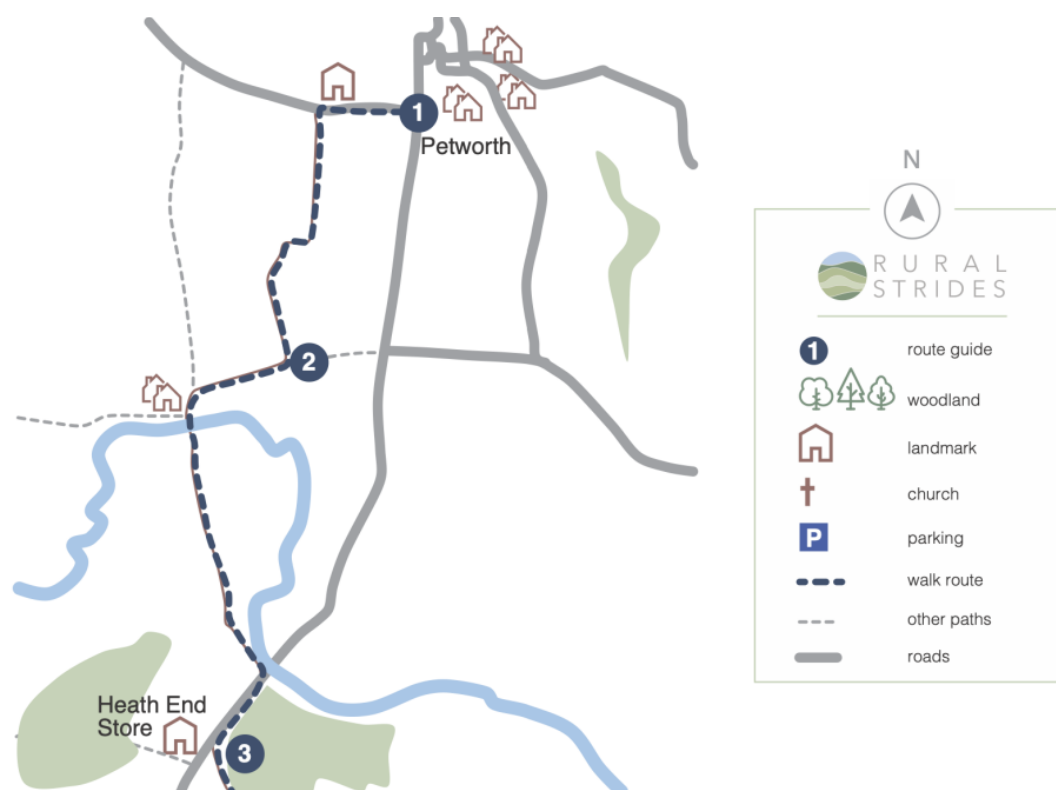


From Petworth to Arundel Station: Distance 13 miles



1. Distance: 1 mile

Exit Petworth on the A272 in the direction of Midhurst. Walk on the right-hand pavement as far as the Cricket Lodge, Petworth Park entrance gate. At this point cross over and continue along the verge. The road starts to go downhill. Look out for a gap in the hedge into the large open field on your left.

Once in the field walk in a straight-line south towards the Downs and continue until you reach some trees. Turn right at the trees. The track bends slightly to the left to reach a junction below Frog Farm (on the right). Take the lower (left) path and stay on the track for another 500m until you reach a road.

2. Distance: 1.2 miles

Turn right and walk along the road for 400m until you see a house on the left up a drive and the road bends left (see box below). Continue on the road to reach a footbridge over the River Rother.

Cross the river and continue on the track/road all the way to the A285 near Heath End, a distance of approx. 1km. At the main road turn right and walk over the old railway bridge. The A285 is a busy, fast road so take care here. Walk into the traffic as far as you can (if you

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cross too soon traffic coming around the corner will not know you are there). Cross over to pick up the pavement on the other side of the road. Walk beside the road for 300m. Just after the first house on the left (Heath End Lodge) and beside a yew tree you will see a path signed into the wood. If you look closely, you will see this has a green Serpent Trail badge.

At this bend in the road look to your right to see the start of a stunning local Holloway known as Hungers Lane. This dates back at least to Saxon time and marks the boundary between the parishes of Tillington and Petworth. The Lower Greensand of the Western Weald is particularly well-known for its sunken lanes.



