

This walk takes you from the town centre, through wooded areas onto an open hilltop; across the river and back down the oldest street in Horsham.

Park in the car park in Denne Road, or use the Park and Ride Scheme, which will bring you into the bus station in Black Horse Way, which is only a short distance from Denne Road.

1. Turn right out of the car park into Denne Road. On your left you will pass the Drill Hall (which was previously the local Territorial Army centre). Note the plaque on the wall telling the hall's history.

2. Turn left into the second road (Chesworth Lane).

3. Follow the road until you reach the left hand turning into Queensway. Do not turn down here, but carry straight on towards the wooden gate, just past the parking area on the left.

4. Walk along the made-up track straight ahead to the buildings of Chesworth Farm. Follow the track between these buildings as it bears right. Here the track becomes more gravelly. Continue along the track as it goes round to the left, just after the house, and then to the right and over the footbridge. After the footbridge the track then bends round to the right again. At this stage ignore all the footpath signs leading off from the main track. As the path bends round to the left keep an eye out for cyclists coming down the hill at high speed. Here the path starts going up hill.

5. After about half a mile up the hill you will pass round two gates in the middle of the path. A couple of hundred metres after the second gate turn right up the slope, following the footpath sign. You will now be doubling back on yourself. This area can get very muddy and slippery during wet weather. Follow this path through the trees until you meet a kissing gate.

6. Go through the gate and follow the footpath to the gate in the left-hand corner of the field. You will see houses on your left. Go through the gate, and walk diagonally left across field, following the direction of the footpath sign. You are aiming between the two clumps of brambles on either side of the track.

7. Cross the track and continue in the same diagonal direction across the field towards the trees. The footpath can be a bit vague here, so there is potential for going off course. You are heading for a path in the trees which is somewhere between the taller clump of trees (oaks) on your left and the two-way footpath sign on your right. Do not aim for this signpost; keep to the left of it.

8. On entering the trees take the path that forks to the right. Do not follow the more obvious path that forks to the left. Again the path is a little vague (especially in the autumn when the path is covered with leaves) but you should be able to follow it through the trees to a metal kissing gate.

9. Through the gate continue to follow the path slightly downhill until it brings you out

in the open. Walking along the top of the field head towards the hollow old oak tree. Pass the tree and come out to the top of the slope, where you will have a good view of the cricket ground and Horsham town centre. This is a good opportunity to stop and rest on the bench. Go down hill in line with the spire of St Mary's church. You are aiming for the metal footbridge over the railway at the bottom of the field.

10. Cross the footbridge and follow the path that takes you along the side of the cricket pitch. At the end of the path cross the wooden bridge over the River Arun into the churchyard of St Mary's Church.

Take either path (left or right) around the church to lead you into The Causeway, Horsham's oldest and prettiest street

11. Walk up the right-hand side of the street. Pass the museum and walk a little further until you come level with the Town Hall on your left (it is a building on its own in the middle of the street), which is on left. On your right, between a restaurant and a shop is Pump Alley with an old wooden sign for the post office. You will only see this sign when you have turned into the alley. Look out for the large old lantern above the entrance to the alley. Follow this charming little twitten (local term for alleyway) until you see the turning on the right back into the car park.

