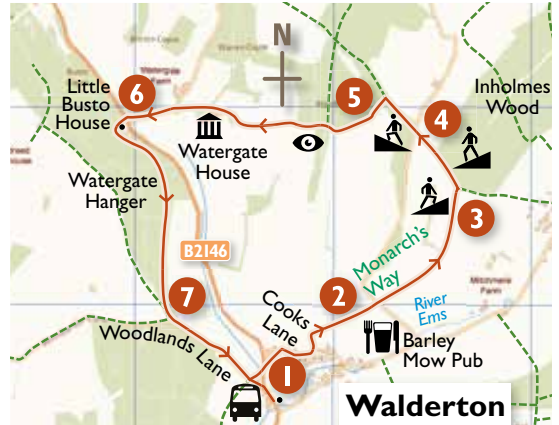
Access: Gentle slopes, no stiles.

Getting there: Bike or bus – limited parking in Walderton.

Parking: Limited short term parking (up to 8 cars) on the triangle of ground left of the lane to Walderton. Also, the Barley Mow pub's large car park with landlord's permission.

ROUTE

- 1 Leave Walderton bus stop near Ems River; walk north on footpath beside main road for a few hundred yards. Turn right → across road into Cooks Lane. Pass flint buildings on left and follow lane into Walderton.
- 2 At first footpath fingerpost turn left ← up a narrow path. Turn right → along 'Monarch's Way' between arable fields. Cross lane and continue uphill to Inholmes Wood.
- 3 Turn left ← down slope and cross lane.
- 4 Continue uphill on bridleway through woods.
- 5 Turn left ← at bridleway fingerpost. Follow edge of wood with distant views to south. Path goes behind Watergate House to main road.
- 6 Cross road and follow bridleway beside Little Busto House and turn left ← behind the house. Climb gently along edge of Watergate Hanger.
- 7 Turn left ← down Woodlands Lane – take care with any traffic. Pass Manor Farm Cottage on left. Rejoin main road and return to the bus stop.



3 STOUGHTON to PITLANDS FARM

A short walk through fields and beech woods. In July and August you may see Dark Green Fritillary and White Admiral butterflies. There are distant views of the Isle of Wight.

POINTS OF INTEREST

St Mary's Church: late Saxon c1050

www.sussexparishchurches.org

Pitlands Farm: A family farm actively supporting agro-environmental schemes and built over the remains of an important Roman villa.

Inholmes Wood: Part of a whole farm conservation scheme to protect and enhance biodiversity, archaeology and farmland birds. Please use footpath and don't disturb wildlife.

Hare & Hounds Pub: Walker and dog friendly country pub in 18th Century listed building, with large outside seating area and with free Wi-Fi access. Open everyday and all day Friday-Sunday.



Distance: 2½ miles

Time: 1 hour

Access: An undulating walk. 1 stile at end.

Getting there: Bike or walk – no bus to Stoughton.

Parking: Is limited. 5 cars can park on the triangle of land in front of village notice board. The Hare & Hounds has a small car park which can be used with the landlord's permission. Some field parking can be arranged via the pub.

ROUTE

- 1 Start at Stoughton notice board; head north past Hare & Hounds pub, out of village. Pass Bartons and Old Bartons private houses.
- 2 After 500 yards turn left ← at footpath fingerpost and climb uphill between two hedges.
- 3 Follow path uphill through mixed hazel coppice into Inholmes Wood.
- 4 Cross first forest track and bear right →. Where forest tracks converge follow the footpath fingerpost back into woods and downhill between tall beech trees.
- 5 Leaving the woods, cross large arable field split by a long grass landing strip. At mid-field marker post turn left ←. Pass an old chalk pit (on right). Continue through fields down to Pitlands Farm.
- 6 Cross farmyard then turn left ← uphill through arable fields; back across the grass landing strip into Inholmes Wood. Follow path back over hill.
- 7 At edge of wood, path turns sharp left ← then right → before dropping through fields to Stoughton. Path ends at stile beside the Hare & Hounds pub.



OCTAGON WAY



ROUTE:

1. From Stansted Park Garden Centre car park, walk 90 yards towards main entrance and turn left ← at footpath fingerpost. Cross meadow, enter new planting of broadleaved trees. At 3-way fingerpost turn left ←, pass through kissing gate. Follow path diagonally over field, cross stile and continue ahead.

2. At next kissing gate turn left ← onto lane. Continue uphill to Racton Monument (on right).

Note: Racton Monument was built between 1766 & 1775 by the owners of Stansted House. It has a history of lavish parties, smuggling and was used by the Home Guard in World War II.