3. Distance: 1.2 miles

You are now temporarily back on the Serpent Trail, but this time following green snakes, not purple. Follow the path as it bends right between the edge of the woodland and a large house until you reach another road. Cross the road and stay on the Serpent Trail through Burton Park Farm. After 750m the Serpent Trail is signed left. Ignore the sign and walk

straight on in the direction of Burton Park – the large cream house ahead. The path comes out just to the right of a small church. Do go inside and look at before continuing (see box below) the frescos and memorials to the Goring family.

With the church door behind you walk straight down the house drive away from the church. Ignore the large green sign on the right inviting you to use the Public Right of Way (PRoW). The drive itself is a PRoW. Follow the drive until it bends sharply right. At the bend continue straight ahead on the footpath across the grass, downhill towards water.

The architecture of St Richard's Church stands in striking contrast to that of Burton Park House. Click [here](#) to explore more about this beautiful and historically rich church.

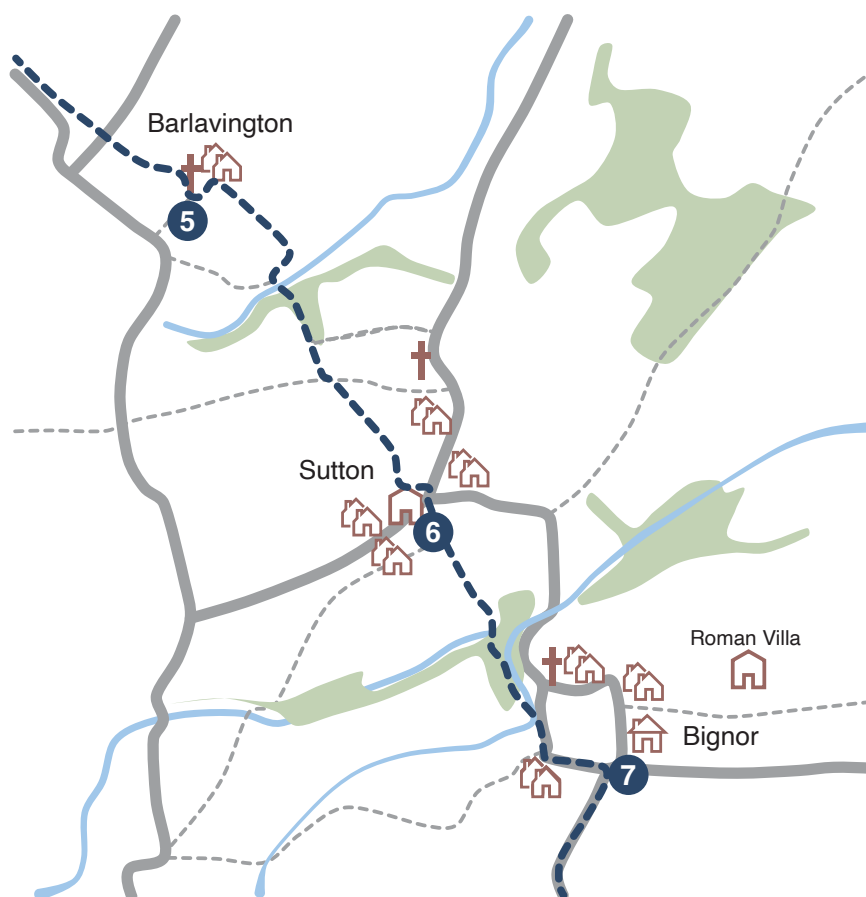
As you exit, take a moment to look above the doorway at the two large, diagonal funerary hatchment boards. Their size almost overwhelms the small church. Hatchments traditionally display a deceased person's heraldic 'achievement,' including their coat of arms, family motto, crest, and badge etc.

4. Distance: 1 mile

Cross between the pond and stream at the bottom of the field. Continue for a short distance to reach a gate. Go through the gate and climb up towards Barlavington (see box below). At a T junction of paths, with deer fencing to your right, turn left. After a double metal gate (which might be open) and just before the road, look for a signpost on the left-hand hedge. Follow this path diagonally across the field towards a house. Walk past the house (which will be on your left) and down some steps to reach a lane. Cross the lane and go over a stream.

