

The Sussex Winelands

Explore the South Downs with Artelium Wine Estate



Walk 3.5 hrs (12km)



Total Ascent 247 m



Highest Point 223 m

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THE SUSSEX WINELANDS

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Getting There



Train

Trains run from Victoria to Plumpton every 60mins and take an hour. Plumpton station is a 20 minute walk from the Artelium.



By Car

There is parking at Plumpton Station (BN7 3BW) and it is free on weekends.

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Hike Summary

A stunning circular hike up onto the South Downs, before finishing at one of England's most beautiful wine estates.

At Vespucci, we believe in pairing the beauty of nature with the pleasures of indulgence, and this walk epitomises that philosophy! What better way to finish off a country walk than tasting wines made exclusively from grapes grown in a local wine estate. Artelium wine estate is an leading producer of fine English wines. Their fresh and exciting approach to wine shines through during their guided tasting menu.



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 PLUMPTON STATION

We begin our walk at the grade II listed Plumpton station which first opened in 1847.



PLUMPTON RACECOURSE

With 130 years of racing history, the course is a hidden gem for racing enthusiasts and casual spectators alike.

HEART SHAPED SPINNEY



From the path leading towards the ridge you might be able to spot a heart shaped spinney.



VIEW FROM SOUTH DOWNS RIDGE

To the South you will see Brighton and the Rampion wind farm with 116 turbines that produces power for 350,000 homes a year.



SOUTH DOWNS WAY

160km long National Trail that follows ancient routes and droveways along the chalk escarpment.



THE PINK PIT STOP

This adored pink oasis on the top of the ridge has locally roasted coffee and sweet & savoury snacks.



CHALK GRASSLAND

Chalk downland is an internationally rare habitat that supports as many as 45 species per square meter.



WESTMESTON CHURCH YARD

This church has a beautiful red brick path running through a live church yard full of wild flowers.



FINISH AT ARTELIUM (Open Thursday - Sunday)

Finish off your walk with a tour of the vineyards and a wine tasting along side Artelium's fantastic art collection.



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:



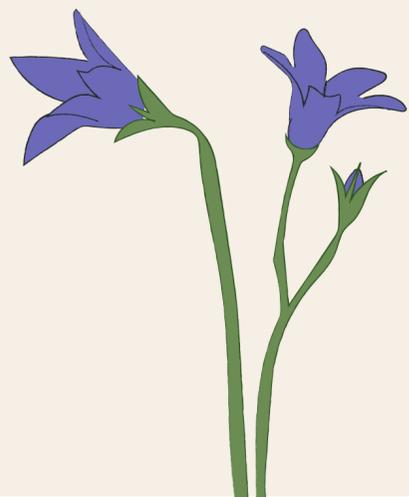
Grapes on the vine!

To see grapes on the vine at Artelium, visit in July.



Early Purple Orchid

One of the first of the orchid flowers to bloom during spring.



Blue bells

Carpets of blues bells in the spring.



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 Ditchling car park which is at the top of the beacon. Another alternative is to do the same from Westmeston at the bottom of the beacon.

 TAXI

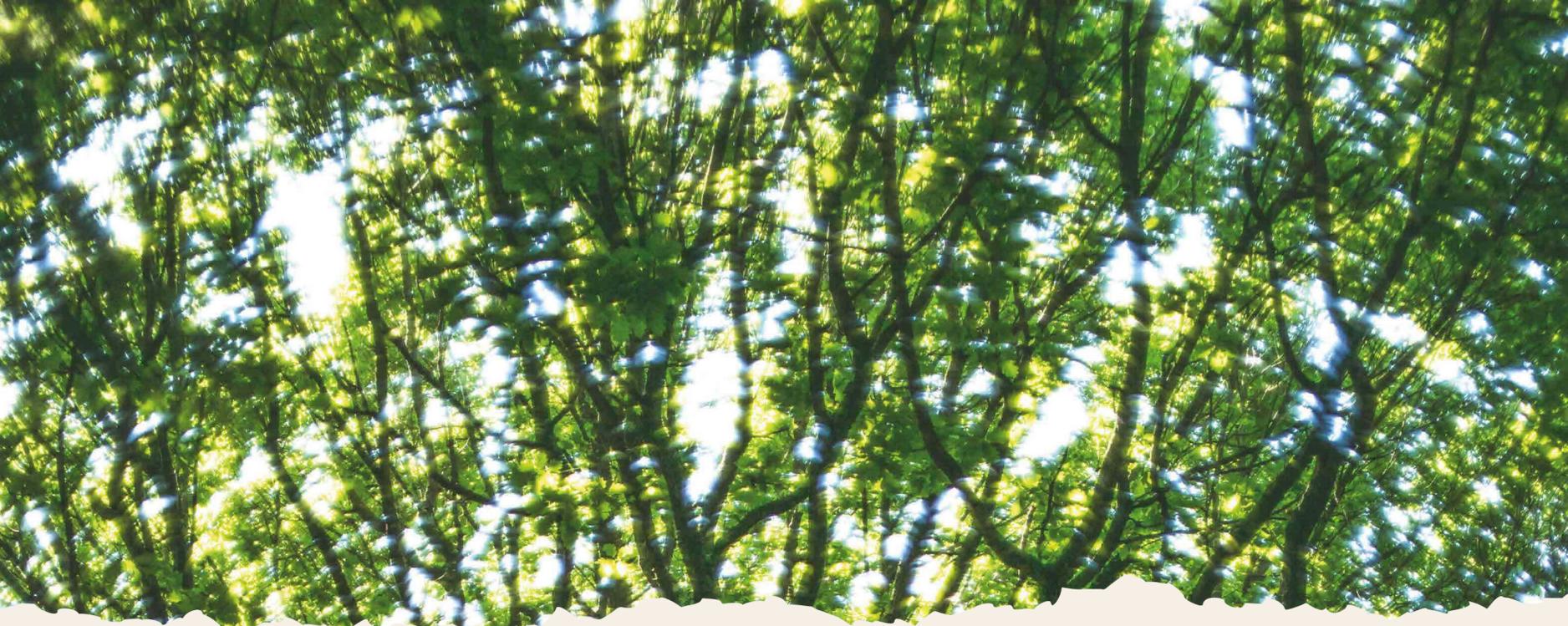
South Down Taxis:

[01483 577677](tel:01483577677)



Thank you

**WE HOPE YOU'VE ENJOYED YOUR WALK.
CURATED BY NICK.**



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: [your portal](#)

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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