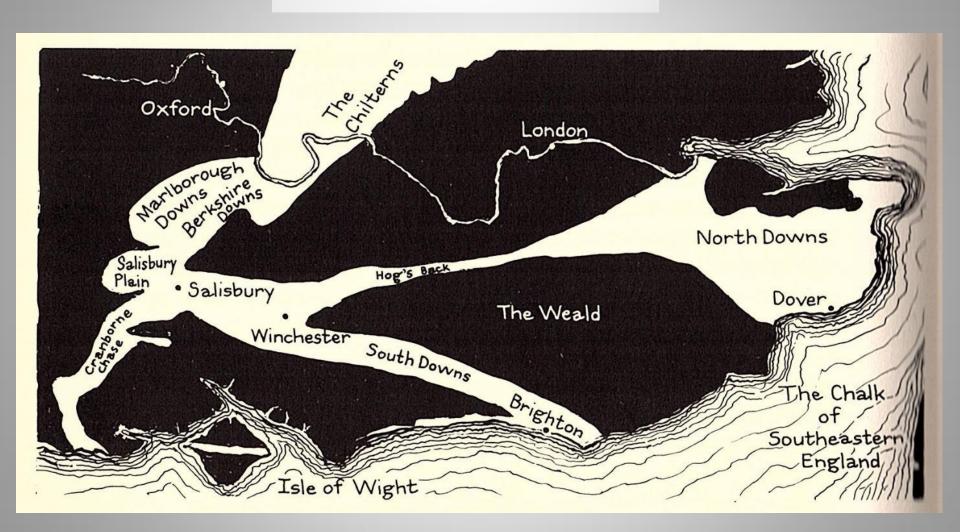
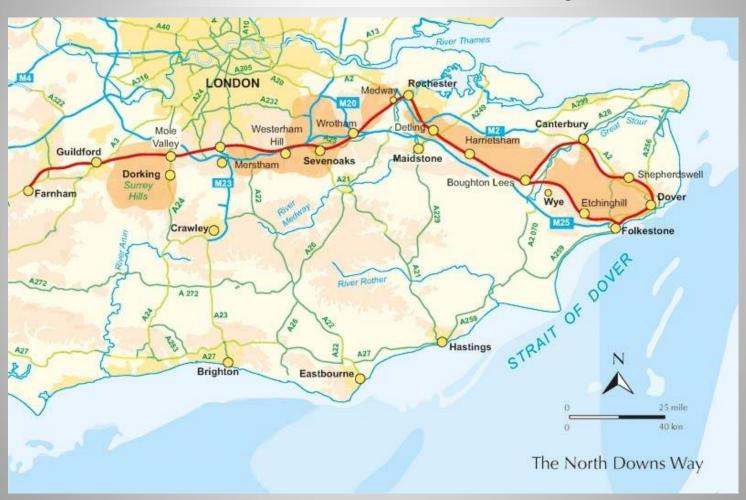
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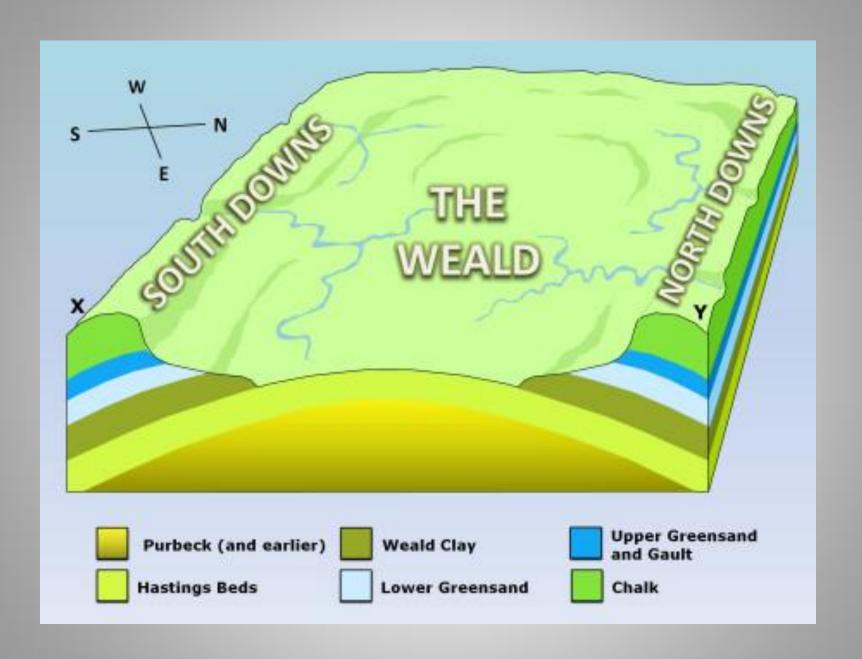


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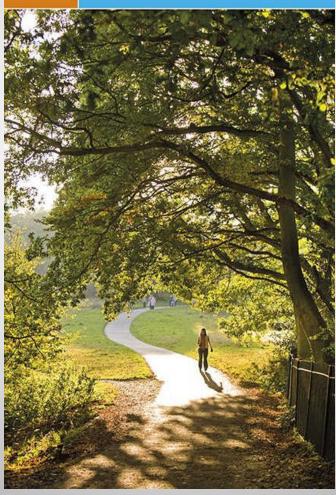


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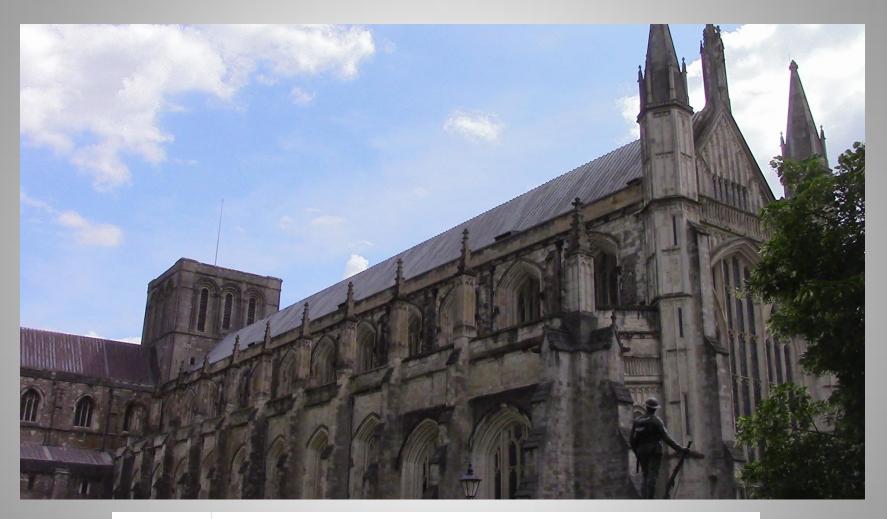
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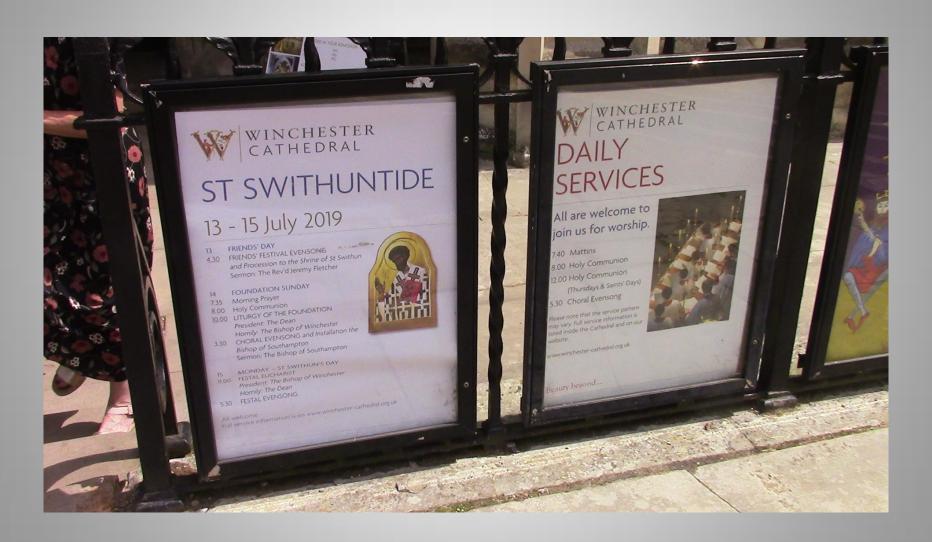




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H DOWNS



fills and Wolstonbury Hill

A pleasant variation of down and vnland, farmland; one climb; mud.

on, off the A273 N of Pyecombe; k at Clayton Green – entrance (137 m) E of Clayton church.

(B) Go through farm gate opposite car park entrance. Follow boundary on left uphill, continuing in sunken track bearing left @ On emerging on to open downland, bear half left between clumps of trees, then follow sunken gully uphill to gate into Clayton Mills car park. (a) At far end of car park turn left on to rough track (bridleway) and at 2 forks keep right, continuing to top of rise beyond New Barn Farm. @ Turn right following South Downs Way downhill to A273. © Cross road and turn left on to path behind hedge, then turn right on to road to Pyecombe church.

At road junction near church turn right on to rough track becoming enclosed bridleway and follow it to crest of encosed prioreway and follow it to crest of hill. (a) Ignore crossing path, then turn left on to crossing track and, ignoring left fork, follow track to top of ridge. (a) Just over top, turn right on to signosted footpath to stile on to Wolstonbury Hill. (b) Bear helf left through bushes to triangulation post then bear half right to join path descending steeply into wood towards Danny House. In wood, bear half right then left to stile and gate, then go straight on, turning right in 100

yards (91 m), eventually reaching road and turning left. (1) After 320 yards (290 m) there is a Victorian post box on the left. (To inspect Danny House, turn left on to footpath through copse and go straight on across field to house.) To continue walk, retrace to road. A few yards further, turn right on to concrete drive. (2) At Hautboyes, over stiles to short enclosed path, small paddock, and field. Cross field and continue along edge of next to reach track. (2) Turn sharp right on to track, then immediately left to follow hedge to A273. (3) Turn right along A273, then left into Underhill Lane.

- Clayton's church, listed in Domesday Book, has murals painted about 1150.
- ☼ The mills 'Jack and Jill' worked to 1908.
- The earthwork is Iron Age.
- The 1918 Armistice agreement was drawn up at Danny House.

Cissbury and Chanctonbury 9½ miles (15 km) Sheet 198 179112

Moderate Visits the South Downs' 2 most famous historic sites, and Steyning, well worth exploring, Downland; one climb; mud.

Start Steyning, on the A283; frequent buses. Car Park off Church St, opposite church.

From White Horse at S end of Steyning's main shopping street, take Sheep Pen Lane, then Newham Lane straight on out of town. Leave road at Pepperscombe House and take path straight on into copse. Go straight on uphill ignoring all forks to right (including one near top of quarry); 220 yards [200 m] past top of quarry join bridleway bearing slightly right. (a) At seat, turn left, then, by clump of bushes, follow fence straight on to 5-way junction. Turn right crossing South Downs Way on to fenced track and follow it to bottom of dip. Turn left on to track down valley bottom and follow it for one mile (1.5 km) to T-junction. Turn right on to rough track and follow it to car park at top of rise. For the Ring, turn left and climb. @ Retrace steps to car park, take track straight on through it and continue for % mile (one km) ignoring crossing bridleway. At second crossways, turn left on to track and in 130 yards (120 m) fork right and follow enclosed bridleway straight on for ¼ mile (one km) passing house.