Walk downhill with St Peter's Church below (on right). At end of lane pass metal gate to main road.

Note: To visit St Peter's Church Racton: turn right → and walk 250 yards along the main road.

3. Turn left ← along main road for 220 yards – beware there is no pavement and there may be fast-moving traffic. Turn left ← at footpath fingerpost. Cross stile into field – please keep dogs on leads and don't feed or disturb horses.

4. Cross field diagonally. Pass through gate and cross next field to corner by a former watermill. Cross stile. Turn left ← onto lane. Cross small bridge, and turn right → onto grass path parallel with River Ems. Lordington House, an elegant 17th Century house (not open to public) is on left. Cross two more stiles and continue straight ahead for 100 yards. Cross stile. Walk down slope to Woodlands Lane. Turn right →.

5. At main road, turn left ←. After a few yards, cross the road into Cooks Lane and walk into Walderton.

6. At first footpath fingerpost turn left ← up a narrow footpath between houses. Turn right → along Monarch's Way. Cross lane and continue uphill to Inholmes Wood.

7. At edge of wood turn right → on bridleway down to Stoughton. Bear left.

Note: To visit St Mary's 11th Century Saxon church turn sharp left ← up church path.

8. Walk to village notice board; continue along lane past pub out of village.

9. After 500 yards turn left ← at footpath fingerpost. Follow path uphill for 500 yards towards Inholmes Wood.

10. Turn right ➔ at footpath fingerpost. Continue for a mile along headland, then through woods.
11. Turn left ⬅ onto bridleway and continue to edge of wood. Turn right ➔ at footpath fingerpost. After 300 yards go steeply down to the lane.
12. Cross lane at diagonal, follow footpath fingerpost into field. Turn left ⬅, then diagonally across field towards distant electricity pylon. Cross stile and follow path with hedge (on right). Cross two more stiles. After second, follow hedge (on left) to East Marden.
13. Cross stile, then through farmyard to fingerpost. Turn left ⬅. Follow farm track 40 yards to next fingerpost. Turn right ➔. Follow path between houses to post box on lane. Turn right ➔.

Note: To visit the 12th Century Church of St Peter's in East Marden turn left ⬅ for 100 yards. The thatched village well was the sole source of water until 1924. It has an unusual square winding wheel and is 200 ft deep.

14. Follow lane 70 yards up to footpath fingerpost. Turn left ⬅ and follow path through hedge. Cross stile and bear diagonally across field. Cross another stile and farm track then continue ahead on path climbing gently along left-hand edge of the large open field. Trees on left give way to open fields. Continue uphill to top of slope.
15. At hedgerow, cross stile and enter Long Lane along which it is said Roman tax collectors used to pass. Turn left ⬅ and continue to 'Fourways' crossroads.
16. Turn right ➔ follow lane uphill and through North Marden. Just after post

box turn left ⬅ at footpath fingerpost and sign to church.




Note: St Mary's 12th Century Church North Marden: originally a chapel of ease to East Marden