The path climbs up and around some houses on the left. You will also pass a huge and very old yew. It is rare to see a yew of this size and age outside of a churchyard. You will come to the road after passing Barlavington Stud on the left. Turn left at the road and walk up to the church. Go into the churchyard. The church itself is quite simple.

This hill marks the start of what is known locally as the Upper Greensand Bench. This lies immediately below the chalk. You will notice there is more arable agriculture on the 'bench' as it's much more fertile than that of the marshy, pastoral grassland you are leaving behind.



5. Distance: 0.8 miles

On the side of the church door, looking towards the Downs you will see a gate to your left. Exit the churchyard through this gate and follow the path ahead. This bends around to the left behind some converted barns. With the barns still on your left you will see a path off to the right. Follow this towards fields.

At the field continue straight ahead and downhill following a yellow footpath sign. This path can get a little overgrown in summer. At the end of the fenced section bear right, cross a stile and go into another field with a pond at the bottom. Walk towards the water & another footpath signpost. Go through the metal kissing gate ahead, cross the water and climb the slope.

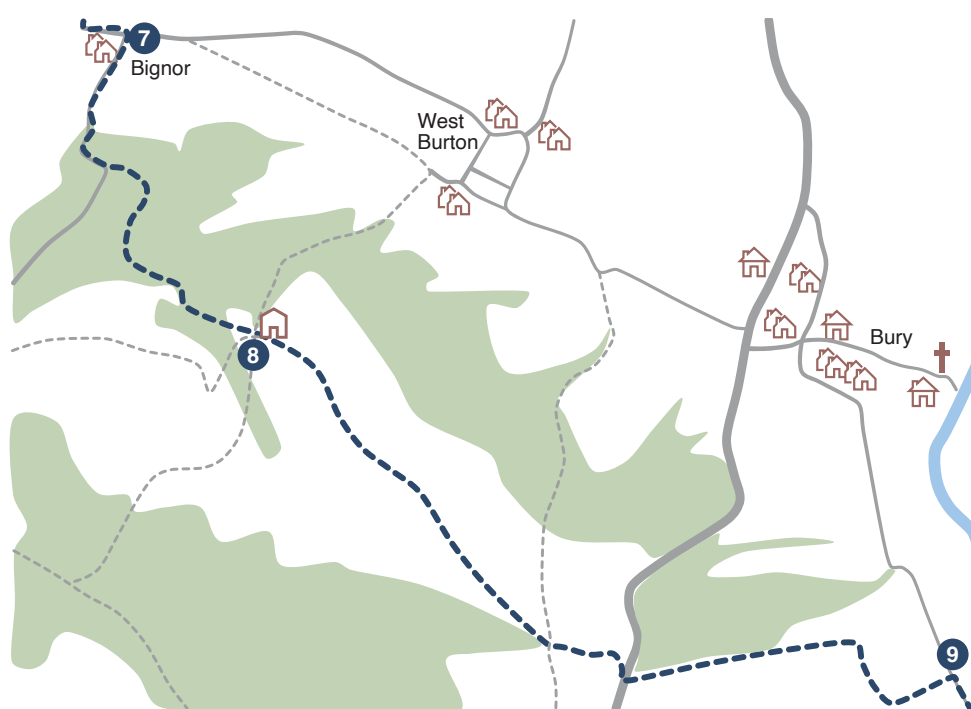
Two thirds of the way up the hill you will see a path signed off left. Ignore this and continue ahead until you reach a crossroads of paths in a large open field with the Downs to your right. In this field go straight on to reach a tall kissing gate in some deer fencing. Go through the gate and continue into a fenced section between two gardens. Walk to the end (following yellow footpath signs) and then bend left into a small parking/car port area. Exit via the small gate on the right. Turn left and walk down the path to reach the road and White Horse pub in Sutton. This is a great place to stop for a drink.

6. Distance: 0.65 miles

With pub behind you, looking across to the bus shelter, take the road on the right that goes up beside the pub. As you walk up here, almost immediately turn left up what appears to be someone's drive. You will see a footpath between 2 hedges leading out across the fields towards Bignor.

Follow the path across the field, through a gate and down the hill towards woodland. Go through a gate, cross a stream and bend right uphill, then left into a wood. The path follows a stream. Cross the stream and climb up the hill to a road. Turn right and walk gradually downhill towards a junction with Bignor Farm House on your right (see box below).