One hundred and fifty yards (137)



SOUTH DOWNS

m) past house go through gate and bear left, soon crossing road and continuing across field to join chalky lane. Follow this straight on to ridge-top crossways. @ Turn right on to wide track and follow it straight on, later joining South Downs Way for 1% miles (3 km) to Chanctonbury Ring. @ Continue straight on for over 1/2 mile (1 km) to track junction. Bear half left and follow South Downs Way for 1/2 mile (0.5 km) to right bend.
Turn left on to signposted bridleway following fence on left to wood, then turning right to follow edge of wood. In about ¼ mile (400 m) ignore path descending through woods, but follow path into edge of wood, climbing slightly. After passing iron flagstaff and warning notice, you will see a path on left rising through the wood to meet you.

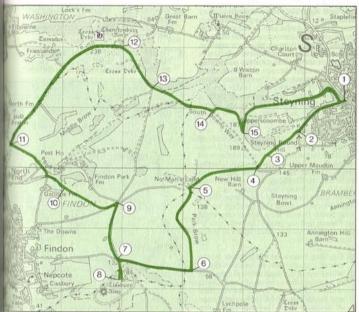
Double back down this, keeping right at fork in about 275 yards (250 m) and eventually emerging into avenue leading



Chanctonbury Ring, moth-eaten after storms, has been recently replanted.

straight to Steyning. After road bears right, a footpath on left leads through to High St.

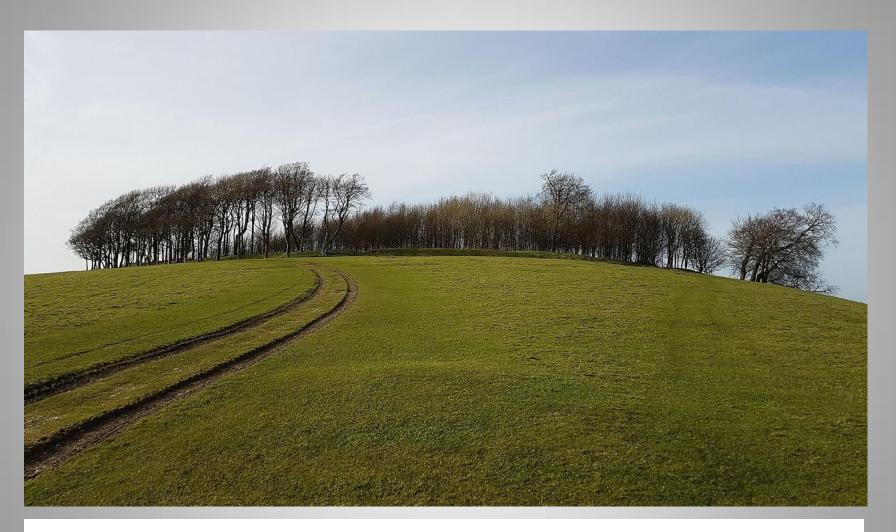
- Cissbury Ring is a massive Iron Age hill fort on the site of Neolithic flint mines.
- The (restored) dew pond, made to water sheep and replenished by dew and mist.



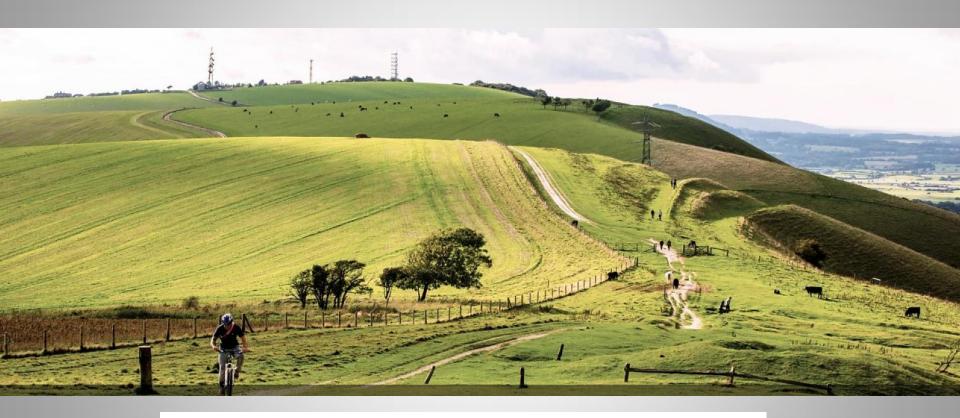


Chanctonbury Ring before the Great Storm of 1987





Chanctonbury Ring, trees replanted after 1987



South Downs Way to Cissbury Hillfort



Cissbury Hillfort





The Saddlescombe Donkey Wheel

THE DONKEY WHEEL

One of the major attractions at Saddlescombe is a Donkey Wheel, where for centuries the farm workers used a donkey to draw water from a well. The Donkey Wheel stands beside the South Down Way National Trail and can be visited even when the farm itself is not open to visitors.

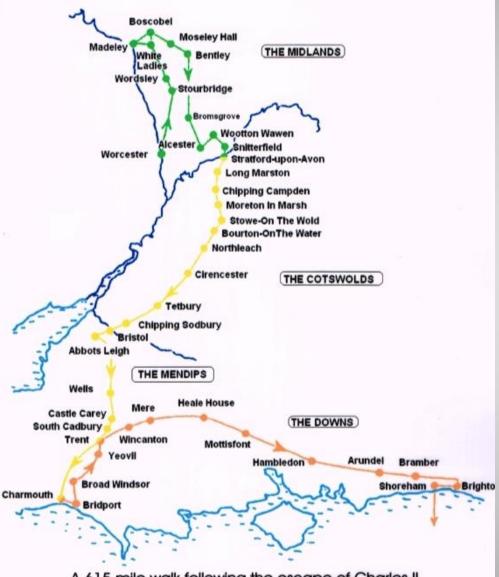
The Donkey Wheel draws water from a well known to have been deepened - though not dug - by the Knights Templar in the 13th century.

One fascinating fact is that the donkeys could be trained to walk one way for 12 minutes, step off the wheel, turn around, step back on again, and start walking in the opposite direction. This 'automated' approach meant that the donkeys could raise and lower a large bucket into the well, fill it with water, and pull it to the surface all without human intervention.





The Monarch's Way



A 615 mile walk following the escape of Charles II following his defeat at the Battle of Worcester









Charles II's escape route after the Battle of Worcester, 1651



Cuckmere Haven

2.5km Coming out of the forest, you'll see the Cuckmere River ahead of you, snaking through the silted estuary at Cuckmere Haven. Go straight ahead down the field towards the visitor centre. Across the busy road and over the cattle grid, the path splits, the South Downs Way climbing high up the valley wall and a second track leading beside the river. If you want to save yourself a strenuous climb, it's quite possible to follow the track along the river, picking up the South Downs Way just over 1km further on - you can make a little detour on to the beach from the lower path.

The track and the other paths join and then diverge once more; the South Downs Way follows the steeper route to the left, taking you onto the downs again.



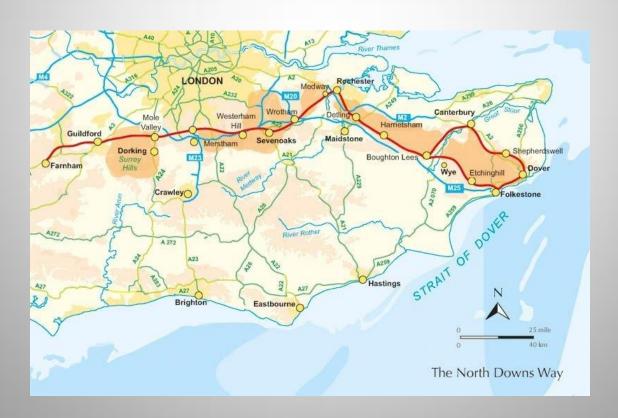






The Seven Sisters

The North Downs Way Guildford to Compton



GUILDFORD AND THE NORTH DOWNS

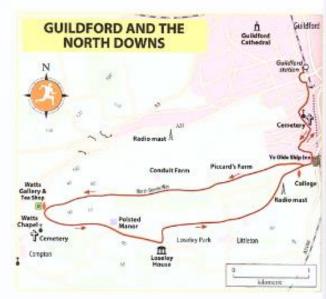
Guildford to Compton and back

© 55 € € Distance and difficulty 9.75km; moderate Minimum duration 2hr 20min

Trains London Waterloo to Guildford (every 15min; 35min); return from Guildford to London Waterloo (every 15min; 35min); South

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This circular route takes you from the leafy fringes of the handsome county town of Guildford, through gentle North Downs countryside to the village of Compton. Here you can see the Arts and Crafts Watts Gallery, dedicated to the work of G.F. Watts; it's a wonderful showcase for his paintings and sculpture, and has the advantage an appealing tearoom, housed in what was the building's pottery. This tiny village is also home to the Watts Chapel, its interior designed by Watts' wife Mary in a unique fusion of the homespun and the visionary. From Compton, the route loops through Loseley Park and the hamlet of Littleton, back to the edge of Guildford.



























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George Frederic Watts



Born 23 February 1817

Marylebone, Middlesex,

England

Died 1 July 1904 (aged 87)

London, England

Nationality British

Education William Behnes

Royal Academy

Known for Painting, sculpture

Notable work Hope

Love and Life

Physical Energy

Movement Symbolist

Awards Order of Merit

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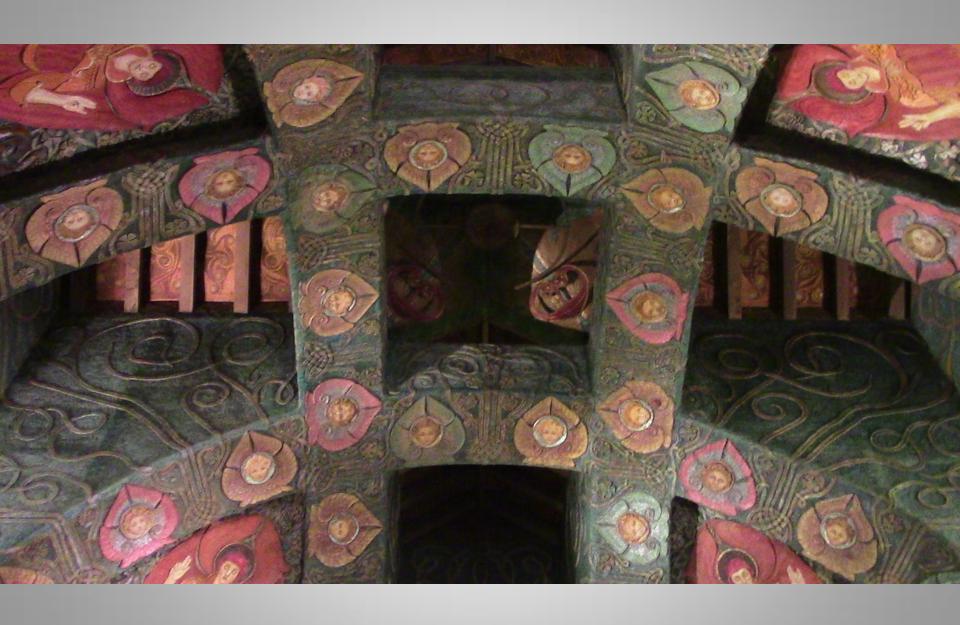
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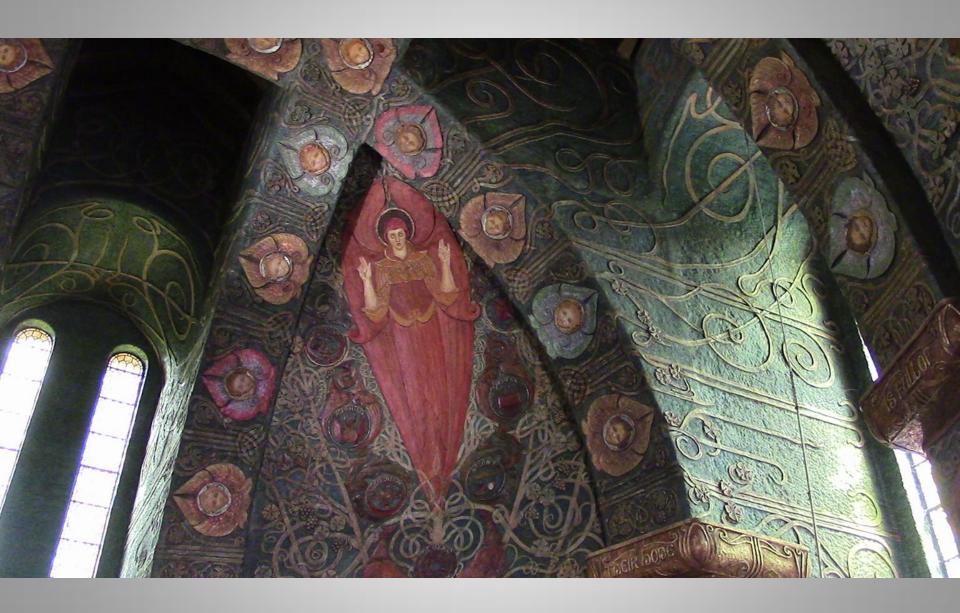




