



Head For The Hills

A Day in North Downs



Walk 5 hrs (16.5km)



Total Ascent 455 m



Highest Point 171 m

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Getting There



Train

Trains run from London Waterloo and Clapham Junction to Guildford very regularly and take 35 minutes.



By Car

If you are coming by car, there is plenty of parking in Guildford. For parking outside Guildford, Chantries Car Park (GU4 8AW) is a good option. To get back to the car park from the route, head south after Pewley Down.

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Hike Summary

This circular hike through the North Downs has riverside walking, ancient woodland and historic sights.

Let's be honest... Buying a return to Guildford from London Waterloo is unlikely to set the heart racing. However, thanks to the expert guidance of our Guildford residents, curators Bertie and Ruby, this Hike contains all our favourite elements for a perfect day out in the countryside.



Points of interest

To learn more about each of these points, [tap here](#) and find the relevant waypoint in the OS map app.



START AT GUILDFORD STATION

We begin our walk on The River Wey. Past its 17th century Navigations that connected Godalming to London.



YVONNE ARNAUD THEATRE

The theatre was named after Yvonne Arnaud, famous actor, and was opened in 1965.

SHALFORD PARK



Shalford Park was bought by Guildford Borough Council in 1938 to protect the park from development.



THE PILGRIMS' WAY

Historic route taken by pilgrims from Winchester to the shrine of Thomas Becket in Canterbury.



CHANTRY WOODS

Acquired by Henry Norbridge in 1486, the woods were a “chantry”, meaning a gift to the church.



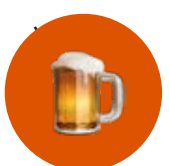
VIEW POINT

Keep an eye out to your left for the magnificent view of Guildford Cathedral through the trees.



ST MARTHA'S CHURCH

St Martha's Church is the only church in Surrey to be on the Pilgrim's Way.



THE DRUMMOND PUB

Half way, enjoy a well earned rest! If you want to call it a day here check out “Plan B”

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GUNPOWDER MILLS



The entangled ruins of the mills are a scheduled monument and have great information boards.



CHILWORTH MANOR

Chilworth was a monastery in the 11th century and is recorded in the Domesday Book.



PEWLEY DOWN

All along the hilltop are magnificent views to the north and south before you head down Pewley Way and into the centre of Guildford.



FINISH BACK AT GUILDFORD STATION

Trains back to London run frequently. If you have some time on your hands, Guildford has lots of nice restaurants pubs to offer.



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TAKING IT ALL IN

Sometimes, we can get so caught up in reaching our destination that we forget to take in our surroundings. When in fact, some of the best moments on a walk are the ones spent not walking. It is not until you stop and look a little closer, that you truly see the magic of where you are.

Our hikes are not about how fast you walk, but about how much you take in. We share these beautiful trails with an abundance of wildlife and there's always something to marvel at – so long as you take the time to look around.

Here are a few of our favourite bits of flora and fauna to look out for on this hike:

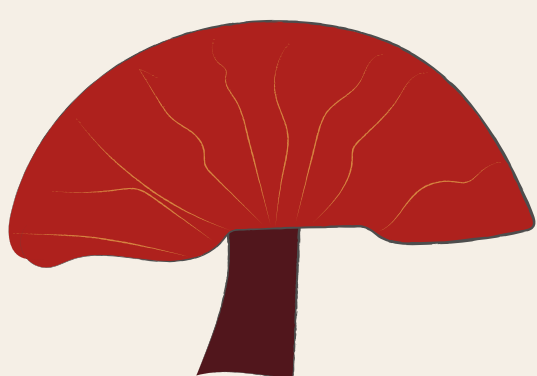


Scarlet Pimpernel

Recognisable by its small, brightly coloured flowers

Picnic Thistle

A small, sharp thistle flower



Waxcaps

A strange but beautiful type of fungus

Plan B

CALLING IT A DAY?

If you've decided that's quite enough for you, there's absolutely no shame in calling it a day.

Your best bet is to get a taxi or the bus from The Drummond back to Guildford. Another alternative is to catch a train back to Guildford from Chilworth. After the gunpowder mills, follow the path in a south westerly direction to Chilworth Station.

