

This walk starts and ends in Southwater Country Park where you can enjoy other outdoor activities as well as walking. This flat, gentle route is two and a half miles long. It offers a peaceful walk, taking in part of the 30 mile-long Downs Link bridleway.



1. Starting from the main car park on Station Road face the Country Park and turn left. You will see the wooden sign saying “Copsale 1 and South Downs Way 13” on your left. Walk past this, cross the road into Stakers Lane and head south on the Downs Link path. Follow the signs to Copsale and Horsham. If you are starting from the overflow car park, which is on the opposite side of the road, you should turn left out of the car park straight onto the Downs Link. Follow this until you reach the subway.

2. Immediately after the subway that goes under the A24 turn off the Downs Link left onto the bridleway along the tarmac track towards Stakers Farm. This runs parallel with the A24 on your left-hand side. Pass through the gate at the bridleway sign and follow the track as it curves round towards the right between the old outbuildings. Follow this as it then turns left through the gates Pass the lovely old farmhouse on your right and cross the small bridge.

3. Turn right and cross the field to the footbridge. Follow the worn path. Cross the footbridge and walk straight ahead between the fences of the paddocks. At

the end of the field turn right into the lane. Follow this for about a quarter of a mile.

4. Just before the lane bends round to the left turn right over a stile onto a footpath just after Hopelands Farm. Follow this through a field, keeping the hedge to your left. At the gate (do not go through it) go down the right hand side of the field between the fence and the hedge, cross over a footbridge and over the stile. Following the direction of the footpath sign Head towards the far left-hand corner of the field and over the stile which is close to the last two pylons. Walk straight ahead, crossing a footbridge as you go. You are now walking parallel with the Downs Link.

5. At the junction with the Downs Link turn right then pass back under the A24. Carry straight on towards the car park.