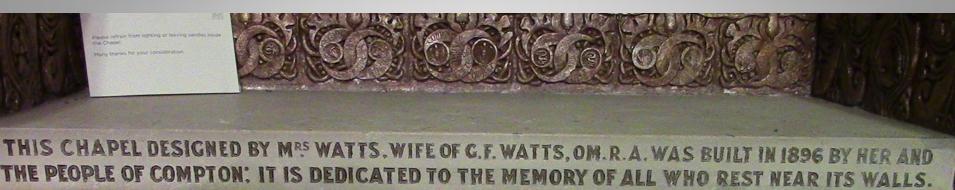




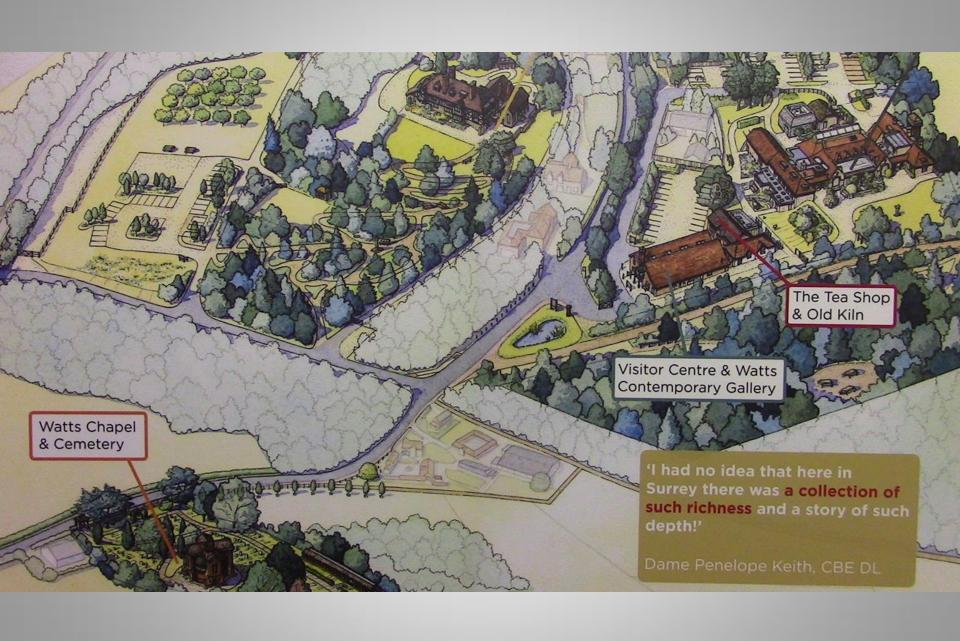






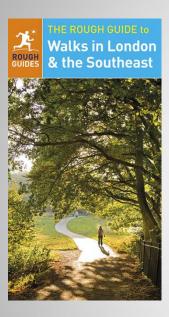


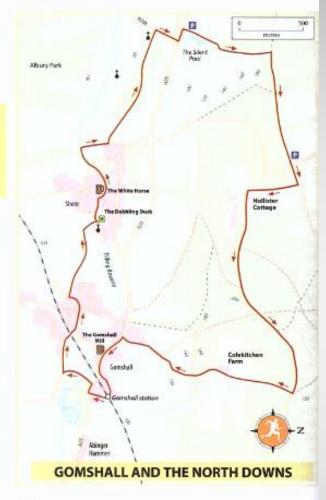




North Downs Way Gomshall to Shere







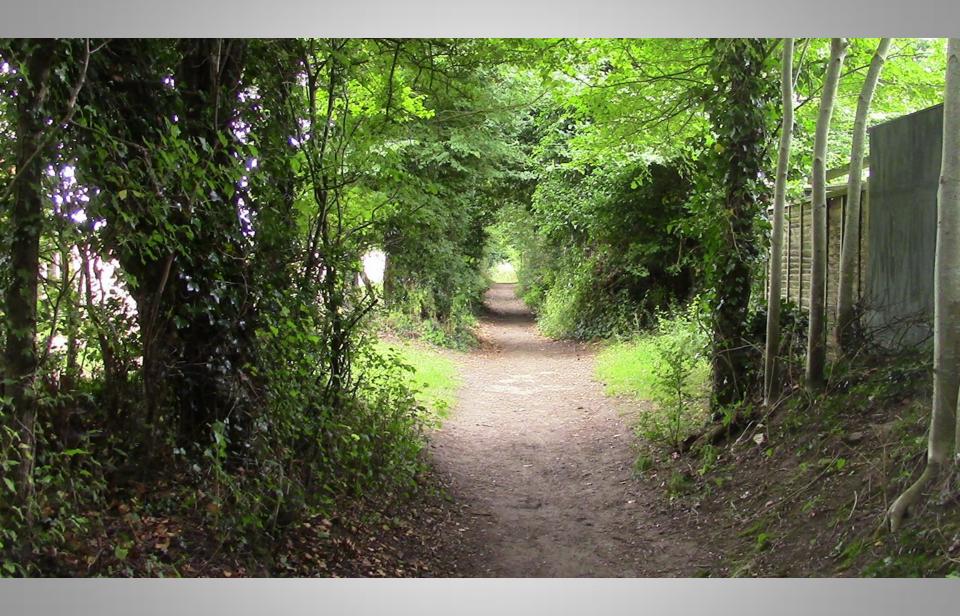
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Follow the path along a line of trees until you come to Shere. Turn right and head downhill to St James' Church, entered via a handsome lychgate built by Lutyens. The church is mainly Norman, with a fine, plain interior and a beautiful font (dating from around 1200), its bowl patterned with scallop shapes. Inside the church on the north wall is a quatrefoil with a squint, which allowed the local anchoress, Christine Carpenter, to see the altar her only view of the outside world. Christine was walled up in a cell attached to the church in 1329; she was released after three























The Dubbling Duck Shere village











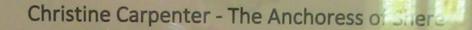












The 'cell' Christine occupied in the early part of the 14th century is long gone.



However, evidence of its location is to be seen in the quatrefoil (architectural clover leaf) and squint, below this display. The first would have been used to receive the bread and wine of the Eucharist; the second, to observe the act of consecration of the elements at the

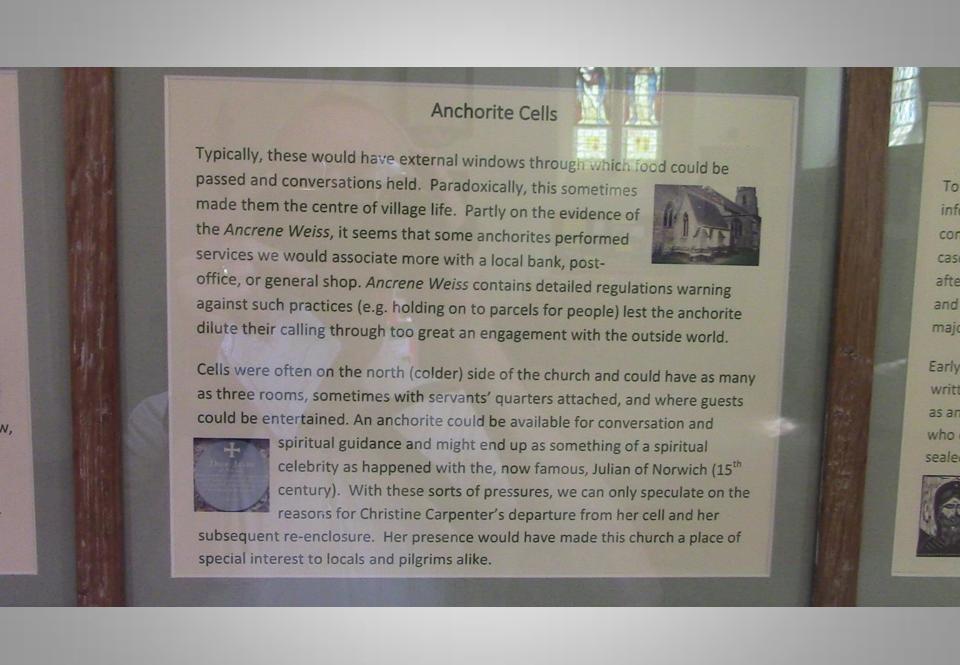
High Altar. On the other side of this wall you will find the brick outline of her cell, the location marked by a small brass plaque.

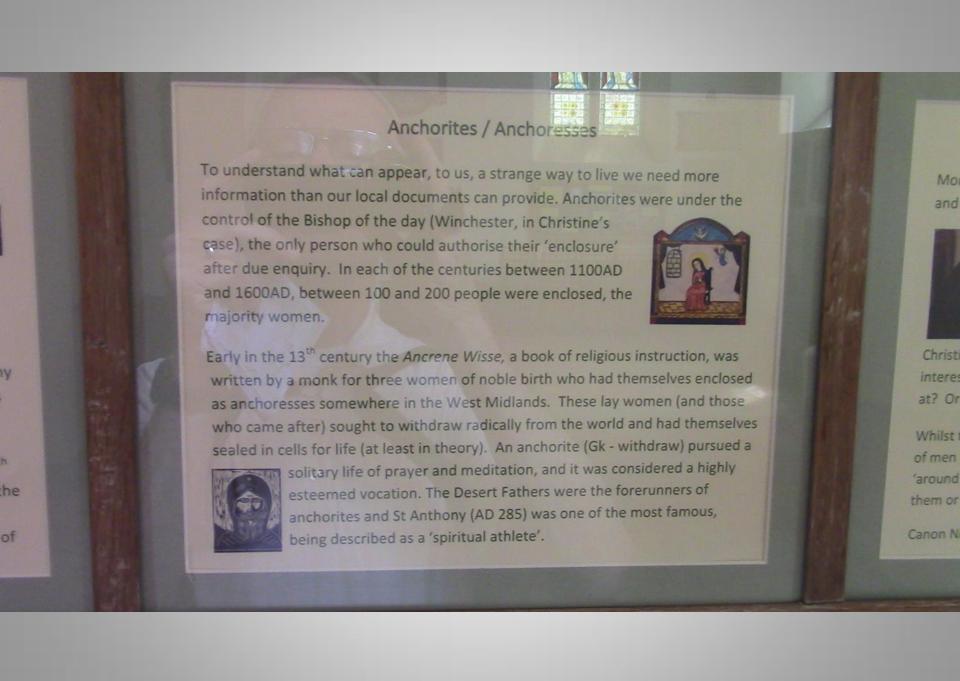
Contemporary records* of the Bishops of Winchester provide us with all we know about Christine, who was enclosed in 1329 and re-enclosed in 1332. There is no explanation about why she left her cell nor how long she remained the second time.



