

## Amberley

Distance: 5 miles/8km

Time: 1–2 hours





Train:

Regular services from London/south coast

Access:

Mixture of on and off road

Key:

-  Incline
-  Ride
-  Footpath
-  Bridleway



### Route Instructions

- 1 From **Amberley Station** turn left under the railway bridge and then left again onto **Stoke Road** towards **North Stoke**.
- 2 At the t-junction turn left. (You can turn right here to visit **St Mary's church**, North Stoke, then retrace your route back past the turning to Amberley).
- 3 Carry on straight up the lane past the old red telephone box, passing **Canada barns** on your right.

- 4 Where the lane ends take the path on your left and at the t-junction turn left.
- 5 At the complex junction take the path to the left and continue until you reach the **South Downs Way**.
- 6 Turn left onto the South Downs Way passing **Rackham Banks** and further on descending **Amberley Mount**.
- 7 When you join the road turn right then bear left onto **High Titten**.
- 8 At the t-junction turn left and continue back to **Amberley Station**.

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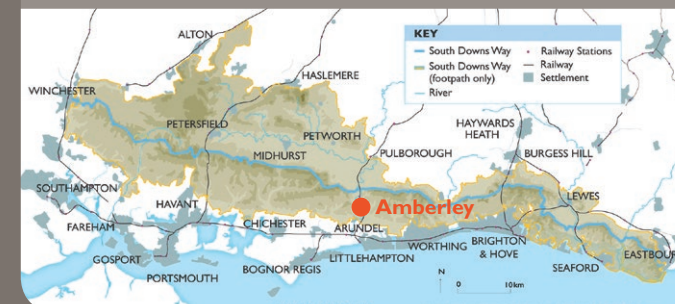
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### Where in the South Downs National Park:




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## Cycle rides near Amberley and Bignor Hill





Leave your car at home, take the train


<b>Amberley &amp; Bignor Hill</b>	<b>Shorter route</b>
Distance: 11.5 miles / 17.7 km	Distance: 8.5 miles / 14 km
Time: 2–3 hours	Time: 1.5–2.5 hours
Train:	
Regular services from London/south coast	
Access:	
Mainly off-road bridleways, some sections on-road	
Key:	

