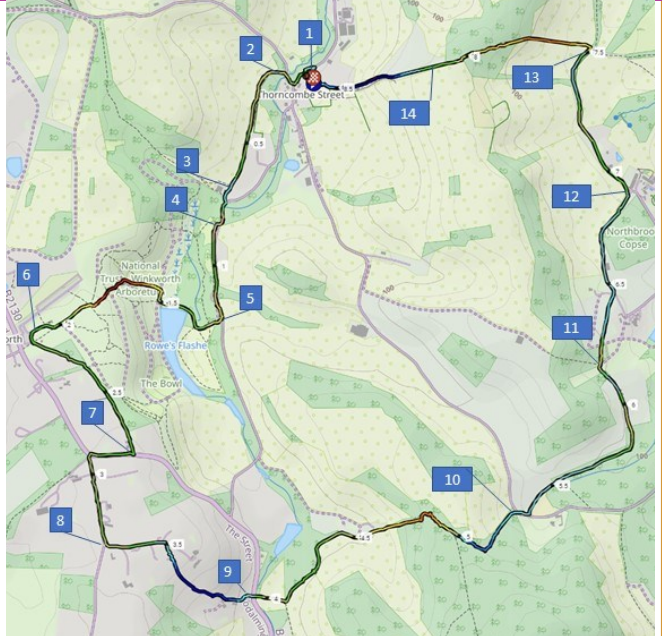


Walk with The Bridge: Thorncombe Street, Winkworth and Wintershall

A walk through fields and woods with fine views of Wintershall and Thorncombe Street valley.

**Length 5.4 miles;
ascent 211m**

1. Park in Thorncombe Street - there are a few spaces by the small village hall on the road towards Bramley. Walk south and turn right onto Alldens Lane.
2. After 100m turn left right onto the signposted footpath.
3. Turn left onto driveway down to the road and turn right along the road.
4. After about 100m take the footpath labelled permissive footpath - this goes parallel to the road.
5. Rejoin the road for about 50m and then turn right on the public footpath into Winkworth Arboretum. Continue to follow the public footpath through Winkworth Arboretum - right at the boathouse and then left up through Badger Bowl (no need to be a member if you keep to the path!)
6. Turn left out on the car park onto the public footpath by the fence.
7. At the road turn right onto the road for 150m and then turn left off the road onto the brideway (tarmac).
8. After 330m turn left on the brideway



(Tarmac) following signs to High Winkworth etc. Bear right after 100m and proceed downhill.

9. Cross the road onto the brideway going slightly uphill. At T junction turn left on the brideway. Follow this as it goes uphill with fine views to your right to the hills above Hascombe.
10. Follow the brideway downhill (ignoring turn to the right until you meet the road. Turn right on road and the after 50 metres take the footpath to your left. *One of the horse head sculptures can be seen as to your left as you continue on this footpath.* Continue through a

gate into the Wintershall estate. *Look out for various buildings etc. which are used in the annual Wintershall production of the Life of Christ. - e.g. the tomb of Lazarus.*

11. Cross a track to go uphill still following the footpath signs. As you continue across a field there are houses on the right. Bear left onto a drive continuing to follow footpath and Greensand Way signs. Pass through several gates.
12. At Gatestreet Farm (after pigsties on right) turn left on tarmac road. Continue to follow the Greensand Way signs.
13. After 500m, take footpath on left uphill between 2 fences. Follow the footpath into and through the wood.
14. After the wood continue on the flat and



then follow the path downhill back to your starting point in Thorncombe Street.

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