What we do know is that her father, William 'the carpenter', lived where are, now, the old timber-framed houses called Ash and Willow, in Lower Street, Shere.

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Present Day

Monks and nuns still withdraw from the world to live a life of poverty, chastity and obedience. For a few, even this does not provide the solitary life to which



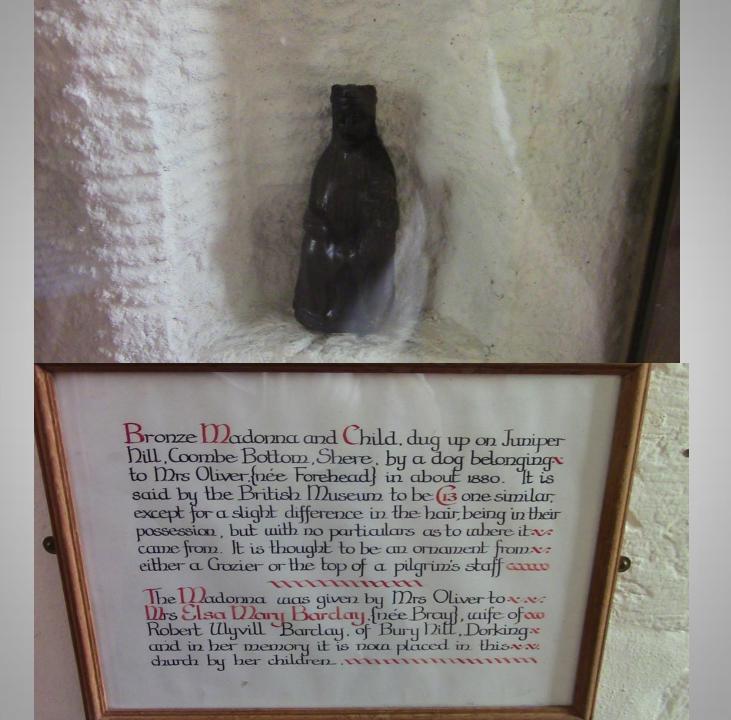
they feel called. Sister Wendy Beckett is one such, living in a caravan in the grounds of her convent. As with others like her, the insights she gained through prayer and reflection drew her away from her solitary existence and, for a while, she became a world-renowned art critic, writer and broadcaster.

Christine Carpenter's celebrity still draws people to the site of her cell. Is our interest in her primarily voyeuristic, her calling a type of madness to be gawped at? Or are we awed by her desire to follow God's calling whatever the cost?

Whilst the world goes frantically on its way, there will always be a small number of men and women who are called to live life differently, worshipping God 'around the clock' and praying for those in need of his love, whether known to them or not.

Canon Nick Whitehead

August 2017









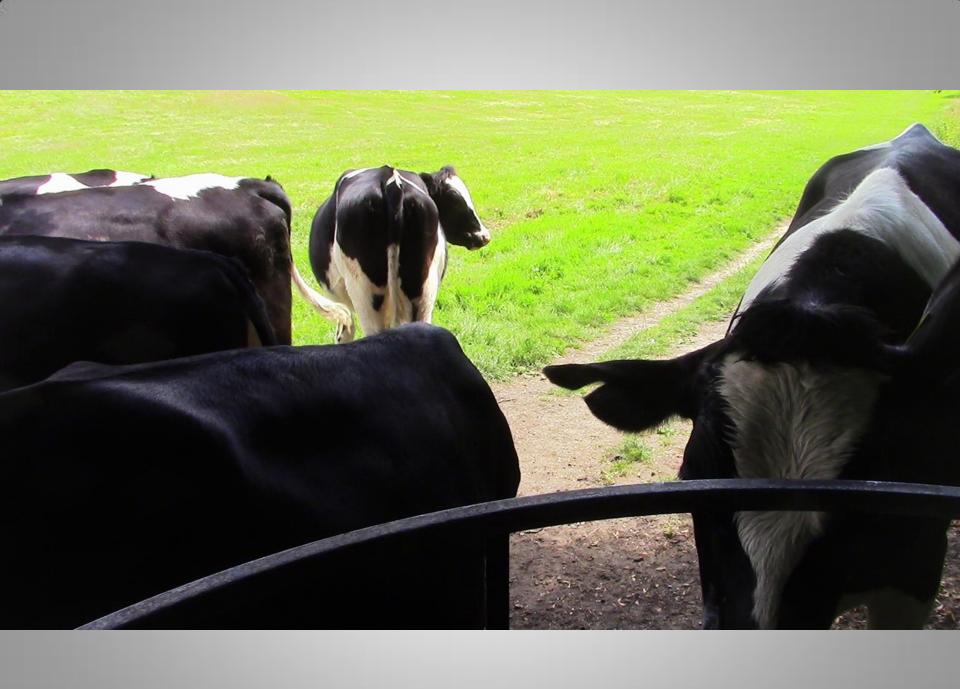


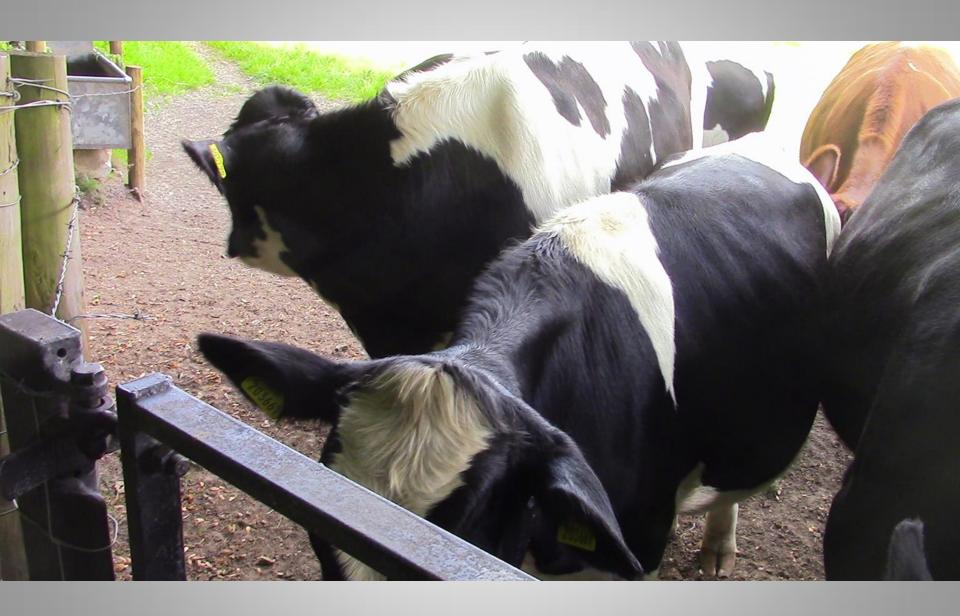


































Shere Woodlands Local Nature Reserve comprises three sites on the scarp slope of the North Downs; Combe Bottom, Netley Plantation and West Hanger.

Council and collectively they form Council. Bottom Site of Special Scientific Indirect. a designation granted to reflect the stands of yew, ancient beech woodland and chalk downland, and the unusual spriety of Surrey Wildlife Trust manages the sesence to protect and enhance its value for nature conservation whilst encouraging quiet recreation such as walking, horse riding

We hope you enjoy your visit!

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North Downs Way ----

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JUNIPER HILL

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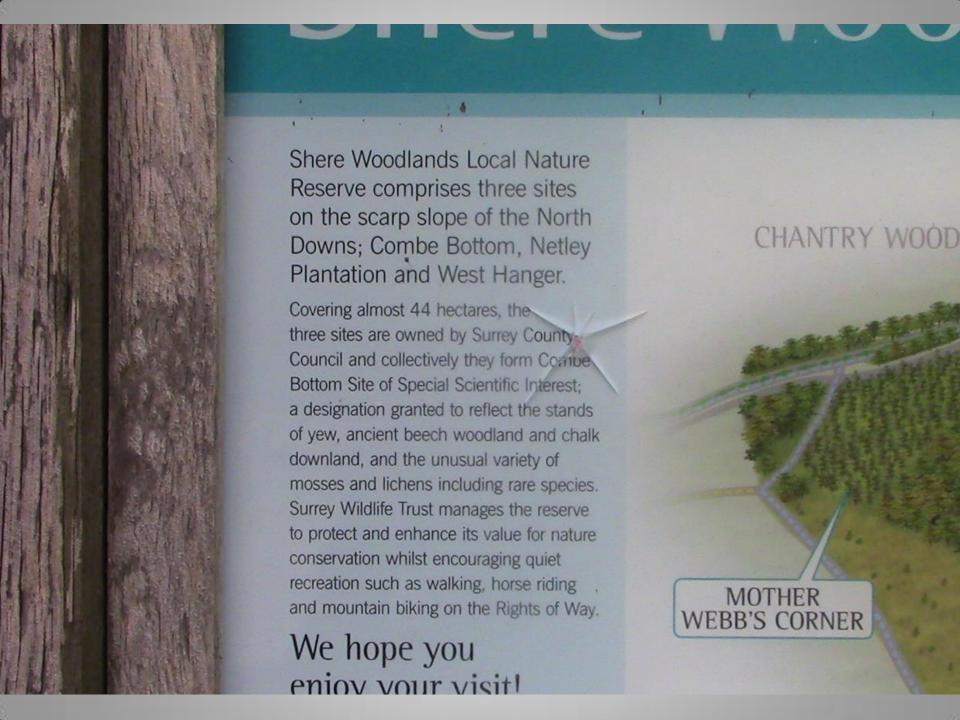
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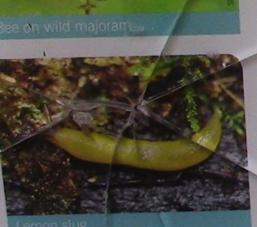
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repaired and shrubs cut back to increase its chances of survival and reproduction.

Chalk grassland and scrub

The downland is somewhat fragmented following a lapse in the grazing and subsequent rapid colonisation by trees and shrubs over the past century; today it resembles more of a "wood pasture" habitat than classic chalk grassland, nevertheless home to marjoram, common centaury and eyebright. Sheep and goats graze and browse respectively: the famer are useful for keeping down coarse grasses while the latter favour woody shrubs and brambles. The proliferation of poisonous yew trees poses too great a threat to cattle for them to graze here.

Buddleia, or butterfly bush is an enemy (despite its reputation, it is only good for adult butterflies) given its ability to colonise open grassland and bare chalk at the expense of the vital caterpillar foodplants. It is regularly removed but still refuses to yield! Privet, dogwood and wayfairing tree are also too dominant here, but being natives they have their place in the hedgerows providing perches for blackcaps proclaiming their territory.



