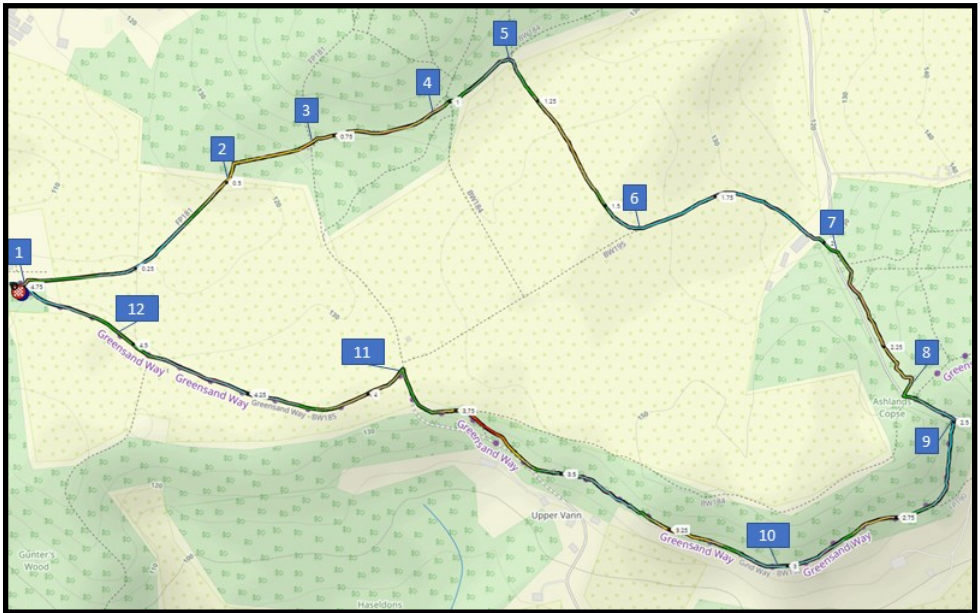


Hambledon and the Greensand Way

Length 3 miles / 4.8 km; ascent 94m. This is a lovely walk from Hambledon church with fine views. Note that it can be muddy after wet weather. There are some small hills, but much of the walk is on the flat.



1. Park at Hambledon church. Keeping the churchyard wall on your left, follow the footpath past the old lime kiln and through the gate to cross the field towards the prominent oak tree. With the church on your left, head east across the field towards Hydons Ball and through a gate by the tree.
2. Pass through the kissing gate at the edge of the wood and after 20 metres bear right onto the footpath through the coppiced wood.
3. At the junction by the pumping station keep straight ahead on the bridleyway (slightly to the left and slightly uphill).
4. Continue steadily uphill to the fork in the bridleyways and take the right-hand fork. In about 40 metres, continue forward at the cross paths. The path becomes level, with a field on your right. Where the bridleyways fork, take the right hand fork. The path is level and there is a field on your right.
5. At the next cross paths, turn right onto the bridleyway following the hedge between two fields. (The bridleyway ahead is currently marked as closed.)
6. Continue forward over the brow of the hill to a T-junction with a track. Turn left.
7. Pass the stables and farm to go through a gate and cross the road (Markwick Lane

- unsigned) to a small path through the woods. Bear right to follow the path parallel with Markwick Lane.

8. Towards the top of the hill, turn right and then almost immediately left onto Markwick Lane (ignore the footpath opposite.).
9. At the first bend, turn right onto the bridleway marked 'Greensand Way'.
10. Ignore a turn to the left and keep forward for a further 100 metres to the edge of the woodland. *There is now a field on the left and the South Downs can be seen on the horizon to the left. The hill with the clump of trees on top is Chanctonbury Ring, 20 miles away near Steyning. Further west, you can see Bexley Hill (with the mast on top) and the flat top of Blackdown. As you continue along the path, the east side of Gibbett Hill comes into view.*



Once back in the woods, stay on the bridleway parallel to the road.

11. At the cross roads of bridleways turn left towards Hambledon. *To the right there are soon views towards Hydons Ball.*
12. Keep forward along the same path to return to Hambledon Church. *Before reaching Hambledon church there are views towards the Hogs Back ahead to the right.*

The current church was built in 1846, but there has been a church here since the early 12th century. Two ancient yew trees can be found in the churchyard, one of which has a girth of over 30 feet. Take a moment to look in the church which is usually open during the day.