



The route of this circular walk takes you out of Steyning and then steeply up to join the South Downs Way. Following the trail, with excellent views, brings you to Chanctonbury ring, a great spot for a picnic.

Chanctonbury Ring is an Iron Age hill fort, perched on the northern edge of the South Downs, 783 feet above sea level. The Ring's current fame stems from a crown of Beech trees planted in 1760 by Charles Goring of Wiston House. Although not well received initially, the trees later became a well known landmark. However, the trees in the centre didn't grow too well, and it was discovered that they had been planted on an old Roman temple. Many of the trees were destroyed in the great storm in October 1987, and the Goring family, who still own Wiston House, are working to restore the ring to its former glory.

On leaving the ring the route descends towards the village of Washington where an optional extension allows for a visit to the pub. Then following paths along the base of the Downs you return past Wiston House to Steyning.



Country Code

- Be safe, plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under control and on the lead through farms
- Consider other people
- Wear sensible clothing and sturdy footwear



By Car

Steyning lies between the A24 and A23, just north of the A27. The A283 runs past the town. Free car-parking is available at several of the towns car parks.

For route planning information please visit
www.google.co.uk/maps

By Train

The nearest station is approximately 5 miles away at Shoreham-by-Sea on the South Coast line between Brighton and Portsmouth.

For further information please see
www.nationalrail.co.uk

By Bus

Buses run from Brighton via Shoreham-by-Sea and via Upper Beeding and Bramber to Steyning. Visit www.traveline.org.uk for more information.

By Foot or By Bike

You can reach Steyning easily from either the South Downs Way or the Downslink from Guildford.

Visit
www.nationaltrail.co.uk/SouthDowns/ for more information.

Further Information:

Visit www.steyningsouthdowns.com for more information

Visitor information is also available at:

Steyning Library - Church Street BN44 3TB Tel: 01903 812751

Steyning Centre - Fletchers Croft, BN44 3XZ Tel: 01903 812042

Steyning Museum - Church Street BN44 3YB Tel: 01903 813333

For further information on the wider area including tourism publications visit:

www.visitsouthdowns.com
www.visitsussex.com

www.horsham.com
www.ruralways.com

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Steyning Walks

Chanctonbury & Washington Walk



7 miles taking 3-4 hours. A moderately difficult circular walk with a steep ascent up to the South Downs Way



Historic Steyning, nestling against the inspiring landscape of the South Downs, is well known as one of the most picturesque towns in Sussex.

The town of Saint Cuthman (c750AD), Steyning is rich in history, with scores of timber-framed buildings in and around the ancient High Street, and its excellent museum. It was once a port on the then navigable estuary of the River Adur and was prized by the Normans; their legacy today includes the magnificent parish church and the ruins of the castle in nearby Bramber.

Steyning offers the visitor a fantastic selection of interesting shops (including the award winning Cobblestone Walk), a monthly farmers market and ample free parking. There are also restaurants, pubs and tea rooms offering delicious food and drink, plus a wide selection of great accommodation for the weary traveller.

Rightfully known as a great destination for walkers, Steyning provides easy access to beautiful countryside, the South Downs Way and to other long distance paths. There are also excellent local routes to the mysterious Chanctonbury Ring, the Iron Age hill fort at Cissbury Ring, and delightfully gentle walks through the Adur Valley.

Come and experience Steyning for yourself; the warmest welcome awaits you.



There is always plenty going on in and around Steyning, with events and activities for all tastes. Below is a just a small sample of the many things going on throughout the year:

- **Easter Walking Races**
- **May Fair**
- **Steyning Festival** - May/June
- **Three Fords Challenge** - July
- **Round Hill Romp** - July
- **River Adur Bathtub Race** - August
- **Christmas Late Night Shopping**

There is also the monthly Steyning Farmers Market held on the first Saturday of every month.



For further details and for lots more events please see our website at:
www.steyningsouthdowns.com

Walk 1 - Three Ancient Churches Walk

4 miles taking approximately 2 hours.

An easy circular walk exploring three of the ancient village churches of the Adur Valley.