Juniper













North Downs Way Pilgrim's Route Charing to Chilham



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THE PILGRIMS' WAY

Charing to Chilham and Canterbury

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Distance and difficulty day one: 17.5km; day two: 11.5km; moderate Minimum duration day one: 4hr 25min; day two: 2hr 50min Trains London Victoria to Charing (hourly; 1hr 15min); return from Canterbury East to London Victoria (every 30min; 1hr 25min); Southeastern Railway

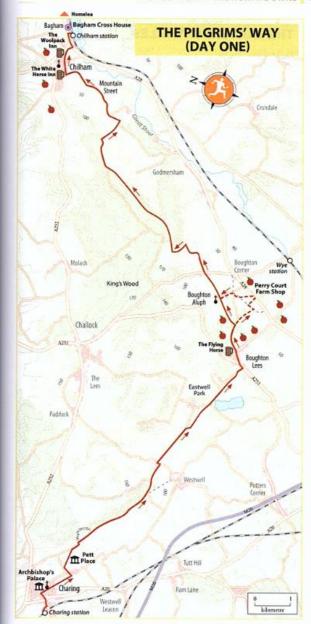
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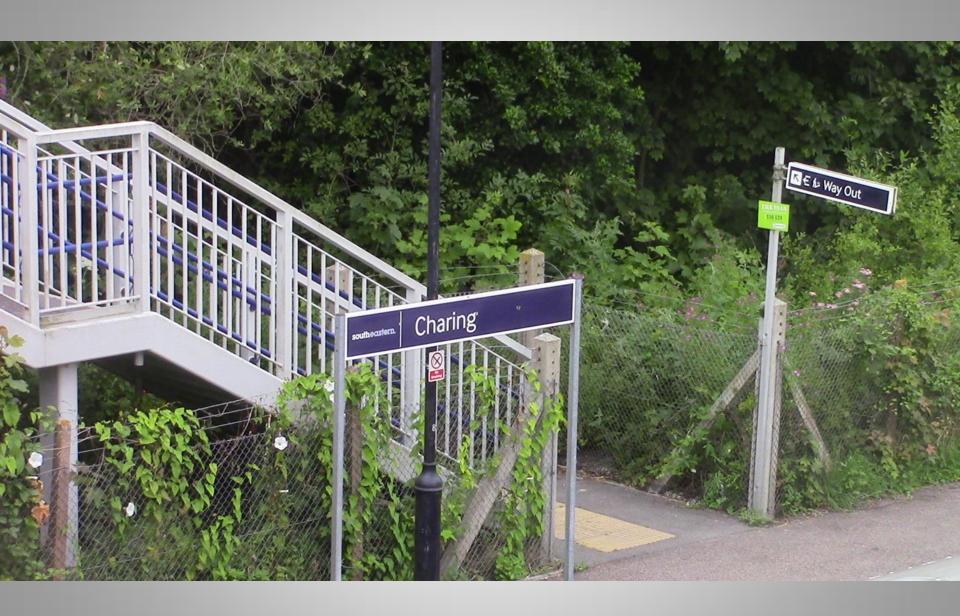
The route that became known as the Pilgrims' Way was an amalgam of country roads and paths leading from Winchester and serving pilgrims from the south and west of England and continental Europe (via Southampton). At Harbledown, just outside Canterbury, this route merged with the much more ancient Watling Street, the route for the main body of pilgrims from London and the north. All were bent on seeing the goldand jewel-encrusted tomb of Thomas Becket, and perhaps, as the Canterbury Tales testifies, having a bit of fun along the way.

This two-day walk covers a particularly attractive stretch of the Pilgrims' Way, and takes you to the goal of the pilgrims the magnificent Cathedral itself. The walk begins at Charing in Kent, leading through lovely woods and farmland to Chilham, an idyllic village where you can stay overnight, before continuing on to Canterbury the next day. You can do either day of this walk on its own, taking the train from or to Chilham, but the most rewarding day in terms of landscape is the first. This is fine, abundant countryside, especially appealing in April - when Chaucer set his tales and when the fruit trees are covered in blossom - or in late summer and early autumn, when you can scrump for apples and pears. Although this is an established walk, the signing (for the North Downs/Pilgrims' Way) is minimal.

Day one

17.5km Day one links two very pretty and historic Kentish villages: Charing and Chilham. In between, Boughton Lees is home to a pub that has been serving pilgrims for hundreds of years, though a better lunch option on a sunny day is the nearby Perry Court Farm Shop, where you can put together a picnic. The country you walk through is for the most part domesticated but beautiful, with rolling vistas, orchards and the odd scattering of appealing tile-hung or half-timbered cottages. Towards the end of the walk you climb up into dense woodland, before descending into Chilham, where you can either take the train home or stay the night.











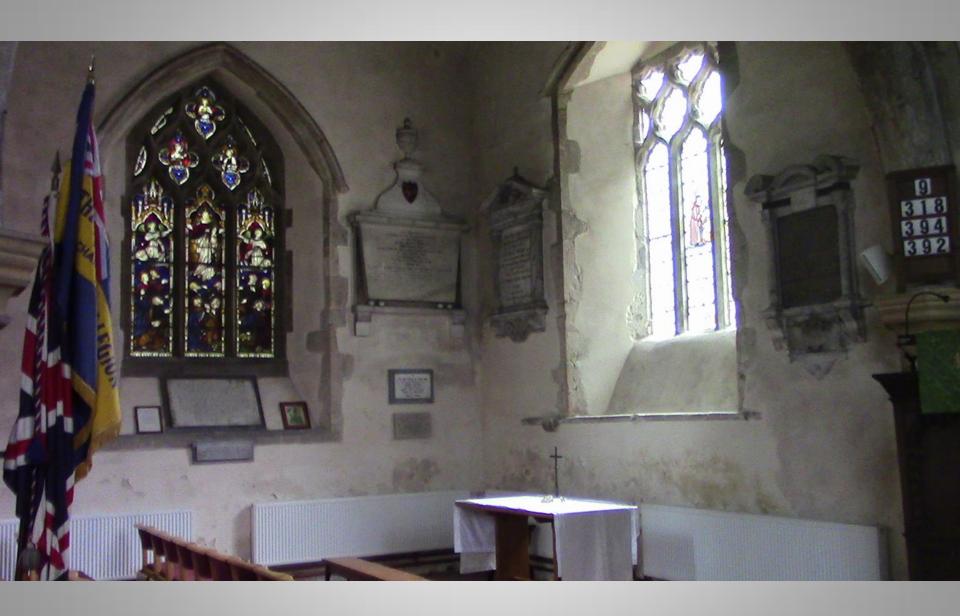










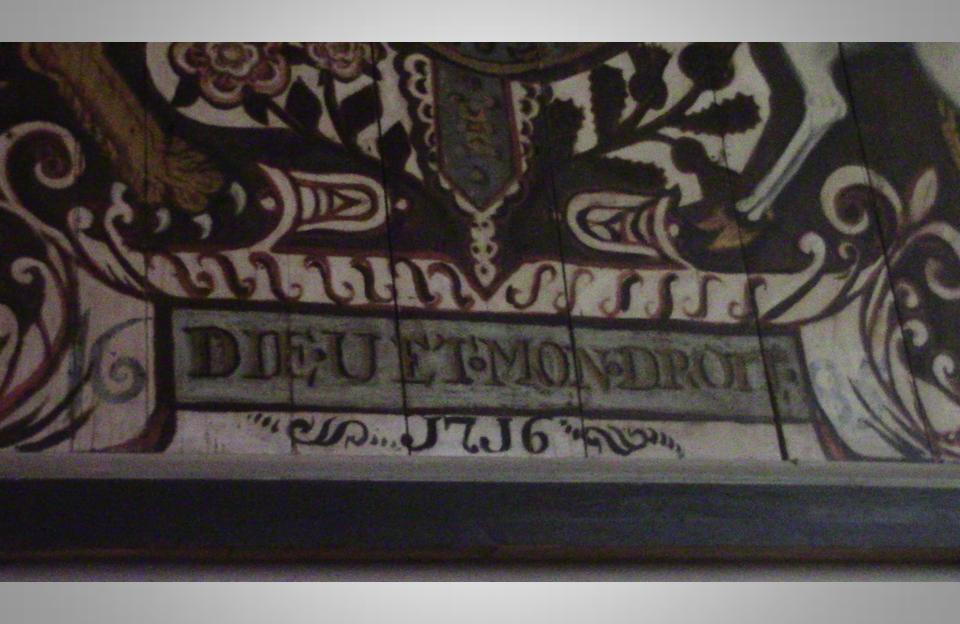


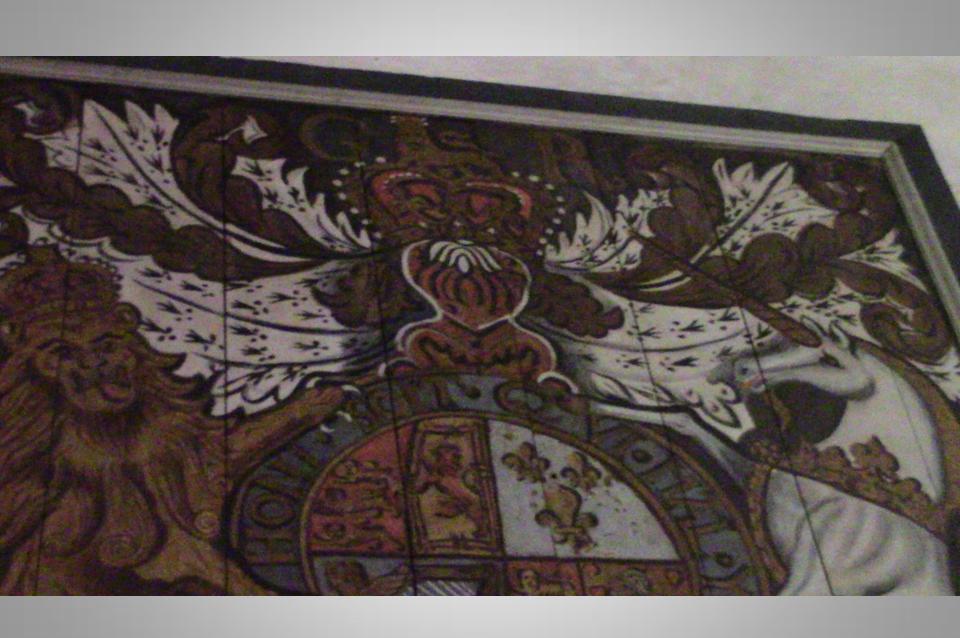
















Walk into the past

You are about to step back in time and walk into an old agricultural landscape - an example of how the countryside would have been managed before the use of modern farming methods.

The Charing Alderbed Meadow is a landscape of wet grassland and alder woodland at the foot of the North Downs. While all around it land has been drained, cultivated, fertilised or developed for housing, the meadow has remained untouched.

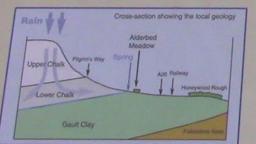
Its wet, marshy characteristics make it a superb habitat for communities of wildlife.

So, why is it here? Rain water drains through the chalk of the North Downs and when it meets

underlying clay seeps out of the ground as springs. The water flows as streams through the grassland and woodland areas, creating the valuable wetland habitat.

long established: meadow vetchling

(top) and wild garlic.







Local people getting involved in managing the Alderbed Meadow: Charing Primary School's 'Green Gang' (left) and volunteers from the Kentish Stour Countryside Project.

Shaped by people and nature

It might be a surprise to know that the wildlife habitats found here are not entirely natural. They were shaped by people and nature using agricultural practices that go back centuries.

After an absence of some 40 years livestock have been re-introduced. Grazing allows a greater variety of plants to thrive by preventing a take-over by vigorous species. It prevents the spread of scrub, which could eventually dominate the meadow.

