



South Downs Society

Protecting the Beauty of the Downs

Walks & Strolls Weekend Programme February to April 2012

Notes for walkers

- Walks Guidance Notes are available on our website www.southdownssociety.org.uk (go to the Walking & Events page and click on link at end of the first section).
- Please remember to take care of your own safety on walks and strolls, and make sure you wear appropriate footwear and clothing
- The first three figures in the map reference, e.g. 121, refer to maps in the OS Explorer series
- New walkers – please note that the start time on the programme is the time we start walking, and it is best to arrive at the meeting place at least 15 minutes before this time, to allow for putting on boots etc
- **E** = Easy walk, mostly flat with few or no stiles, well-suited for more gentle walking
- Strolls (grey background) are a maximum of 9 miles. Walks (white) are 9+ miles. All are circular unless stated otherwise
- Dogs, where permitted, must be under control. Owners must do as requested by the leader. No extendable leads please
- “Dogs by arrangement” please telephone 01798 875073 by noon on the Thursday prior to the walk
- Make your own way to the meeting place and please consider the use of car sharing or public transport where possible
- Leaders’ phone numbers are available by contacting the office or on the hard copy sent with the Downsman to all members

Date, start & approx. finish time	Start details & OS Explorer map reference	Outline Route	Length (in miles)
February			
Sat 4 0930 - 1500	CP by B2123 north of Woodingdean 122 / 357063	NEW ACCESS AREA Balsdean Reservoir, Swanborough Hill, SDW, Kingston (Pub – Jugg’s Arms) Jugg’s Road, Newmarket Hill <i>Brighton & Hove buses 2, 2A, 22 to Woodingdean</i>	10
Sat 11 1000 - 1600	South Hill Barn CP 123 / 504981	Cradle Hill, Hobbs Hawth, Alfriston (Lunch / Pub) Litlington, Hope Gap <i>Brighton & Hove bus 12/12A stops at Chyngton Lane, 1 mile from the start</i>	11
Sat 18 0945 - 1600	Sandhills Lane off A283, Washington, opp. garage 121 / 122133	Buckells Farm, Dial Post (Pub) Thakeham <i>Stagecoach bus 1 Midhurst – Worthing.</i> <i>Compass bus 100 Horsham – Henfield and beyond</i>	12
Sat 18 1000 - 1300	Car park Fairlight Ave. Telscombe (free) 122/397013	‘LINEAR’ Snowdrop Stroll Telscombe Tye, & Village, Piddinghoe, Newhaven. <i>Buses 12 & 14 (bus stop Broomfield Ave. near Telscombe Tavern)</i> Bus back from finish 122/444013. Bring hot flask.	6
Sun 19 1000 - 1300	The SYRCH Centre CP off Cotton Drive, North Emsworth PO10 7XQ 120/742075	An introduction to strolls A ‘there and back’ stroll to Stansted Park with the option of elevenses at the Pavilion Tea Rooms before the return. The route has minor inclines and no stiles <i>Please phone 01798 875073 before noon on Thursday 16th Feb so we can let the tea room know.</i>	4½ E
Sat 25 1000 - 1530	West Firlle Village CP 123 / 468075	Firle Beacon, SDW, Alfriston, Milton Street (Pub – Sussex Ox) Berwick, Charleston Farmhouse	12