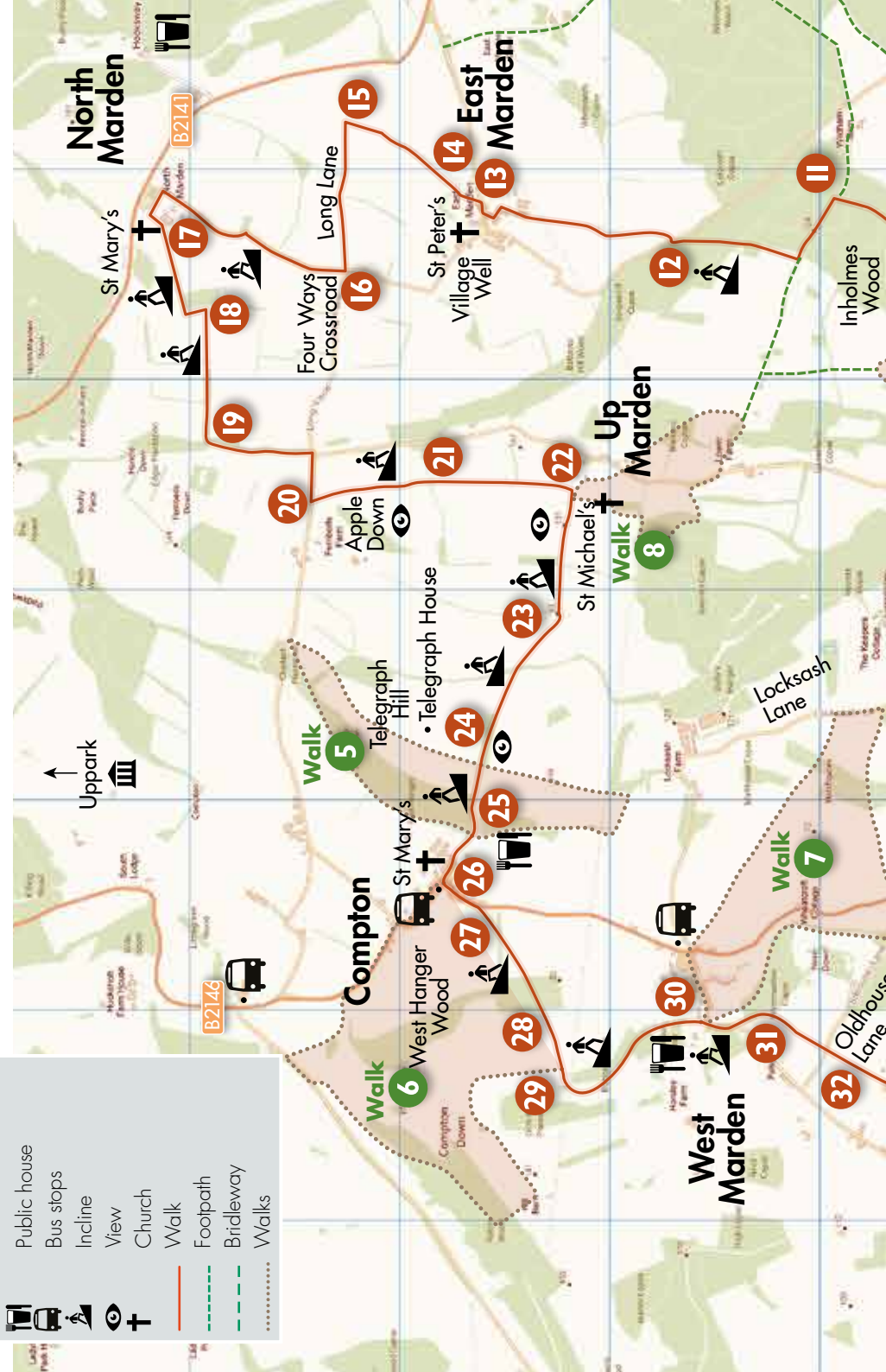
17. From church (on right) follow path downhill. At bottom right corner of field pass between wire fences (keep wood on left). At footpath fingerpost turn left ⬅. After 150 yards turn right ➔.
18. Leave woods, continue uphill with hedge on left of path. Follow edge of field to gap in hedge at field end. Ignore footpath on left and continue uphill along path through narrow woods between fields, to stile.
19. Cross stile at 4-way fingerpost. Turn left ⬅ along edge of pine copse. At end of field cross stile into Long Lane. Turn right ➔. After 150 yards turn left ⬅ at footpath fingerpost and pass through kissing gate.
20. Follow fence line (on right) steadily up Apple Down. The small copse on top of Apple Down marks the site of an Anglo Saxon cemetery – replaced in Victorian times by a water reservoir. Cross stile at end of field. On clear days there are fine views south to Portsmouth and Isle of Wight.
21. Continue across large arable field to distant right corner of tree line near Up Marden. Do not turn left at footpath marker post. Continue ahead with hedgerow on left. At far left corner of field join bridleway.