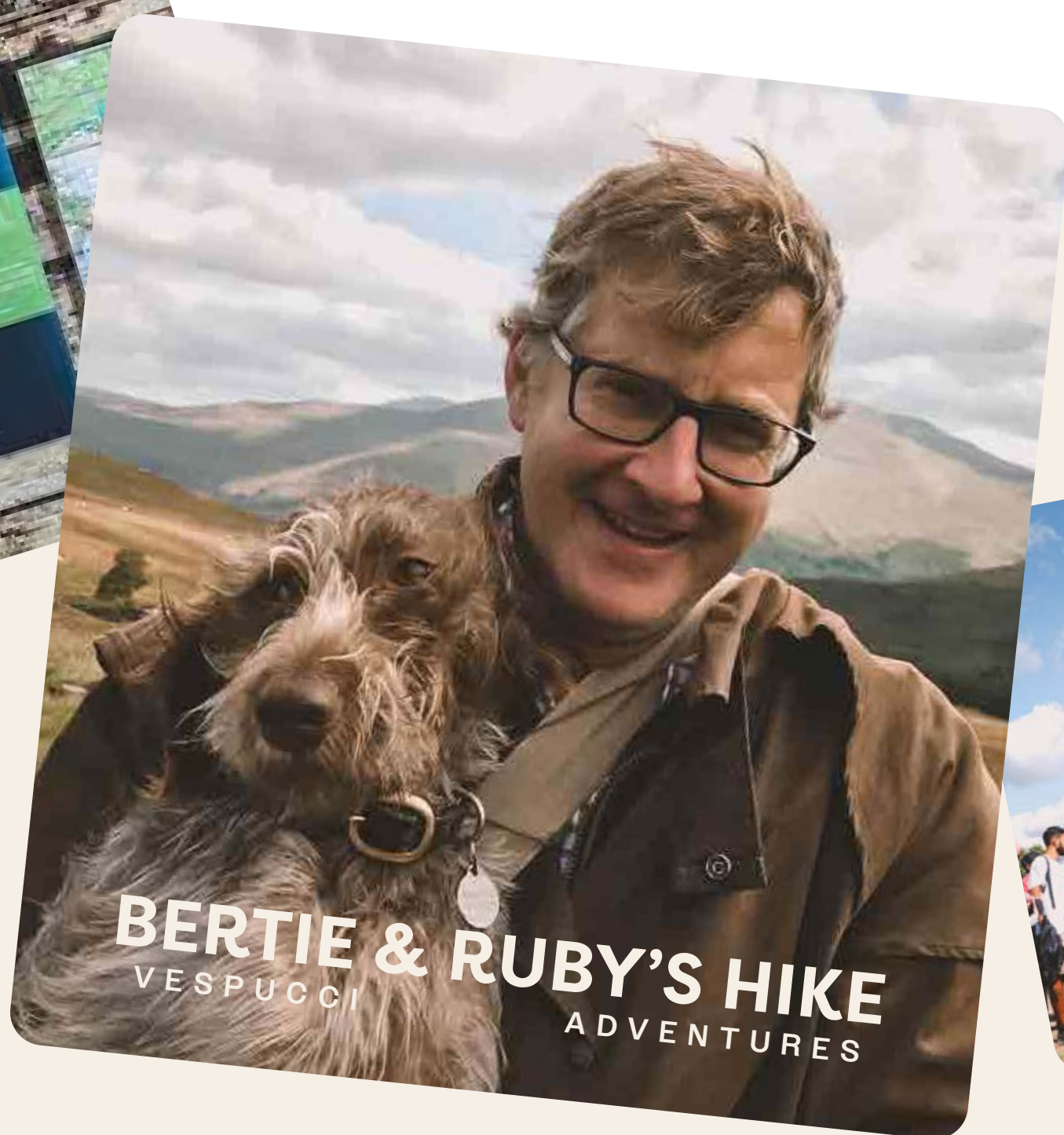
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Thank you

**WE HOPE YOU'VE ENJOYED YOUR WALK.
CURATED BY BERTIE AND RUBY.**

What's next?

We hope you enjoyed your hike as much as we've enjoyed bringing it to you. And we've got plenty more where that came from!

Check out the full range of hikes available to you on:
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STAY IN TOUCH

We love hearing about your adventures, so please do get in touch with any feedback you have from your walk.

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