March

Sat 3 1000 - 1530	St Francis Church Hall, Priory Road, Hassocks 122 / 303163	<u>FIGURE OF EIGHT</u> Hammond's Mill, Water Tower, Hassocks (Pub – Friars Oak) Hurstpierpoint, Clayton <i>No dogs please</i> <i>Countryliner bus 40/40X Brighton – Haywards Heath</i>	5 + 5
Sun 4 1000 - 1300	Walderton Corner alongside the B2146. PO18 9ED 120/787105	<u>The Tragic Tale of Jack Pitt and other things</u> A stroll in the Racton area southwest of Walderton. Very few stiles, some gentle slopes and a bit of a yarn. Jack Pitt the gunman, Racton Ruin, Colonel Gunter and the escape of King Charles.	5
Sat 17 0945 - 1545	Bramber Village CP 122 / 188106	Botolphs, SDW, Washington (Pub – Frankland Arms) Wiston, Steyning <i>Compass bus 100 Horsham – Henfield and beyond</i> <i>Brighton & Hove bus 2/2A Brighton – Steyning</i>	13
Sun 18 1030 - 1300	Public CP next to the Red Lion, Chalton PO8 0BG 120/731160	<u>A stroll with a view</u> Chalton Down-Old Idsworth-Huckswood Lane. A downland ridge, pleasant valley, 4 stiles and a short but steep slope to finish.	4
Sat 24 1030 - 1430	Lords Piece South CP 121/992169	Charming walk through woods and fields with only two small hills. About 6 stiles. Bignor Park, Bignor, Sutton – lunch en route in White Horse pub. May be some daffodils in the woods.	5½
Sat 24 1000 - 1600	Ditchling Village Hall CP 122 / 327152	Elmgrove Farm, East Chiltington Church, Plumpton (Pub – Half Moon) SDW	12

April

Sun 1 0900 - 1545	Clayton Windmills CP 122 / 302134	<u>South Downs National Park Anniversary walk - West Sussex</u> (jointly with the Sussex Wealdmen) Chattri, Waterhall, Sussex Border Path & SDW Pyecombe (Pub – The Plough) Wolstonbury, Hurst, Clayton	14
Sun 1 1015 - 1230	Rowlands Castle Station PO9 6BP 120/733108	<u>South Downs National Park Anniversary walk - Hampshire</u> Stansted Forest – South Holt – Finchdean – Sussex Border Path. One or two stiles and a slope or two to be taken gently. Perhaps a slice of birthday cake to finish.	4½
Sun 1 1000 - 1300	C.P. at Birling Gap (Toilets, café & restaurant) 123/555959	<u>South Downs National Park Anniversary walk - East Sussex</u> Birling Gap, South Downs Way, Crowlink, Friston Church, Hobbes Ears, East Dean, Smugglers route back to start. Pub Tiger Inn in East Dean at end if required. Some hills (height gain of 60 meters over the walk), muddy in places, several stiles.	4½
Sat 7 1000 - 1600	Martello Tower, Seaford 123 / 486986	Seaford Head, Exceat, Litlington (Pub – Plough & Harrow) The Comp, Bishopstone <i>Seaford station is a 10 minute walk away, also Bn & Hove bus 12/12A</i>	12
Sat 14 1030 - 1500	Chiddingly Village CP 123/546142	East Hoathly, Halland Park Farm, Laughton (pub, The Roebuck), Vert Wood	7½

Sat 14 1000 - 1600	Tythe Barn, Horsham 134 / 182333	Blackfriars Farm, Holbrook Farm, Kingsfold (Pub – The Owl) Dial Post Farm, Rusper <i>Dogs by arrangement</i> <i>Metrobus 200 Horsham - Gatwick</i>	13 ½
Sat 21 0945 - 1545	Pooh CP, Chuck Hatch, Ashdown Forest 135 / 471332	<u>JOHN'S 50th WALK</u> Friends Clump, Fairwarp (Pub – The Foresters Arms) Kings Standing Clump <i>Dogs by arrangement</i>	12
Sat 28 1000 - 1630	Highdown CP 121 / 098041	Michelgrove Park, Findon (Pub) Clapham <i>Dogs by arrangement</i> <i>Goring station and Coastliner 700 bus route are 1 mile from start</i>	12
Sat 28 1100 - 1500	Cowfold Village CP 134/225214	Ivory's Farm, Maplehurst (pub, White Horse), High Hurst Manor. Fields and woodlands, bluebells. Some stiles, flat, may be muddy.	5¼

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