In the woodland, some trees have been cut-down using the traditional method of coppicing. This opens up the canopy, allowing the light through, which benefits wild flowers, insects, mammals and birds.

What to look for

More than 80 varieties of plants can be found, including wild garlic and fen bedstraw.

The alder trees, which have been coppiced, thrive in the boggy conditions. Oak, ash and holly can also be seen in the woodland.

Water shrews and yellow-necked mice live at the site and some rare species of invertebrates have also been found.



Wetland wildlife at home in the Alderbed Meadow: grass snake and water shrew.

Throughout the year, you can see and hear some 30 species of birds, including whitethroat, treecreeper, great spotted woodpecker and tawny owl.

Welcome to the CHARING ALDERBED MEADOW

The Charing Alderbed meadow, designated as a Local Wildlife Site, is being conserved by the Charing Playing Field Committee (Alderbed Meadow Steering Group) for the benefit of wildlife and the local community.

If you would like to get involved in caring for this special place, or join in an organised event, please email: alderbedcharing@gmail.com

More information on the Alderbed Meadow is available in a booklet, available from Channg library, and on-line at www.charing.info

Please enjoy your visit and help to keep this place special.



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Old maps, ancient names

This is part of a tithe map from 1840 with the Alderbed Meadow outlined in green. At that time the woodland was called 'Brook Wood' and was larger than it is now. The grassland was called 'Wood Brook'. The word 'brook' comes from the Angle-Saxon word broc, meaning marsh.



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You are about to step back in time and walk into an old agricultural landscape - an example of how the countryside would have been managed before the use of modern farming methods.

The Charing Alderbed Meadow is a landscape of wet grassland and alder woodland at the foot of the North Downs. While all around it land has been drained, cultivated, fertilised or developed for housing, the meadow has remained untouched.

Its wet, marshy characteristics make it a superb habitat for communities of wildlife.





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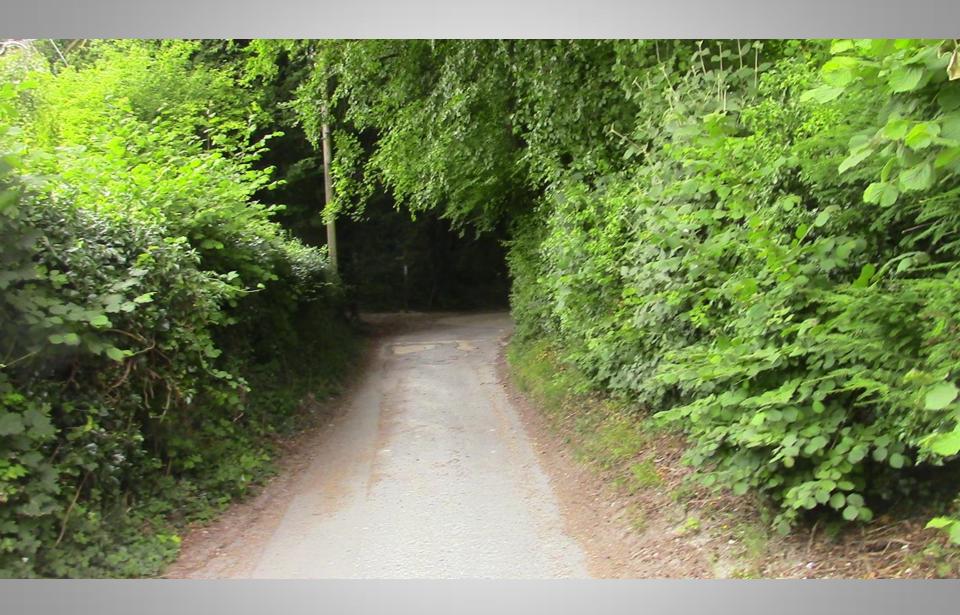
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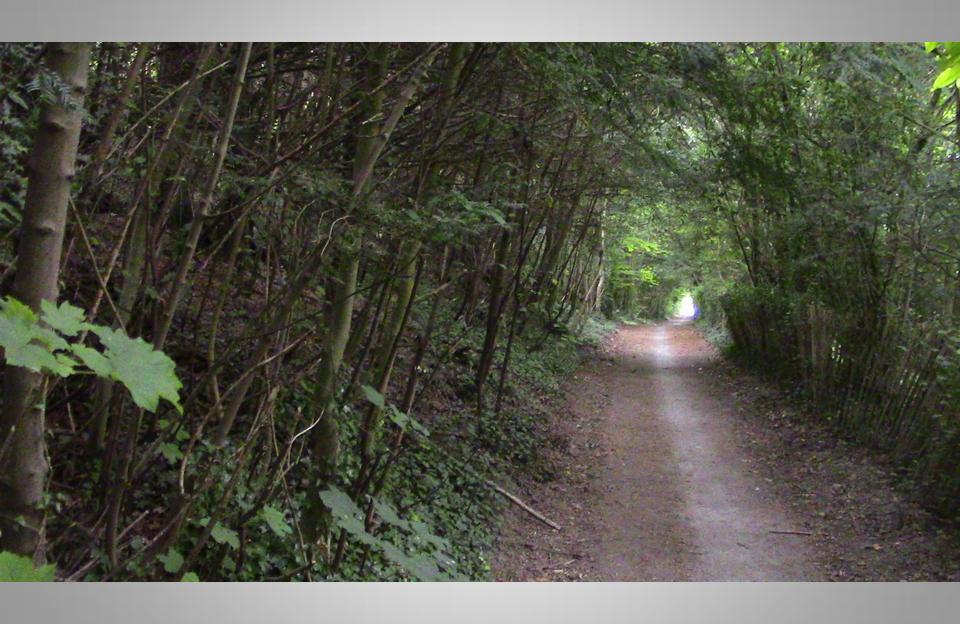






































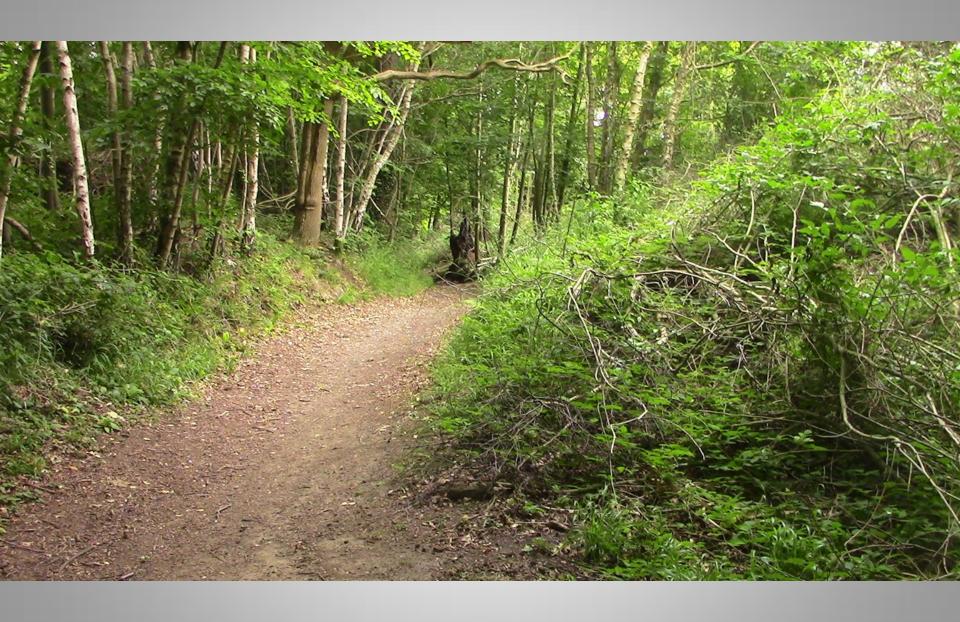






















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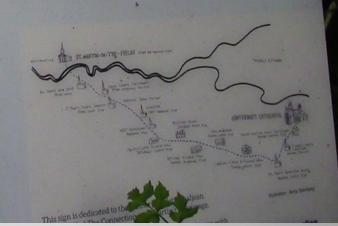


The Connection at St Martin's, located next to Trafalgar Square, is a charity which helps thousands of homeless people every year rebuild their lives. Services include a day & night centre, street outreach team helping rough sleepers, and training & employment service to support people back into work.

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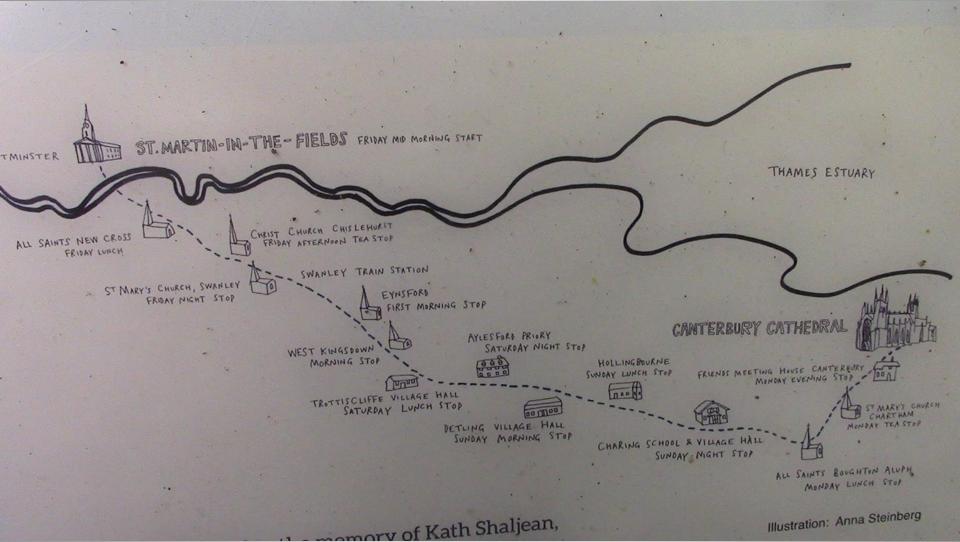
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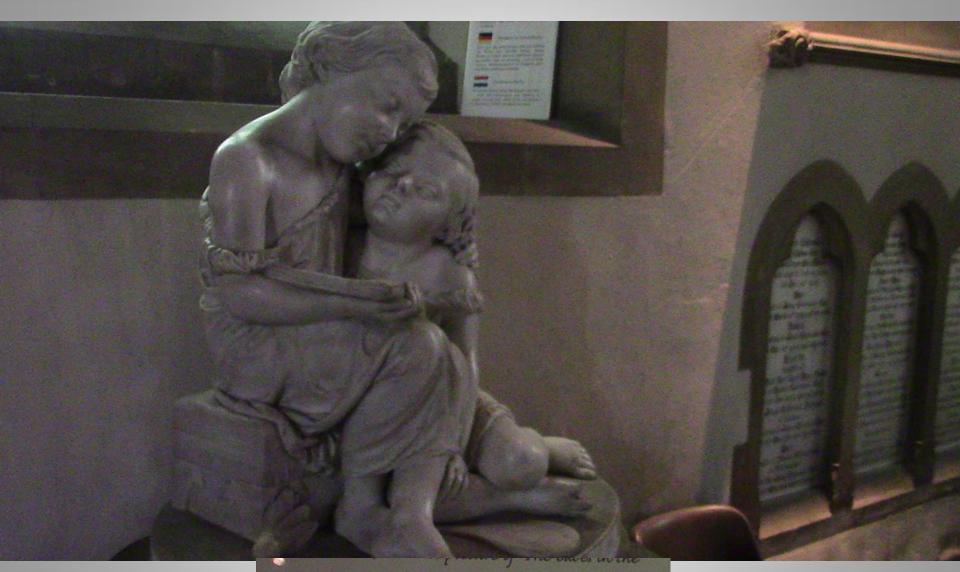












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THE HARDY CHILDREN

The Hardy Family owned the castle 1861-1914.