Walk 2 - River & Countryside Walk

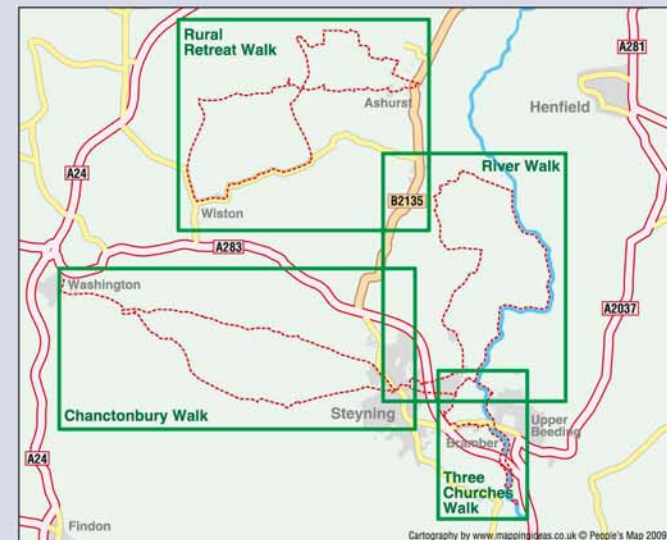
6.5 miles taking approximately 3 hours.

An easy circular walk along the banks of the River Adur, returning to Steyning via the Downslink path.

Walk 4 - Rural Retreat

7.5 miles taking approximately 4 hours.

A lovely circular country walk through meadows, farms and woodland to Wiston and back.



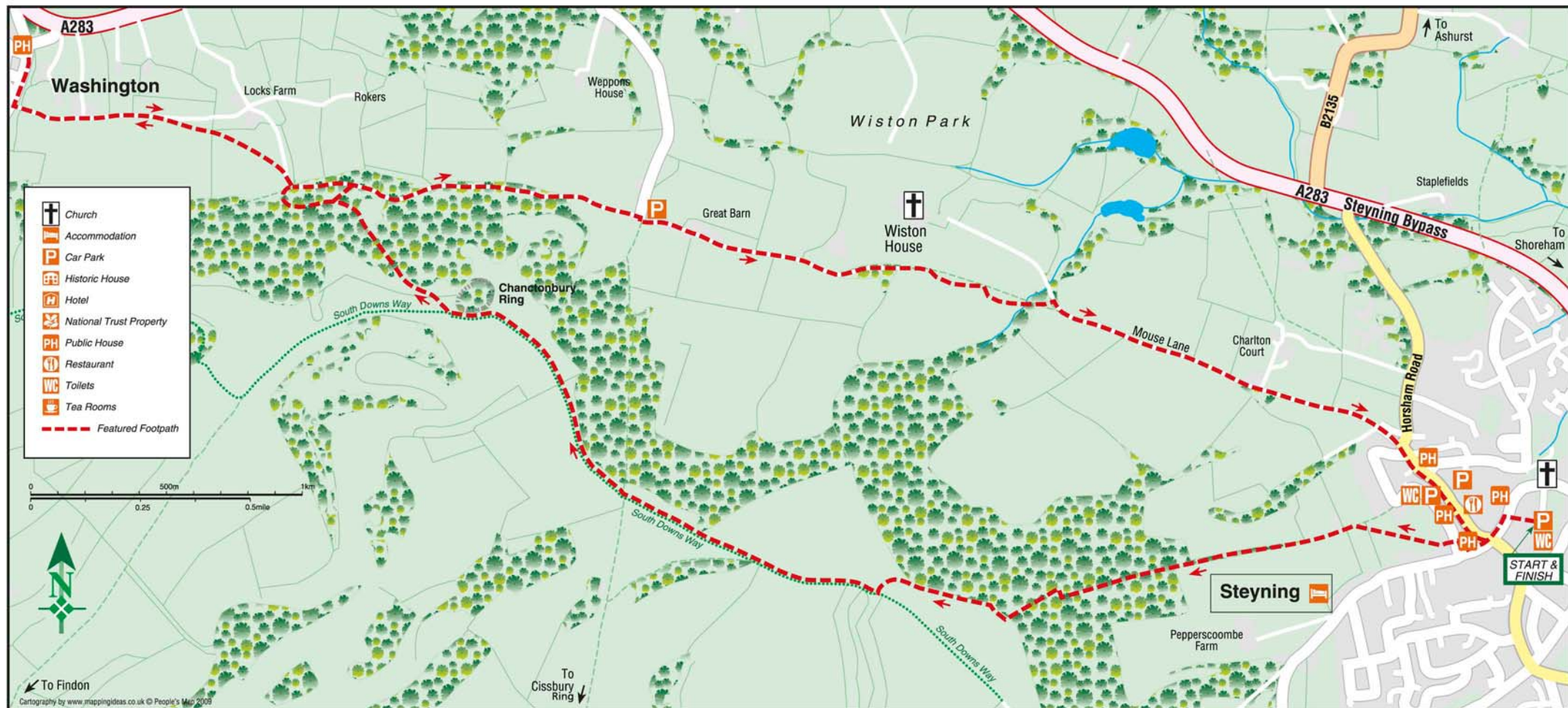
About Us:

