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Nutbourne Common

This is a 3-mile circular walk within West Chiltington Common and Nutbourne, starting from Monkmead Woods and crossing Nutbourne Common, West Sussex Golf course and Monkmead Woods. There are some stiles and some short distances on the road.

Start point: Monkmead Woods Car Park, at the intersection of Nyetimber Land and Monkmead.

Directions:

1. Turn L along Monkmead and take the footpath on the R after 100m. This quite lengthy footpath emerges on Harborough Hill, where you cross over the road and go down New Boundary Lane, which turns into a narrow path.
2. At the bottom of the hill, turn L to go across the open field. After 200m, go through two gates and continue straight ahead to the intersection of 4 footpaths. Go over the stile and continue up the hill, and then over the stile by a group of houses.
3. Turn L down a narrow path, cross over a track and continue into Nutbourne Common, through another gate and down to a stile on West Chiltington Road.
4. Turn L and it is best to cross over the road for the 100m walk along the road before taking the footpath over the stile on the R.
5. Continue alongside the stream across another stile, and after a gate the path turns L across another field and uphill through the woods, finally reaching a gate to the golf course.
6. Follow the footpath across two fairways to a gate exiting the golf course and take the path going downhill and to the L, emerging on Golf Club Lane, where you turn L.
7. Walk through the golf club car park, past the Clubhouse, and continue going straight down through a couple of gates to Hurston Lane Farm.
8. Just past the farm, turn sharp L back up a slope and through a narrow path fenced on either side which goes back across the golf course. As you enter the golf course, the path splits. Take the R path across two fairways and leave the golf course through a gate by Pond Cottage.
9. Follow the lane and this becomes Heather Lane with Monkmead Woods on your L. There are many paths in Monkmead Woods that will return you to the car park, which are bounded by the golf course on the L and Monkmead Lane on the R.
10. One way is to stay on Heather Lane and turn L shortly before the junction with Westward Lane. Continue with the fence on your left, but keep to the main track when it turns away from the fence until you reach a bridge across a stream. Cross the bridge and take the path up the slope on the R, which will shortly curve round to the L and lead back to the car park.

Lanes of West Chilmington Common

This is a 2-mile circular walk starting from the crossroads at the top of the hill in West Chilmington Common. This walk covers quiet residential lanes and private roads, but as there are no footpaths or bridle ways, it's a good walk if the ground is very wet.

Start point: West Chilmington Common Car Park, opposite Nisa stores on Haglands Lane (RH20 2QR).

Directions:

1. Turn R out of the car park along Haglands Lane and after 200m turn R down Lordings Lane.
2. Continue to the end and turn R into Smock Alley. After 20m, Smock Alley bends to the R, but continue straight ahead into Threals Lane.
3. Walk along Threals Lane, but just before Harborrow Copse on the L, fork R up Grove Lane, a narrow uphill track.
4. Continue along Grove Lane, but where it goes downhill, turn R into Bower Lane.
5. Follow Bower Lane to the end, and turn L and immediately R into Fir Tree Lane. Continue to the end of Fir Tree Lane and turn R into Common Hill.
6. After 50m turn L into Rambledown Lane. Walk through Rambledown Lane into Nyetimber Copse, bending to the R at the triangle and L at the next turning to emerge on Nyetimber Lane.
7. Turn R and proceed up the hill, turning R into Barkworth Way. Continue to the end of Barkworth Way, taking the path to the left of the final house which leads into Morris Way. Walk to the end of Morris Way, emerging on to Common Hill and turn L up the hill to return to the crossroads and Haglands Lane is on your R.

West Chiltington Vineyards and Alpacas

This is a 2.5-mile circular walk starting from the crossroads at the top of the hill in West Chiltington Common. The walk goes past three vineyards, an alpaca farm and another field with alpacas. There are some stiles, and parts of the walk can be muddy.

Start point: West Chiltington Common Car Park, opposite Nisa stores on Haglands Lane (RH20 2QR).

Directions:

1. Turn L out of the car park and go straight across the junction down Harborough Hill. Shortly after a footpath on the left, turn R down New Barn Lane, continuing past the last house down a footpath which goes over 3 stiles to get into a large field.
2. Head across to the 4-way signpost in the middle and turn R, walking parallel with a fence on your L, and heading towards a large oak tree. Leave the field by the stile past the oak tree and continue down a narrow path into Stream Lane.
3. Cross over Stream Lane and go directly up the path on the other side. Pass the tomato nursery on your left, and continue through the next field, turning R and over a stile at the end. There are often alpacas around here. The path drops down steeply and goes to the L and in between two houses.
4. Turn R on emerging and continue along the path through Nutbourne Vineyard. Continue straight ahead, emerging on Gay Street.
5. Cross over and climb the steps opposite, continuing straight along, over a small bridge and across Nyetimber Vineyard (formerly the golf course). At the end of the vineyard, turn R down the bridle way, emerging at the corner of Stream Lane near the centre of West Chiltington.
6. Cross over and take the track past the windmill. At the next junction of footpaths, continue in the same direction past one field, then a swift R then L to continue in the same direction, before the path bends round to the R.
7. On your L side is Smock Alley Vineyard (part of the Wiston estate). Continue straight ahead, passing through the alpaca farm and the irrepressibly cute inmates, emerging on Haglands Lane.
8. Continue straight across up the quite steep footpath, emerging in Lordings Lane. Turn R, merging into Haglands Lane and back to the car park.