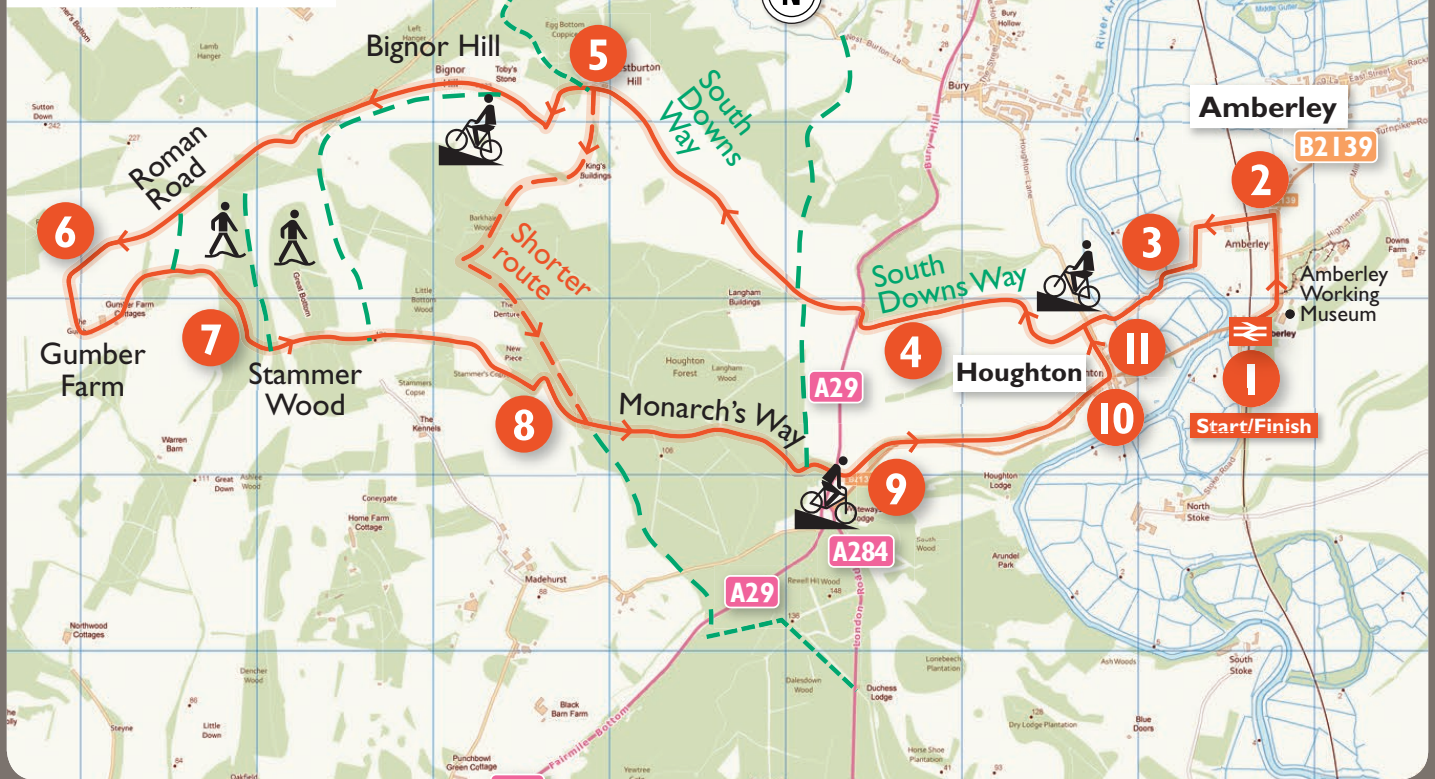
 Incline

 Access land

 Ride

 Footpath

 Bridleway



## Route Instructions

- 1 From the train station turn right onto the road towards **Amberley**.
- 2 Turn left onto the **South Downs Way (SDW)** and pass the sewage works.
- 3 Cross over the river and continue along the SDW.
- 4 Carefully cross over the **A29** and continue on the SDW until you come to a bridleway crossroads.
- 5 Take the second left along the SDW. (To take the shorter route turn down the first track on the left, turn right at the t-junction and pick up the route again at route instruction 8).
- 6 Where the bridleway forks keep left each time, at the fourth fork take the left off the SDW towards **Gumber Farm**.
- 7 After the farm take the left hand bridleway and then take the fourth bridleway on the left through **Stammer wood**.
- 8 At the t-junction turn right onto **Monarch's Way** keeping left on the bridleway when the track forks.
- 9 Just before **Whiteways car park**, take the bridleway on your left, cross over the **A29** and continue parallel to the **B2139**.
- 10 At **Houghton** carry onto the road and turn left onto **Houghton Road**.
- 11 Turn right back onto the SDW and re-trace your route over the river and back to **Amberley Station**.

## Amberley and Bignor Hill ride

Amberley Working Museum is a 36 acre open-air museum dedicated to the industrial heritage of the south east. The main chalk quarry at the museum is famous for being the location of the mine in the James Bond film View to Kill. The museum is home to a number of resident craftspeople who work

to traditional methods. Open mid March to early November: 01798 831370.  
[www.amberleymuseum.co.uk](http://www.amberleymuseum.co.uk)

Between Bignor Hill and Gumber Farm you follow the route of the old Roman road, 'Stane Street'. The road was built to connect Chichester with London and some of the best preserved stretches can be found here showing the raised causeway known as the 'Agger'.

Gumber Bothy at Gumber farm is part of the National Trust's 3,500 acre Slindon Estate. This traditional flint barn was converted in the early 1990s to provide basic accommodation for walkers, cyclists and horseriders. During World War II Gumber was the site of a decoy airfield, and to the north of the farm you can see a bunker left over from that period. In addition to this, Gumber has some fine examples of Iron Age ploughing lynchets in the field opposite the Bothy and beside the cottages.

## Amberley ride (overleaf)

St Mary's Church, North Stoke is set in a secluded location near the River Arun and remains virtually unaltered since medieval times.

Look out for farmland birds, such as the grey partridge, corn bunting and skylark on the farmland between Rackham Hill and The Burgh. Their numbers are on the increase thanks to recent conservation work by local landowners.

Rackham Banks is an impressive cross dyke dating back to the middle Bronze Age. It's most likely that this was originally used as a territorial boundary marker. Because of its archaeological importance, Rackham Banks has been designated a scheduled ancient monument. There are over 600 scheduled ancient monuments across the South Downs.