The Steyning & District Community Partnership is a voluntary organisation set up as part of a nationwide programme by Action for Market Towns, West Sussex County Council, Horsham District Council and Action in Rural Sussex, to enhance and develop the local community for both residents and visitors.

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The walk is about 7 miles, taking 3 to 4 hours, the optional extension into Washington takes 30 to 40 minutes. An easy and dog friendly walk, but with a steep ascent and descent of the South Downs. Free car parking is available at Fletchers Croft in Steyning, and bus stops are nearby. Refreshments and public toilets are available in Steyning.



Start

Walk towards the Steyning Centre

corner of this field. Follow the path to the left to join the South Downs Way.

Return by the same route to the clearing with 4 gates, take the right hand field gate into the woods. Just

and turn right and pass between school buildings. At a road turn left. At staggered crossroads, go across alongside the White Horse pub. At White Horse Square, turn right.



Shortly turn left, passing a police station, enter a playing field, head diagonally across to the far right corner. Exit via a gate and turn left up a track; Pass through 2 more gates, and, enter a more open area with a path left, continue straight ahead up a grassy slope.



After another gate, immediately turn right, not downhill, and almost immediately join another path coming up; turn left and continue up. At the edge of the woods near the top of the hill, join another path coming from the left, keeping right, keep trees on your right, Ignore side path down before reaching the



Turn right. To your left are views of Cissbury Ring (Covering 60 acres it's one of the largest Middle Iron-Age hill forts in Europe, the earthworks date to 250 BC) and beyond to the coast.

Ignore side paths and follow South Downs Way signs keeping trees on your right. At a gate and cattle grid, go ahead with Chanctonbury Ring clearly ahead of you. Continue on up, there are far reaching views from here, and a good place for a picnic.



On leaving the Ring, immediately turn half right leaving the South Downs Way and walk down to a gate. Pass through the gate, and descend steeply down a grassy slope through woods.

On the right some way down after a clearing is an unmarked path, which descends to a track; take this path if you don't want to go to Washington and wish to have a slightly shorter walk.

To walk onto Washington or for the full



circuit, keep on the original path, passing through a gate and, after a short rise, descend to a junction of paths. Drop down to a lower path and turn right. Shortly, arrive at a small clearing with 4 gates. To the left, a field gate and a smaller gate; this is the route to Washington. To the right, a pair of field gates; the right hand one into woods is the route back to Steyning.

For Washington, go through the small gate and bear half left across a field on a footpath (do not follow the track on the field edge). Cross a stile and walk straight on towards the right hand side of the next field. Join a track and bear left on this track, to pass through a gate. Keep ahead on grass when the track turns right into a farm. Ignore a side path and go straight ahead to the right corner and another stile. Descend via steps, then up to a stile and a road. Turn right and the Frankland Arms can be seen.



after old gate posts near the brow of a rise, the path coming in from the right is the slightly shortened route mentioned. Continue on the main track, passing through an old iron field gate. Pass a house shortly before a minor road. Turn right, and then left, over stile to pass farm buildings, and behind Wiston House. Cross 2 stiles and under a high footbridge.



Where the Tarmac track turns left, keep right, and walk between trees and a fence, following the way to a stile. Cross and turn right to another stile. Cross a tiny stream, and follow the path. At the field corner, you can either go ahead to turn right on a minor road (Mouse Lane) or turn right to walk parallel with Mouse Lane.

You can access Mouse Lane at numerous points along this path but if you continue to a crossing path via a stile and steps, turn left here to join Mouse Lane. Before turning right, note stone plaque on the far left bank (the original is in Steyning Museum). Mouse Lane leads down to the bottom of the High Street. Turn right; although in fact you are carrying straight on and walk towards the High Street. When you reach the crossroads at the White Horse pub. Turn left and back to the start.