Pulborough and Codmore Hill

This is a circular walk from the centre of Pulborough that goes up to Codmore Hill, providing nice views across to the South Downs.

Start point: Pulborough village car park, off Lower Street next to the Oddfellows Arms

1. Leave the car park and walk up to the main road, then turn R into Lower Street. Cross to the other side and go to a pathway called Monkey Hill. This is past Wilmer's shop and 2 cottages.
2. At the top turn R and almost immediately L to another pathway called The Twitten. At the top turn L (Moat Lane) and follow this road up over the hill and down. At the bottom of the hill there is a T junction. Go straight across to a lane/driveway and then take the left fork (footpath sign).
3. Continue up this path which takes you past the back of the school and on past greenhouses on the right. At the top turn L taking the path that leads down steps to the railway crossing. There is a stile each side and then a gate. Pass some houses on the left and then take the footpath continuing up the slope to the A29.
4. Turn R and walk past Sainsbury's and then the garage. At the bend in the road (the best place to cross) cross and enter what looks like a house entrance - there is a footpath sign. Pass the house on the right and go up the steps in the corner to the footpath which goes straight ahead. This is the Gallops.
5. Keep going straight (through gaps in the hedge) until you pass the buildings on your right. There is a gap through hedges on the L. Go through that and continue on the path due south down the hill.
6. Keep going straight and through a gate. The path is now a lane which goes past some houses and comes to the mill pond on the left. Keep straight on up the slope to a T junction, then turn L. This road goes over a railway bridge and reaches the A29 by the church.
7. Cross the A29 and walk straight on until you reach a gate on your R (there is a board showing what you can see). Take the path across two fields and you arrive on Lower St. Turn L along the road and cross at some point. When you reach Pulborough Stores turn R down the lane. The steps on the left take you back to the car park.

Pulborough and Broomer's Hill

This is a circular walk from the centre of Pulborough that goes through farmland around Broomer's Hill, providing good views to both the north and the south towards the Downs.

Start point: Pulborough village car park, off Lower Street next to the Oddfellows Arms

1. Leave the car park and walk up to the main road, then turn R into Lower Street. Cross to the other side and go to a pathway called Monkey Hill. This is past Wilmer's shop and 2 cottages.
2. At the top turn R and almost immediately L to another pathway called The Twitten. At the top turn L (Moat Lane) and follow this road up over the hill and down. At the bottom of the hill there is a T junction. Go straight across to a lane/driveway and then take the left fork (footpath sign).
3. Continue up this path which takes you past the back of the school and on past greenhouses on the right. At the top of the field turn R and keep going straight along this path until you reach a road. (Broomer's Hill Lane). Cross the road and continue straight along the path opposite. At Broomer's Hill Farm (good view to the north) take the lane on the R going downhill.
4. On the left of a gate (in front of you) there is a footpath sign. Turn down this path past fields until the path turns diagonally L across another field which leads to a lane. Turn R and this lane takes you towards the main road. Just past the garage of a house called Summer's Hill, there is a footpath sign on the R which is easy to miss.
5. Go up this footpath and you arrive at a green with houses around it. Turn L and join the lane which takes you to the end of Broomer's Hill Lane and The White Horse pub. Cross the main road and turn R, continuing until you reach The Oddfellows pub and turn L, then R into the car park.

Pulborough and Broomer's Hill (extended)

This is a circular walk from the centre of Pulborough that goes through farmland around Broomer's Hill, providing good views to both the north and the south towards the Downs.

Start point: Pulborough village car park, off Lower Street next to the Oddfellows Arms

1. Leave the car park and walk up to the main road, then turn R into Lower Street. Cross to the other side and go to a pathway called Monkey Hill. This is past Wilmer's shop and 2 cottages.
2. At the top turn R and almost immediately L to another pathway called The Twitten. At the top turn L (Moat Lane) and follow this road up over the hill and down. At the bottom of the hill there is a T junction. Go straight across to a lane/driveway and then take the left fork (footpath sign).
3. Continue up this path which takes you past the back of the school and on past greenhouses on the right. At the top of the field turn R and keep going straight along this path until you reach a road. (Broomer's Hill Lane). Cross the road and continue straight along the path opposite.
4. At Broomer's Hill Farm turn L down the hill. When you reach a cattle grid and metal gate, go through the gate and turn R. Take the footpath at the top of the left hand field near the trees.
5. At the far end turn R (gate and stile) and then immediately L (stile). Walk on with the fence on the L. At the end of the field turn L. The path goes diagonally across the field with the Water Works on your R.
6. Down a little dip near a dead tree there is a stile. Go over this and walk to the R until you reach a lane. (The left fork down to the lane is easier than the right).
7. Turn R down the lane. About 50 yards past a house called The Granary there are some fairly steep steps on the R. At the top of the steps is a footpath sign taking you across the field past the farm on your L until you reach another footpath sign pointing L (at right angles)
8. At the bottom of the field is a metal gate and almost opposite is another gate and stile. Enter the field and go towards the R past a group of trees. There is a footpath sign diagonally R near two trees together.
9. Straight across the next field there is a metal gate surrounded by bushes. This leads to a path going alongside greenhouses. After a stile the path becomes a lane. Keep on this lane until it joins another lane from the R.
10. Turn L and stay on this lane. Just past the garage of a house called Summer's Hill, there is a footpath sign on the R which is easy to miss.
11. Go up this footpath and you arrive at a green with houses around it. Turn L and join the lane which takes you to the end of Broomer's Hill Lane and The White Horse pub. Cross the main road and turn R, continuing until you reach The Oddfellows pub and turn L, then R into the car park.

