

Ditchling Beacon & the South Downs.



Starting in the car park at Hassocks train station head down some steps towards Keymer Road. There is a public footpath on the right-hand side of Keymer road that runs alongside the train line - head up the footpath for approximately 850 meters.

When you reach a bridge that goes over the train line, cross the bridge and keep to the path past Clayton Wood Burial Ground and out onto Brighton Road.



Cross over Brighton Road to the public footpath and keep to the path until you reach a stile on your left. Hop over the stile and follow the footpath through the woods. There will be another stile on your right this time that leads into some fields, hop over that too.

Follow the path through the fields until you reach New Way Lane, turn left onto the lane and keep walking until you reach the end of the lane.

At the end of the lane there is a public footpath on the right, follow this path to the end. At the end there is a t-junction, turn left onto the path that takes you into the woods and keep right.



There will be a stile on this woodland path, hop over and follow the path around Wolstonbury Hill (this will be your first peek at some great views!)

This is a really long path so stick to it and enjoy the climb and the views, maybe stop somewhere along the way for a picnic!

When you start coming back down you'll come to a crossroads, turn left to keep going down.

At the bottom, you can either turn right onto Clayton Hill or there is a little footpath just before you reach the road on the right.

Along Clayton Hill is the entrance to Pyecombe Golf Club, go through the entrance and the car park and make your way through the golf course. This path is gorgeous!



Once you've enjoyed Pyecombe Golf Club and the views turn left onto Mill Lane and head through the farm.



Here you can either head around the Jack & Jill Windmills by turning left or head straight for Ditchling Beacon by turning right. It's about 3km to Ditchling Beacon so take your time and enjoy!



Once you reach Ditchling Beacon car park turn left onto Ditchling road and take the path that runs down the right-hand side of the road.

Keep to the path and you will reach Underhill Lane, turn left onto the lane and then immediately right onto Nye Lane.

Follow Nye Lane and keep left at the fork in the woods to head towards Beacon Road. Turn right onto Beacon Road and into Ditchling.



Once through the high street there is a little lane on the left-hand side of the road called Boddingtons Lane, head up here.

Along this lane, you will see some small steps on your left, head over the steps and follow the footpath for approximately 1.05km. This path has panoramic views of the walk you have very nearly completed (going from right to left) it is crazy to see how far you've walked from the bottom like this!

This path comes out onto Ockley Lane where you want to cross over onto Grand Avenue and follow this road all the way back to Hassocks.

Once in Hassocks town centre turn right onto Keymer Road and follow along until you see the steps that lead you back to the car park.



Congratulations on completing roughly 17km!