If you have time for a detour you might want to walk straight ahead at this point to visit Bignor Roman Villa just 500m away. Click [here](#) for more information about this site. Generally, it is open Wednesday - Sunday (10-4.30pm) from early April to end October and Monday to Sunday in August.



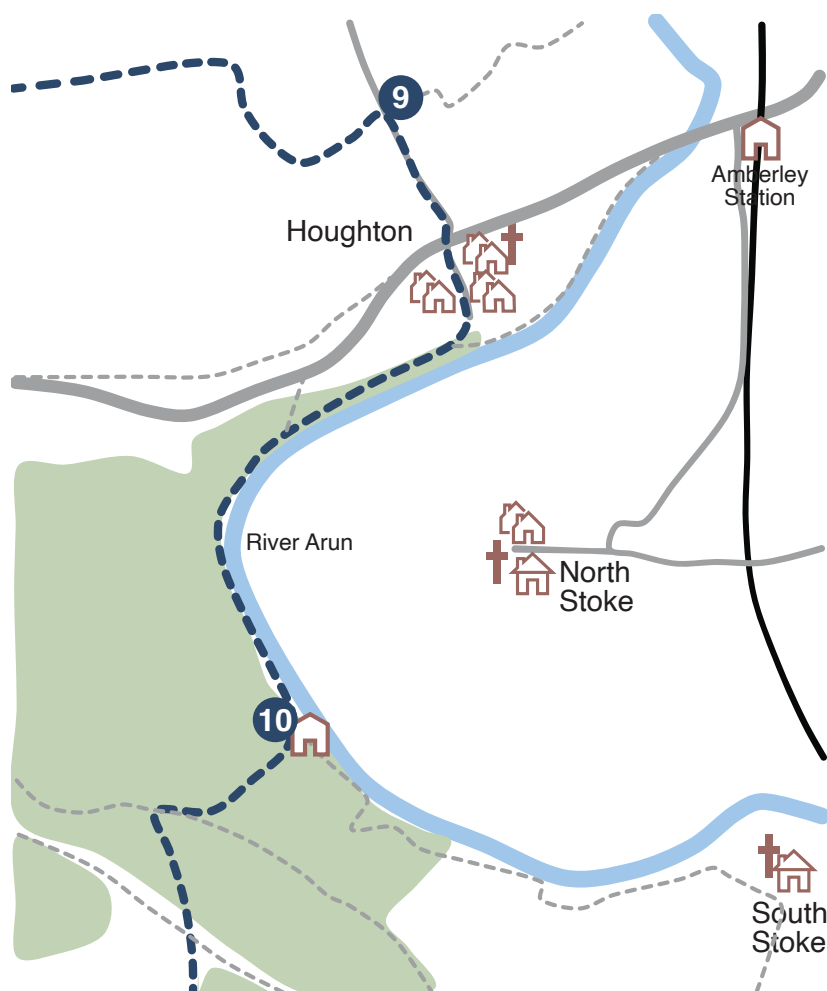
7. Distance: 1 mile

At the junction, with the farmhouse on your right, turn right and start to climb up Bignor Hill. This is the steepest part of today's route and route overall, as you are crossing the South Downs.

Stay on the road for no more than 500m. On the first tight bend to the left, go around the bend, but then follow the signed track that goes continues straight ahead as the road bends to the right. This track continues to climb steeply for another 10 minutes then gently contours around the hill. Stay on this track until you see the metal roof of a barn ahead. This is where your path crosses the South Downs Way (SDW).

8. Distance: 2.3 miles

Stay on the South Downs Way for 2.3 miles. The path first climbs Westburton Hill then levels out. At a crossroads of footpaths continue straight ahead. When you can see the A29 ahead stay on the track around the outside of the field. Follow it around until you see the footpath sign on the left for the SDW crossing point. Cross the road, go around the metal gate and continue on the SDW down the hill to meet the road outside Houghton.