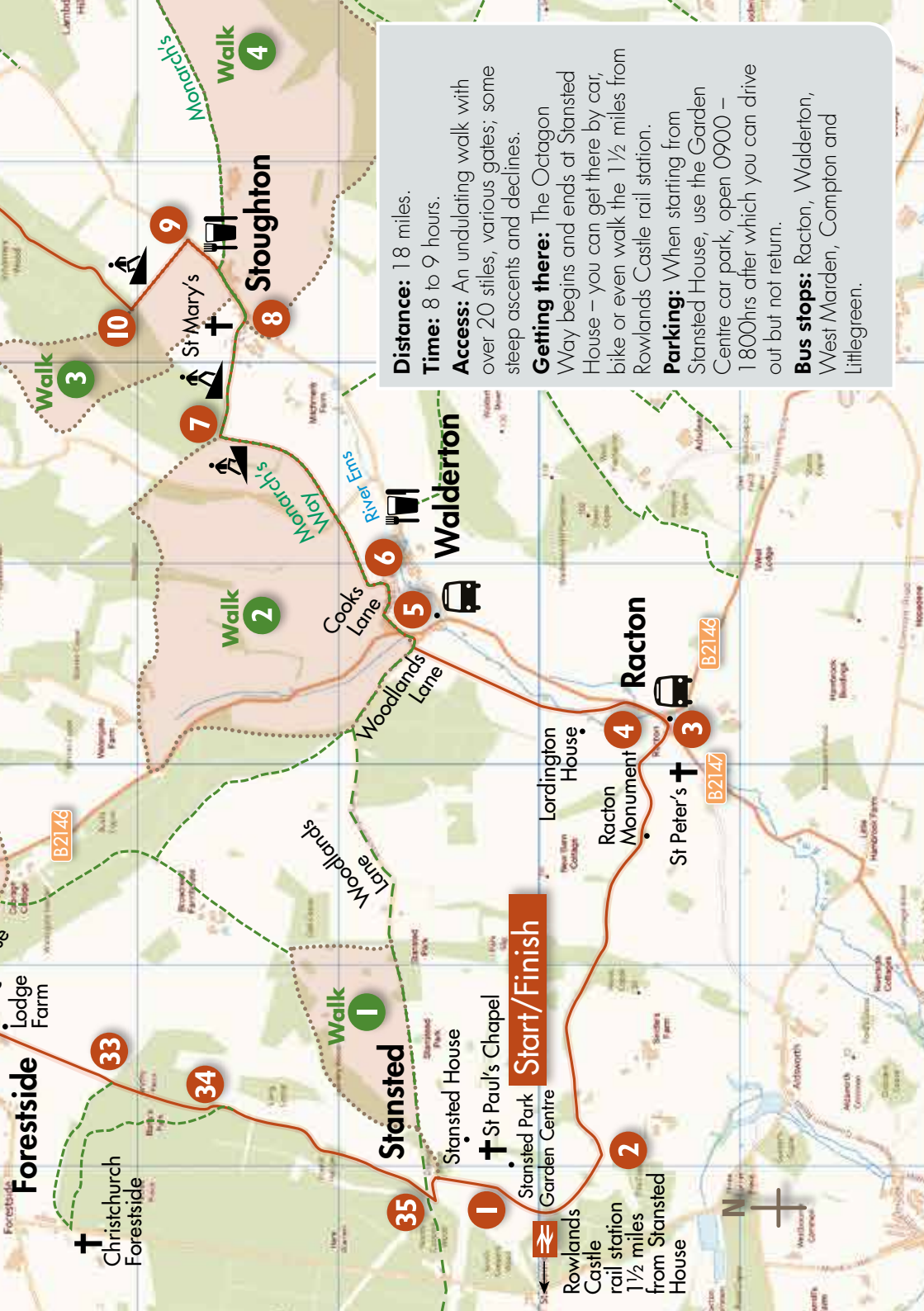
Note: To visit St Michael's Church Up Marden turn left ⬅ along bridleway then right ➔ after cart shed into churchyard.

OCTAGON WAY

KEY

-  Public house
-  Bus stops
-  Incline
-  View
-  Church
-  Walk
-  Footpath
-  Bridleway
-  Walks





Distance: 18 miles.

Time: 8 to 9 hours.

Access: An undulating walk with over 20 stiles, various gates; some steep ascents and declines.

Getting there: The Octagon Way begins and ends at Stansted House – you can get there by car, bike or even walk the 1½ miles from Rowlands Castle rail station.

Parking: When starting from Stansted House, use the Garden Centre car park, open 0900 – 1800hrs after which you can drive out but not return.

Bus stops: Racton, Walderton, West Marden, Compton and Littlegreen.

Start/Finish

Forests

Lodge Farm

B2146

B2146

Walk 3

Walk 4

Christchurch Forestside

33

34

Walk 1

Stansted

35

Stansted House

1

† St Paul's Chapel

Stansted Park Garden Centre

2

Rowlands Castle rail station 1½ miles from Stansted House

Woodlands Lane

Woodlands Lane

Cooks Lane

Walderton

5

6

River Ems

Walk 2

Stoughton

8

7

St Mary's

10

9

Racton

3

Racton Monument

4

Lordington House

St Peter's

3

B2146

N



22. Turn right ➔, downhill towards Compton with view of Uppark (on right).

23. At bottom of hill path bears left ← and right ➔ at fingerpost, then uphill between fields. Pass through wooded area and continue uphill between arable fields.

