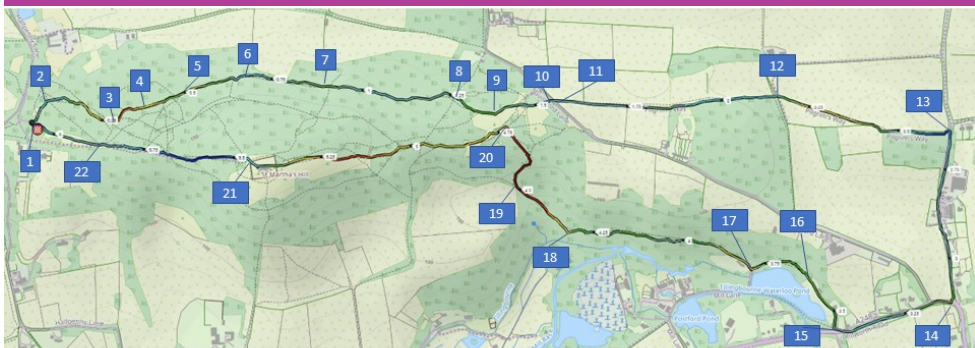


Walk with The Bridge: St Martha's and Albury



Length 3.7 miles; ascent 170m

A varied walk through fields and woods with lovely views.



1. Park in St Martha's car park on Halfpenny lane. Facing the information board, take the path out of the car park to your left past the bench. *[The first part of the walk can be a little confusing as there are so many paths. If in doubt head east—there should be fields on your left eventually and the main ridge of St Martha's hill to your right. Advisable to take a map !].*
2. Walk between the two trees and take the path which bears slightly right

- downhill. Then at the next fork take steep downhill towards footpath marker. Bear right along valley floor.
3. The path goes slightly uphill for about 100m. With rhododendrons on your left, take left turn up hill on sandy path at junction.
4. At next junction turn left up hill, then fork right part way up the hill.
5. Pass a yew tree on your right as path levels out. At next junction bear left (there is a clearing to your right).

6. Bear left down hill and then right after 5m. Join more major path with oak tree near the bottom of the dell and continue on the other side on main path.
7. Continue on undulating path and views towards white lane in Guildford open up. At the next marker post continue slightly left downhill.
8. At fork by footpath marker bear left. At junction of six paths take path ahead and slightly to the right which goes slightly uphill.
9. At a fork, bear left slightly downhill. *Views open up on the left back towards Hascombe.*
10. This takes you into a car park. Take the path on the east side of the car park down to the road.
11. Cross the road and take the bridleway heading east between 2 fields. *The North Downs are now clearly visible on the left.*
12. At crossroads with footpath, continue through the hedge on the bridleway bearing slightly to the right.
13. The path descends to a paved road, turn right onto the road.
14. The road (Water Lane) ends at a T-junction. Cross the road and walk left along the pavement.
15. Cross the road just before a road sign warning of toads crossing. On the right there are 2 footpath signs within a few metres of each other. Take the first and continue keeping the houses on your right and the pond (one of many on this stretch of the Tillingbourne) on your left. (It appears you are walking through someone's garden but it is a public right of way!)
16. At end of garden continue on path over stile into woods.
17. After planks over boggy ground, bear right before meeting driveway.
18. Path bears right and uphill after lovely woods above the Tillingbourne.
19. Shortly after field appears on left, turn right uphill away from field. Follow footpath marker.
20. Turn left onto bridleway and follow up to St Martha's Church. Ignore Downs Link path to left and follow North Downs Way.
21. Leave churchyard by gate between Yew hedge. Follow NDW down hill.
22. At clearing take right fork which will lead to car park.

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View of Charterhouse and Godalming from St Martha's