This monument by Munro is unique in that no other church monument in England shows children's toys. Note the battledore and shuttlecock, and the picture of 'The Babes in the Wood' in the book. The boys, Arthur, 6 and John Edmund, 4, died in 1858 and the sculpture originally stood in the castle.











North Downs Way Pilgrim's Route Chilham to Canterbury

If you're only doing this as a one-day walk, at the eastern end of the village take the main road toward Bagham to reach Chilham train station, with regular services to Waterloo, Charing Cross and London Bridge (hourly; 1hr 35min); it's a right-turn past the cluster of B&Bs.

Day two

11.5km Day two is less bucolic than day one, and the orchards you pass through are on a rather commercial scale. There are some lovely sights along the way, though, and as the walk is relatively short there's time to meander around Chilham in the morning and still get to Canterbury Cathedral in time to have a look round. There's a decent pub at Chartham Hatch for lunch.

Chilham to Old Wives Lees

2km The second day's walk starts from the church in Chilham. Go round to the left-hand side of the church and follow the path that leads behind it, cutting down through the graveyard. Where the path forks, go left down the slope and onto a narrow track. Turn right, and follow the track until you come to a busy road. Cross the road and carry on up the lane directly opposite.

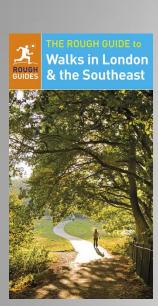
When you reach Old Wives Lees (which isn't nearly as pretty as Chilham), you come to a junction; cross the road and go up Lower Lees road. This leads through straggling houses for 750m until you come to a couple of oast houses on the left. Just beyond, a sign points you off to the left. Go to the end of the road and turn right for a few metres - there's a kissing gate on the opposite side that leads you back onto the Pilgrims' Way.

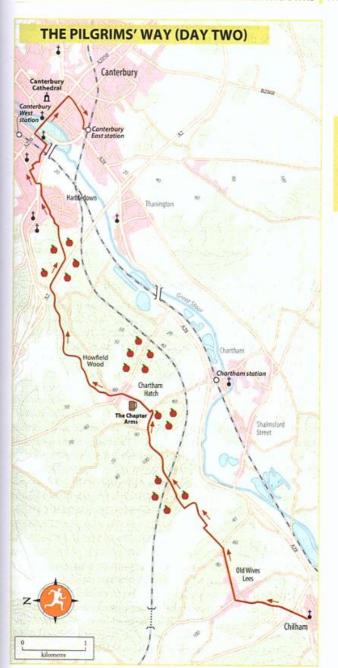
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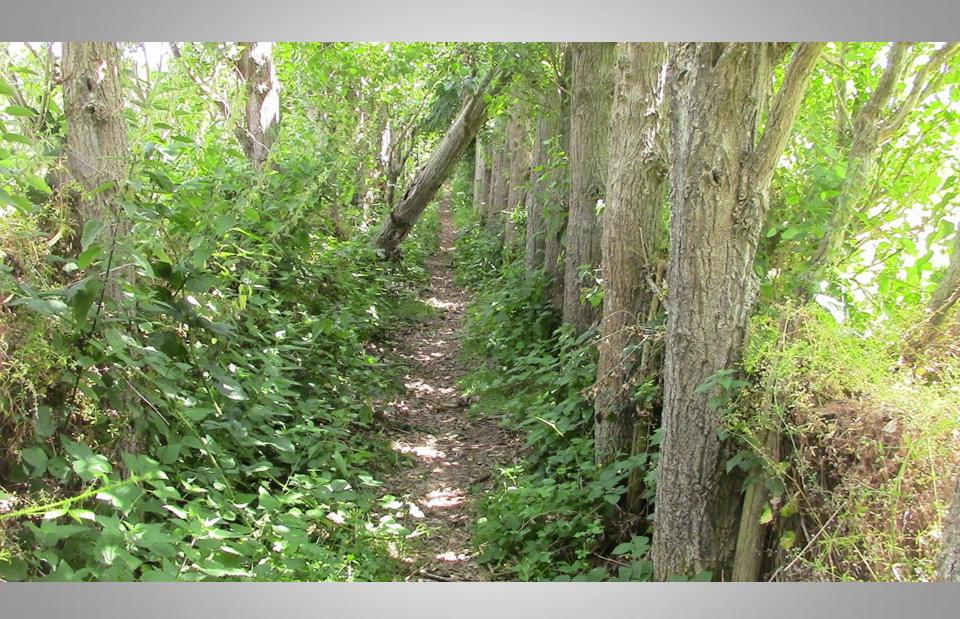
3km From here, a wonderful avenue of lime trees leads downhill, forming a dense, leafy tunnel. At the end of the avenue, cross the stile leading into a field, where you'll see tall poles used for growing hops. At the bottom of the hill turn right, then almost immediately left, climbing up the hill ahead, with the line of huge beech trees to your right.

At the top of the ridge continue straight on, then follow the yellow arrow on the wooden post which leads you left along the field. Then go right, down the field in the direction of the

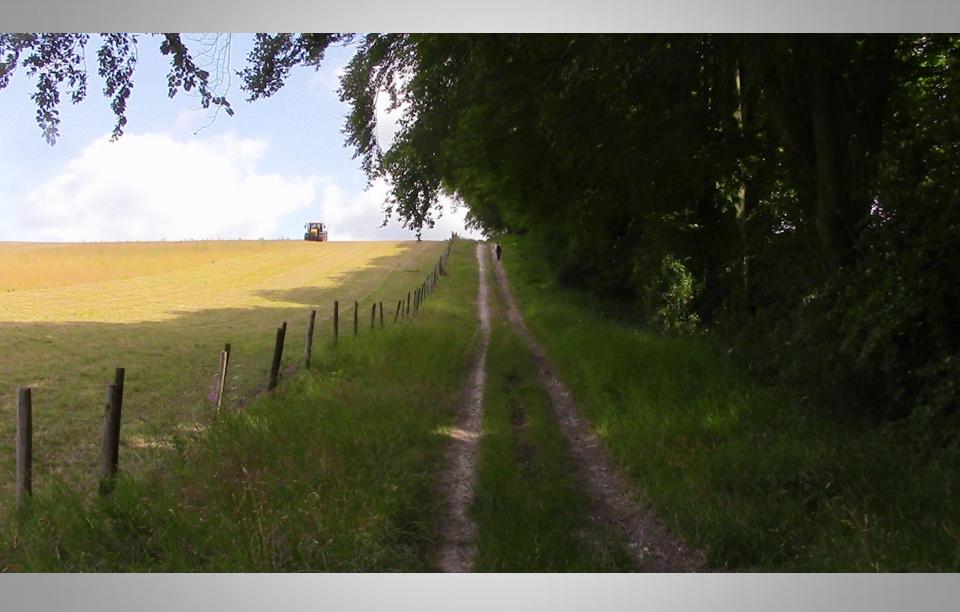
If you are doing this as a one-day route, start the walk by turning left out of Chilham station. Follow the curve of the busy road and, after 300m, take the (unsigned) left-hand fork towards the village. Climbing "The Street" beyond the Woolpack Inn brings you to the church, where the route starts.