24. At the 4-way fingerpost cross bridleway and follow footpath downhill. Path crosses hedge line, then descends very steeply on edge of grass meadow with views of Compton Down ahead.

25. Leave meadow; bear right ➔ at the 4-way fingerpost, and follow bridleway into Compton.

Note: To visit St Mary's Church Compton – at end of bridleway on right climb steps and follow path to church.

26. From village square turn left ← at pub. Walk 200 yards along road to The Old Post Office (now a private home). Turn right ➔ across road.

27. Climb block steps; follow diagonal path across field; through pine woodland; cross next field uphill; up bank by footpath fingerpost, through tall swing gate into West Hanger Wood (used for pheasant breeding). Climb steeply uphill past cross-track footpath fingerpost, then through second swing gate into field.

28. Follow diagonal path to fingerpost; take farm track opposite steeply downhill.

29. Cross stile near field gate and dew pond. Turn sharp left ← at fingerpost and follow fence line to another stile where path enters woods. Follow path over two more stiles (ignoring private gate on right) to West Marden.

30. At the main road, turn left ← for a few yards and then sharp right ➔ across the road. Cross stile at 2-way fingerpost and enter field. Follow path shown by right-hand pointer uphill through field to wood. Cross another stile and follow

path on left through woodland bearing right ➔ at marker post.

31. Follow marker post straight across field, with hedge close to right-hand side. Cross Oldhouse Lane and take bridleway with fingerpost and hedge now on left.

32. Continue along bridleway to Lodge Farm. Pass farm house on left. Enter field by fingerpost. Follow track across field; enter wood at 4-way fingerpost.

Note: To visit Christchurch Forestside: Turn right ➔ at 4-way fingerpost and follow footpath outside woodland on edge of field for about 350 yards. Enter wood at joining footpath and turn right ➔ at next fingerpost. Continue for 60 yards to field gate. Turn left ← and follow marker and footpath for 650 yards inside wood to road. Cross road to visit church. Return back along same path to the 4-way fingerpost to rejoin The Octagon Way.

33. From 4-way fingerpost continue south along bridleway (conservation woodland on right) until you emerge from forest.

34. Continue south and after ¾ mile pass through a latch gate. Further on, pass through a second gate which takes you onto access road to Stansted Estate offices.

35. Turn left ← along road and after 100 yards, turn right ➔ along footpath with Stansted House on left. Return to Stansted car park.

Note: To see St Paul's Chapel Stansted take left track before car park. Visits can be arranged with Stansted House.

For further information on St Paul's Chapel and the churches noted in this booklet visit:

www.sussexparishchurches.org

4 STOUGHTON to KINGLEY VALE

A steep climb rewarded with spectacular views of South Coast and spire of Chichester Cathedral. Path crosses Kingley Vale Nature Reserve.



POINTS OF INTEREST

Memorial to Polish Fighter Pilot: Shot down in field beyond by an ME 109 in 1940.

Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten's polo field

Kingley Vale Nature Reserve: Ancient yew forest with some trees over 1000 years old.

The Devil's Humps: Four Bronze Age barrows.

www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Devil's_Humps_Stoughton

The Tansley Stone: Commemorates ecologist Sir Arthur Tansley who was the first Chairman of the Nature Conservancy Council and helped create Kingley Vale Nature Reserve.

Distance: 4 miles

Time: 1 ½ hours

Access: A steep ascent to top of Downs. No stiles or gates.

Getting there: See Walk 3

Parking: See Walk 3

ROUTE

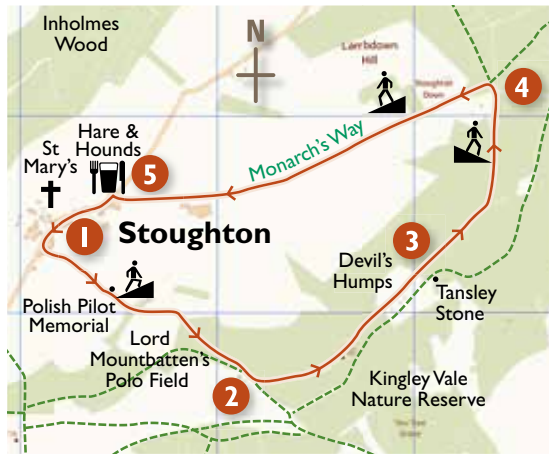
1 From Stoughton notice board opposite wall post box, follow lane south. After 180 yards turn left ← at brideway fingerpost. After 400 yards is memorial to Polish pilot (on left). Continue steeply uphill to end of wood with Lord Mountbatten's polo field (on right).