Kithurst Hill

This is a short circular walk from Kithurst Hill but not usually too bad underfoot and with fantastic views.

Start point: Kithurst Hill car park, at the top of the South Downs. The turning is marked as a no through road off Storrington/ Amberley road on the left past Clay Lane.

1. Turn R out of the car park and walk up the slope on the South Downs Way.
2. When you have passed through the trees at the top of the hill take the left fork downhill.
3. At a junction of paths turn right into a field. The path forks but either way takes you back to the South Downs Way.
4. Turn right and walk back up to the trees at the top of the hill and on down to the car park.

Washington and Washington Common

A short circular fairly level and stile-free 2-mile walk from Washington through Washington Common.

Start point: Frankland Arms, Washington. There is parking available opposite the pub.

1. Park near the pub. Walk past it for 200 or 300 yards and turn R into The Street. Pass the “Old Cottage”, the old post office and “The Old Rectory” which is next to St Mary’s Church (usually open if you want to have a look).
2. Continue over the bridge over the A24 then on for another 300-400 yards and take the R fork. This curves round to the R past some houses and down a hill and out onto the A283 Storrington to Washington road.
3. Turn R on A 283 and shortly you will come to Georges Lane on the other side of the road.
4. Turn L up Georges Lane and walk along until you reach a car park on the R. There is a gate that goes into Washington Common at the back of the car park. Take the path that goes straight ahead. It eventually goes down a fairly steep bit and comes onto the A24.
5. Turn R on the A24 and shortly you will come to a subway under the A24. Go through the subway and turn R out of it and L at road junction (A283).
6. Turn R into Washington and return to the Frankland Arms.

Storrington and Cootham Airfield

This circular walk takes about an hour and a half from Storrington and goes around the airfield and up to Hurston Lane.

Start Point: Storrington Sports Centre car park. From the centre of Storrington, take the main road towards Amberley. At the Tesco Express and garage roundabout, go straight on towards Cootham and Pulborough but then turn immediately right to the leisure centre.

1. Park in Storrington Sports Centre car park. Walk straight ahead, past the side of the Sports centre and into the football field. The path turns L. Go through the gate across a path and onto the next football field. Go straight across to a wooden gate at far end.
2. Turn R and in a few hundred yards you will see a public footpath on the left just before a house called "Fieldings". Take this path across a field. At the end of the field the path slopes down to a junction. Turn R.
3. Follow this path to a planked walk going over the stream. The path leads onto the airfield. Turn R. Follow the path right round the very end of the airfield.
4. It turns R, then R again, through some trees, through a wooden gate and onto a road. Turn R and follow the road downhill passing "Waterfall Cottage" and round over a bridge where the road bends round to the R.
5. It goes up hill and then levels out to a junction, with Tickletag Farm on your L. Turn R downhill, over a bridge then the road turns left up hill. It then levels and becomes Hurston Lane. Continue along the road past "Fieldings" and shortly after turn L through the gate and across the football fields back to the car park.

Storrington and Sullington

This circular walk takes about an hour and three-quarters, starting at the centre of Storrington and going into Sullington before returning back to Storrington.

Start Point: Storrington Library car park. Note that it is possible to park here long-term, whereas the car-park near Waitrose has a two-hour time limit.

1. Starting from the library car park go over the narrow bridge on the Library side of the car park. Turn R, then L after 20 yards through a gate onto a woodland path.
2. Follow the path over a wooden bridge until you come to another bridge. At this point turn L and follow the path up to the road. Opposite is a path called "Love Lane". Take this. At the end of it there is a twitten opposite. Go through this on to the main road (Storrington High Street).
3. Cross the road and take the public footpath at the side of the village hall. Shortly you come to where 4 paths converge. Take the second right which goes diagonally across a field to the grounds of the priory. Go through the grounds to the road.
4. Turn L and cross the road. Pass Fern Road and turn R up Kithurst. Follow the road to the end and take the narrow public footpath between the houses. It is signposted. The path leads to a stile into a field (can be very muddy here in winter). Follow the path up the field and then along by a hedge to another stile.
5. The path then passes a farmhouse. At the next junction turn L and follow the path round turning L and passing another farm and some cottages, after which it becomes a road which goes back down to the High street. Turn L and cross at the crossing, L past the Chinese take-away then R past the scribbling shop and across the road into the car park.