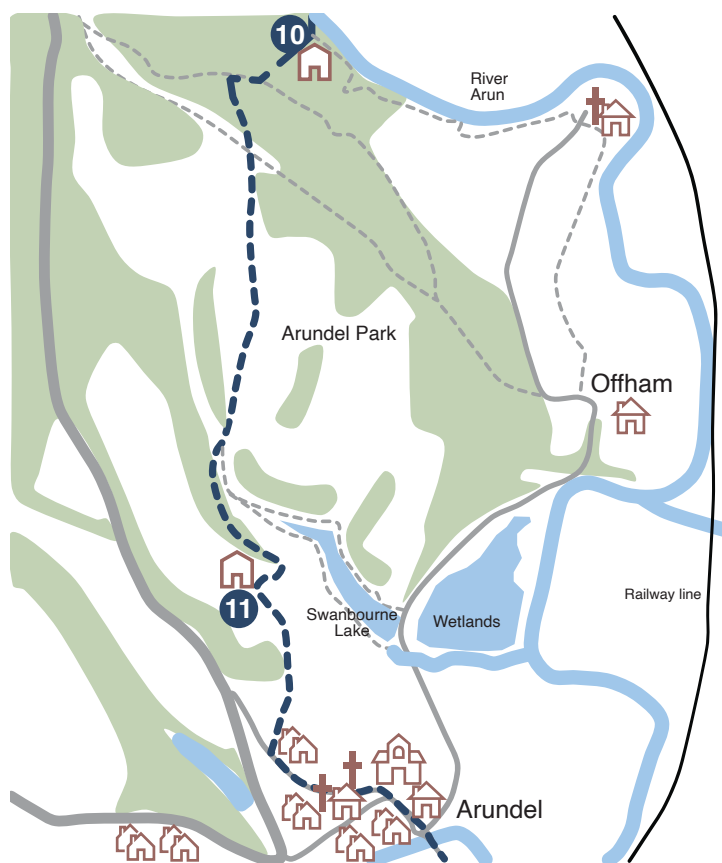
9. Distance: 1.2 miles

At the road turn right and walk up to the main road (the B2139). Cross diagonally to the right to reach South Lane. This leads you downhill, through a gate (be careful not to trip over the foot bar!) to the river Arun. Go right and follow the river and signs for the Monarch's Way for just under a mile until you reach an information board and tall metal kissing gate in the Arundel Park boundary wall.

10. Distance: 1.65 miles

Go through the gate, turn left and walk up the hill with recently planted trees covering the land to your right. Keep following yellow footpath and Monarch's Way signs as you first bend right then zig zag left to reach the top of the hill. The view from the top makes the climb worthwhile. Go through the gate and walk towards the right-hand edge of the trees ahead. Follow the trees bending left, with a valley to your right. Look out for a footpath sign indicating a path diagonally to the right towards some trees. Take this path and look for the kissing gate under the first clump of trees.

Continue through the fields, gradually descending into the valley below. From up above you will see that the path diverges in the valley. One path goes off left following the valley floor to Swanbourne Lake (which you might prefer to visit to the town) but the path into Arundel town is the chalky one that climbs the next hill, just below the tree line. Follow this path until you come to some wooden gates.



11. Distance: 1.5 miles

Go through the gate and immediately turn right and climb the gentle steps up to the Hiorne Tower (see box below). The wall around the tower has beautifully snapped flints, while the flint of the tower itself has been masterfully knapped into perfect rectangles.

With the red door of the tower's entrance behind you, walk towards a footpath sign that you will see to your left. At the post turn left onto the tarmac path. Follow this all the way to the main road, passing a lodge house and gateway on the way.

At the junction with the main road (London Road) turn left. Follow this road passing first the school then Catholic cathedral on the right then St Nicholas' Church on the left. At the junction follow the bend of the castle walls down into the town's historic High Street, where you will find plenty of places to celebrate (almost) completing the Petworth Way! For information about things to do and places to visit in Arundel see the box below.

You can read more about the Hiorne Tower [here](#) and find information about what to see and do in Arundel [here](#). If you enjoyed the film Wicked Little Letters why not search out Bond and Tarrant Streets. These streets, together with the High Street, were used as film locations.

To reach the station from the High Street: With your back to the Norfolk Arms Hotel turn left and walk down the High Street to the roundabout below the bridge. Walk straight ahead, crossing the bridge, and continue along this road (Queen St/The Causeway) until you can see the traffic of the A27 ahead. At this point, ensure you are on the left-hand side of the road. Continue walking on the pavement alongside the A27. You will see the station ahead of you on the opposite side of the road. Stay on the left-hand pavement, ignoring the pedestrian crossing. This pavement will take you around under the road and directly into the station. Safe travels home!