2 Turn left ← after 50 yards onto brideway through mixed woodland on edge of Kingley Vale forest, to open grassland and the Devil's Humps. Away from path to east is Tansley Stone.

3 Continue along brideway. After long (1 ¼ miles) gradual descent, woods give way to open fields (on left).

4 At 5-brideways fingerpost turn left ← on 'Monarch's Way'. Follow valley path downhill to distant cattle sheds (on left). Continue to more sheds (in front). Bear right → to lane.

5 Turn left ← at lane to Hare & Hounds pub and back to start.



5 COMPTON to TELEGRAPH HILL

This walk climbs through woodland to top of Telegraph Hill with panoramic views to south coast and fine views of Uppark, a National Trust house.

POINTS OF INTEREST

Uppark: Associated with Emma Hart (later Lady Hamilton and love of Admiral Lord Nelson) and the writer H.G. Wells whose mother was housekeeper and father a gardener at the house in the 1850s.

Compton Village Shop & Tea Room

Coach & Horses Pub: An inn since 1660s. A walker and dog friendly country pub.

St Mary's 12th Century Church:

www.sussexparishchurches.org

Bevis's Thumb: A Bronze Age long barrow commonly associated with legends of Sussex giants.

www.sussexarch.org.uk/saaf/giants.html

Telegraph Hill: Used in the 19th Century by the Admiralty as the site for a semaphore station linking Portsmouth and London.



Distance: 3 miles

Time: 1 hour

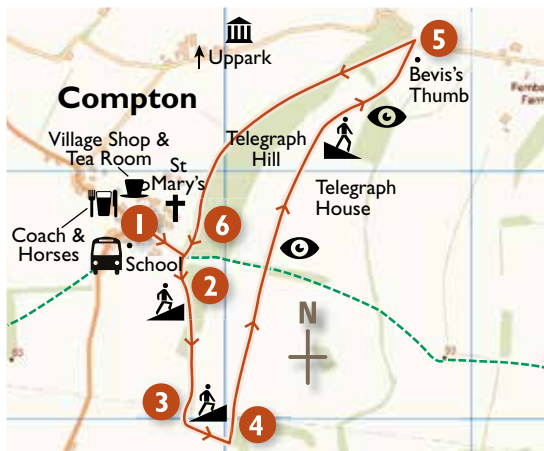
Access: A good open route with a long gentle climb up and down, a level walk along the top. The surface at the start is flinty but good with no stiles.

Getting there: Bike or bus – limited parking.

Parking: Park in recreation ground 200 yards south on B2146. It can hold up to 12 cars. Please DON'T park in Compton Square for more than ½ hr, to avoid congestion.

ROUTE

- 1 From Compton Square, walk up School Lane to join bridleway.
- 2 After 200 yards, keep right at fingerpost and follow bridleway uphill.
- 3 Turn left ← at fingerpost.
- 4 Turn left ← at 4-way fingerpost. Continue on main track over top of Telegraph Hill. Midway on right is Telegraph House (private). Continue downhill with beautiful views of Uppark to northwest.
- 5 At road, Bevis's Thumb is on right. Do not cross road but turn sharp left ← along bridleway at side of field. Nearing Compton, ignore footpath fingerpost to right. Continue on bridleway past next fingerpost, with the shingled tower of St Mary's below on right.
- 6 At the 4-way fingerpost turn right → back to Compton Square.



6 COMPTON to COMPTON DOWN

An undulating walk over open downland, arable fields and through sheltered woodland. Good views of Uppark, Portsmouth, Spinnaker Tower and Isle of Wight.

POINTS OF INTEREST

See information under Walk 5.

ROUTE

- 1 From village square turn left ← at pub. Walk 200 yards along road to The Old Post Office (now a private home). Turn right → across road.
- 2 Climb block steps; follow diagonal path across field; through pine woodland; across next field uphill; up bank by footpath fingerpost, through tall swing gate into West Hanger Wood (used for pheasant breeding). Climb steeply uphill past cross-track footpath fingerpost, then through second swing gate into field. Follow diagonal path to fingerpost.
- 3 Turn right →, then uphill towards Jubilee Clump on hilltop (planted to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897). Turn left ← at fingerpost. Continue to wood edge; bear right → along track between hedgerows to Hill Barn. Turn right →. Continue with hedge (on left) and field (on right). Enter woods 100 yards ahead. Continue to bridleway fingerpost.
- 4 Turn right →. Pass through gate; continue past bridleway marker post and descend to next gate. Continue on path through further two gates keeping woods on right.
- 5 Metal gate leads into grass field; take left diagonal ← across field to fence line.
- 6 Pass through gate onto lane; turn right → for 150 yards to kissing gate and turn right → back into field. Cross diagonally, descending to fence on left.
- 7 Turn left ← through kissing gate; cross field with fence (on right); through last kissing gate to road.
- 8 Turn right →. Follow road back to Compton: Take care – no pavement and there may be fast traffic.



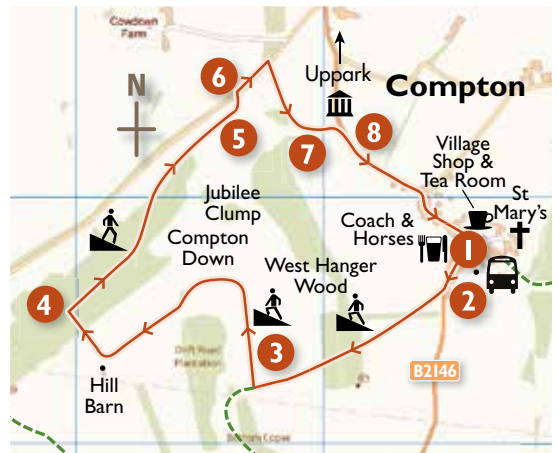
Distance: 3 miles

Time: 1½ hours

Access: Some steep ascents. No stiles, 10 gates and 5 block steps at start of walk.

Getting there: See Walk 5

Parking: See Walk 5



7 WEST MARDEN

A delightful short walk through open fields, woodland paths and quiet country lanes. Much of walk crosses a shooting estate, so dogs should be kept under control.

POINTS OF INTEREST

Victoria Inn: A good walker and dog friendly country pub; landlord will open early for walkers and with prior notice cater for larger walking parties.

ROUTE

- 1 From West Marden crossroads turn up Locksash Lane by bus stop. After 20 yards, turn right → at footpath fingerpost, up narrow path into field.
- 2 Head uphill; then straight across open field to left of utility pole in mid-field; over a farm track and through a row of beech trees. Cross arable field downhill then uphill with Malthouse Copse on left. Pass through gap in hedge with marker post on left. Climb uphill through wood and over arable field to footpath fingerpost beside gap in hedge and gateway; enter Locksash Lane.
- 3 Turn right →. After 250 yards, turn right → again at brideway fingerpost. Continue down to main road, crossing over track in wood – good views of Watergate Hanger and West Marden.
- 4 Cross main road into Oldhouse Lane (signed Rowlands Castle and Forestside); after 200 yards uphill at footpath fingerpost turn right → onto farm track and footpath.
- 5 Immediately cross stile (gate on left). Follow path into woodland.
- 6 At footpath fingerpost cross stile into field and turn left ←. After 90 yards at 3-way footpath fingerpost turn left ← over stile back into woodland. Continue along path to edge of wood. Cross stile and follow fence line across field. Cross next stile (gate on right); continue over field.
- 7 Cross stile into road and turn right → downhill – Victoria Inn on left and crossroads ahead.



Distance: 2½ miles

Time: 1 hour

Access: Undulating walk with 6 stiles.

Getting there: Bike or bus – limited parking.

Parking: If you can't use a bus or bike, up to 3 cars may be parked for short periods in lay-by on main road. Alternatively, use the Victoria Inn car park with landlord's permission.



8 UP MARDEN

A short walk takes in the countryside around the church of St Michael's and All Angels, Up Marden. This 13th Century church has an enchanting simple charm with spiritual tranquillity and a sense of early medieval life in this part of the Downs.



Distance: 1 ¾ miles

Time: 1 hour

Access: An undulating walk with steep ascents, 5 stiles.

Getting there: Car, bike or walk – no bus to Up Marden.

Parking: Limited short term parking for 2 cars near restored cart shed.

POINTS OF INTEREST

St Michael's and All Angels:

www.sussexparishchurches.org

Up Marden Cart Shed: Near the church and dated 1775 – now restored and used as a visitor shelter.

Up Marden Village Well: Restored by English Heritage Trust in 2003.

Tankerville 17th Century Silver: Presented to Up Marden church in 1724 by Camilla, Countess Tankerville of Uppark. Now on display at Uppark.

Beautiful bluebell woods: **Blinkard Copse** and **Grevitts Copse** in Spring.

ROUTE

- 1 From church porch; straight ahead under graveyard yews to footpath fingerpost at edge of field. Bear left ← across field to marker post in hedge.
- 2 Through hedge. At footpath fingerpost on lane turn right →. After 30 yards turn left ← at footpath fingerpost through gate. After 30 yards through next gate bear right → along fenced path between paddocks.
- 3 Cross stile into Blinkard Copse. Follow path to marker post on edge of copse. Cross field towards farm buildings.
- 4 At marker post, turn right → onto bridleway; continue downhill then uphill to lane.
- 5 Turn right →. Walk uphill 200 yards to footpath fingerpost. Turn left ← over stile. Follow path bearing left ← then right → at footpath marker post to T-junction with 3-way fingerpost. Turn right → and follow path downhill, then steeply uphill to 3-way fingerpost on edge of wood. Turn right →. After a few yards cross stile to exit wood. Turn right → into field.
- 6 Follow headland downhill then steeply uphill. Bear left ← around top of field, then right → at marker post. After 50 yards bear right → through hedge to field marker post below Up Marden church. Turn left ←. Follow edge of field to bridleway. Turn right →. After 100 yards re-enter churchyard.



USEFUL CONTACTS

South Downs National Park Authority

www.southdowns.gov.uk

Tel: (01730) 814810

Email: info@southdowns.gov.uk

Stansted House:

www.stanstedpark.co.uk

Tel: (02392) 412265

The Pavilion Tea Room:

www.paviliontearoom.co.uk

Tel: (02392) 413432

Stansted Park Farm Shop:

www.stanstedfarmshop.com

Tel: (02392) 413576

Stansted Park Garden Centre:

www.stanstedparkgardencentre.co.uk

Tel: (02392) 413090

Uppark House and Gardens:

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/uppark

Tel: (01730) 825415

Stagecoach

(No 54 Bus Service Chichester to Petersfield):

www.stagecoachbus.com

Tel: (0345) 1210190

Compton Village Shop & Tea Room:

www.comptonvillageshopandtearoom.com

Tel: (02392) 631144

PUBS

Walderton: The Barley Mow

www.thebarleymow.pub

Tel: (02392) 631321

Stoughton: The Hare & Hounds

www.hareandhoundspub.co.uk

Tel: (02392) 631433

Compton: The Coach & Horses

www.coachandhorsescompton.co.uk

Tel: (02392) 631228

West Marden: The Victoria Inn

www.victoriainnwestmarden.com

Tel: (02392) 631330

Hooksway: The Royal Oak

www.royaloakhooksway.co.uk

Tel: (01243) 535257

B&Bs & SELF-CATERING COTTAGES

Lordington House B&B: hamiltonjanda@btinternet.com

btinternet.com

Tel: (01243) 375862

Pitlands Farm:

www.pitlandsbarns.co.uk

Tel: (02392) 631263

West Marden Farmhouse:

www.westmardenfarm.co.uk

Tel: (02392) 631761

West Marden: Marden Down self-catering cottages. Tel: (02392) 631729

www.mardendown.co.uk

Watergate: Grandwood House

www.grandwoodhouse.co.uk

Tel: (07971) 845153

Adsdean Farm Self-Catering Cottages:

www.adsdean.co.uk

Tel: (01243) 575464

Compton: Compton Farm Cottages

Tel: (02392) 631410

(07798) 736350

www.comptonfarmcottages.com

Compton: Hundred Acre Barn

Tel: (02392) 631413

email: hundredacresfarm@hotmail.co.uk

Compton: The Old Clubhouse

Tel: (02392) 631505

Compton: Pepper Pot Cottage

Tel: (07717) 473168

www.pepperpotcottage.co.uk

Up Marden: Orchard Barn

Tel: (01243) 535266

www.orchardbarnwestsussex.co.uk

EMERGENCY SERVICES

NB: Mobile telephone coverage is restricted in some areas of The Octagon **Police 999**

Damage: In case of damage to gates, signs or misuse of footpaths contact:

www.westsussex.gov.uk/prow

Taxi Services:

Chichester: Starline (01243) 531666

Havant: Alphacars (02393) 000001

Petersfield: A2B Taxies (01730) 233299

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thanks to the South Downs National Park Authority, the Ministry of Design agency, West Sussex County Council, The Octagon Community and the many local walkers who helped describe each walk.

MEASUREMENTS & TIMES

All measurements including time to complete individual walks are approximate and for guidance only. Short distances are in yards (1 yard = 0.91 metre) and long distances in miles (1 mile = 1.6km).