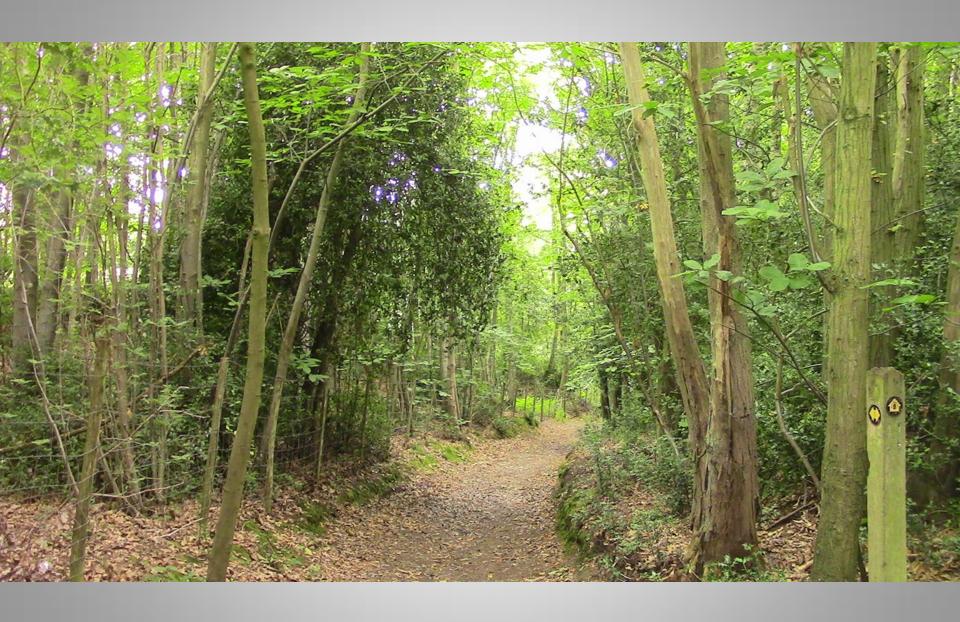


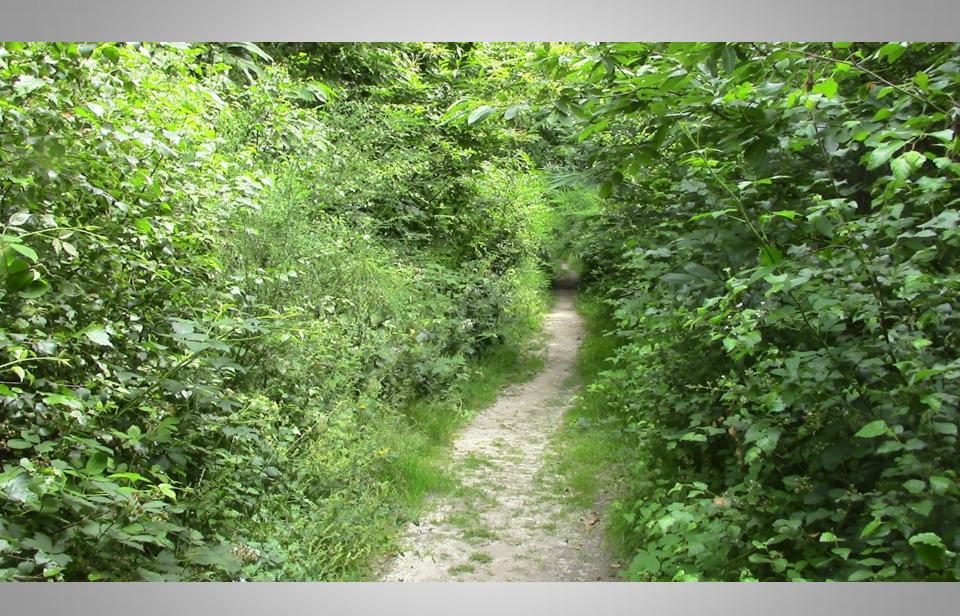


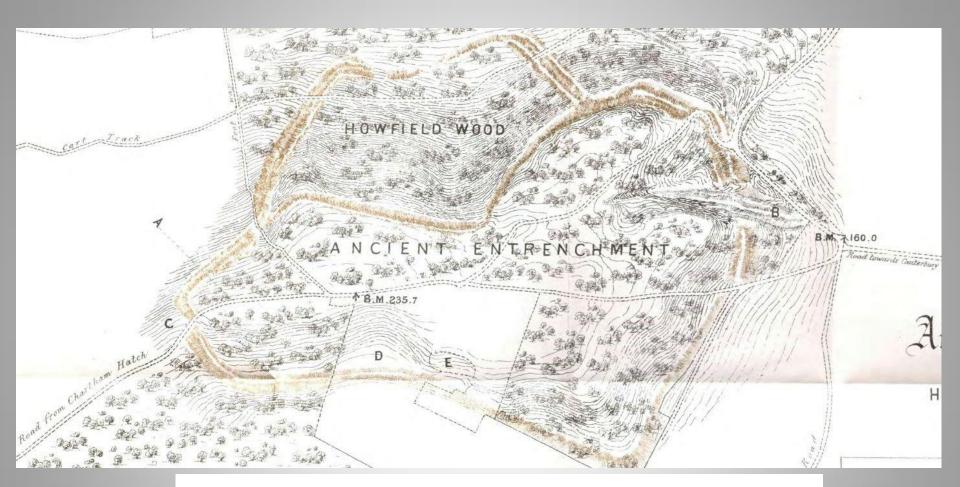






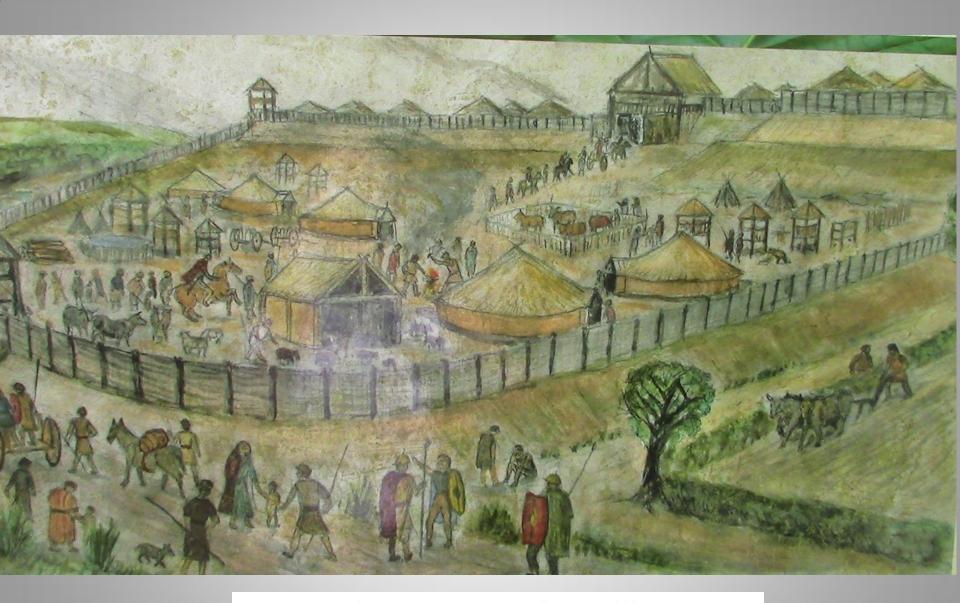






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Bigbury Camp - A Landscape with a History

Bigbury Camp is the major prehistoric earthwork in the Canterbury area and up until recently has been masked by the woodland of South Blean, part of one of the largest areas of ancient woodland in Kent. Much of the ridge of high ground to the west and north of the Stour valley and the City was covered by woodland. This hill fort was first recognised in 1874, following discoveries of Iron Age tools. A slave chain and domestic equipment were found within the southern interior part of the structure. The finds are now held in museums at Canterbury, Maidstone and Manchester.

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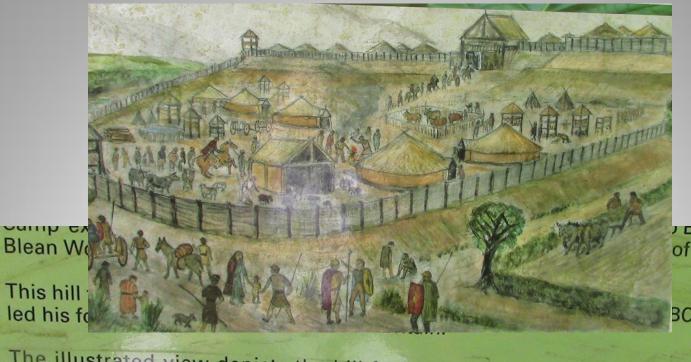
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Canterbury



The High Weald Walk circular hike from Tunbridge Wells

Minimum duration 4hr 30min

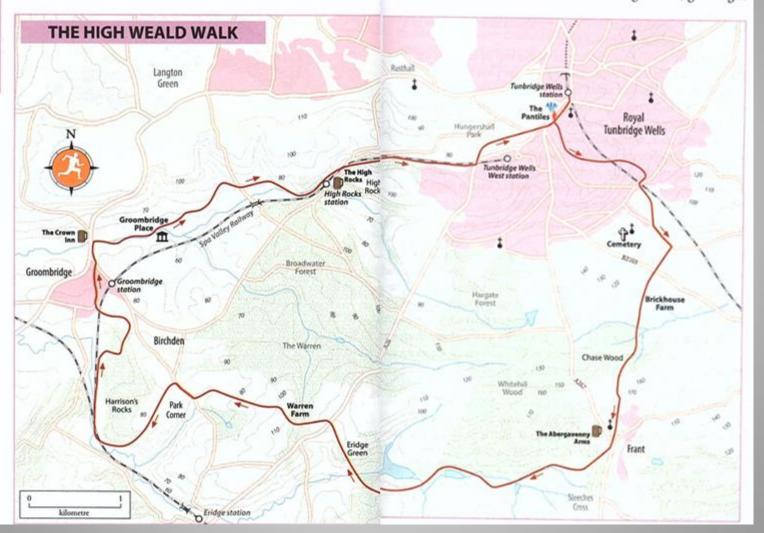
Trains London Waterloo or Cannon Street/London Bridge to Tunbridge Wells (every 30min-1hr; 50min-1hr 15min); return from Tunbridge Wells to London Waterloo or London Bridge/Cannon Street (every 30min-1hr; 1hr-1hr 15min); Southeastern Railway

Maps OS Landranger 188: Maidstone & Royal Tunbridge Wells; OS Explorer Getting started 135: Ashdown Forest

This circular Kent/Sussex route mostly follows the well-signed High Weald Walk, which links a chain of pretty, secluded villages

but it's no hardship to explore its handsome pastel-coloured villas, quirky boutiques and cafés. There are plenty of food shops for picnic supplies, or you can have lunch at the Abergavenny Arms pub in Frant; there's also an excellent old boozer at the lovely village of Groombridge.

2km Coming out of Tunbridge Wells station, turn right and go straight ahead at the roundabout, down the attractive sloping High Street. After 350m, at the bottom of High Street, go straight













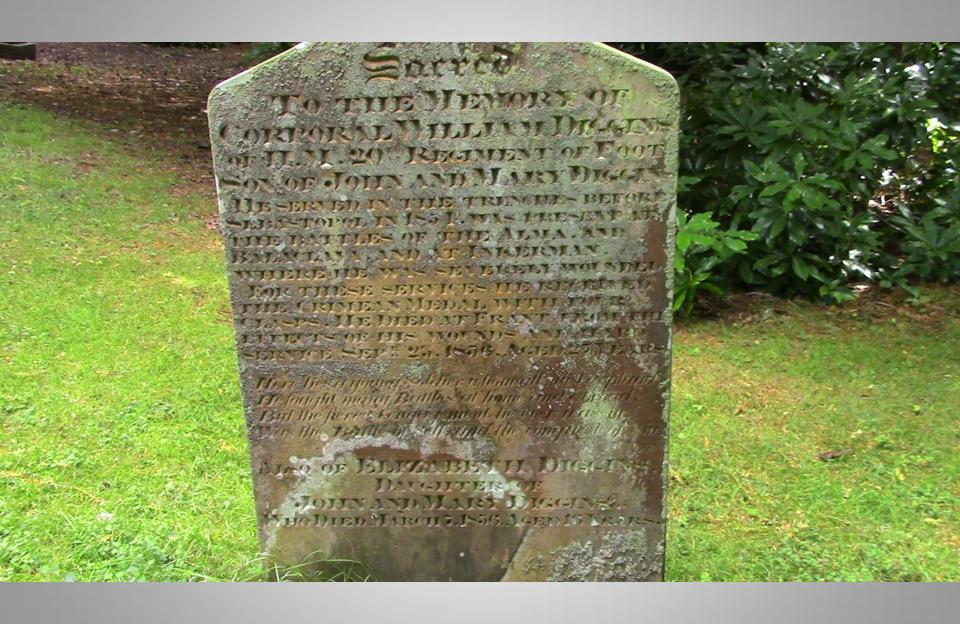






















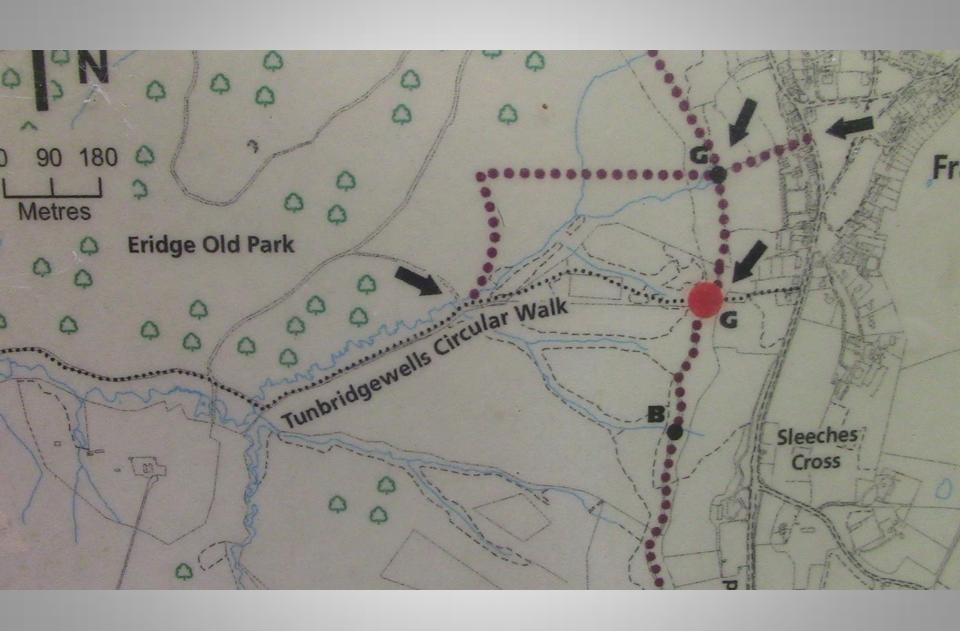








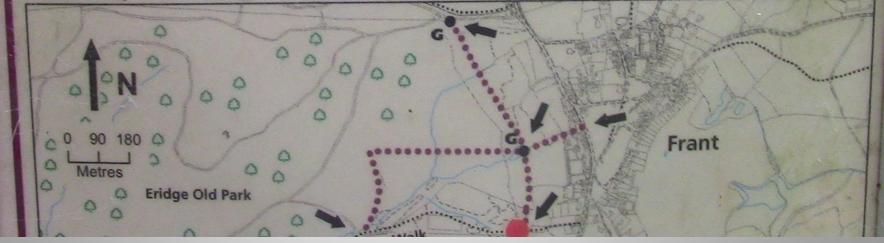




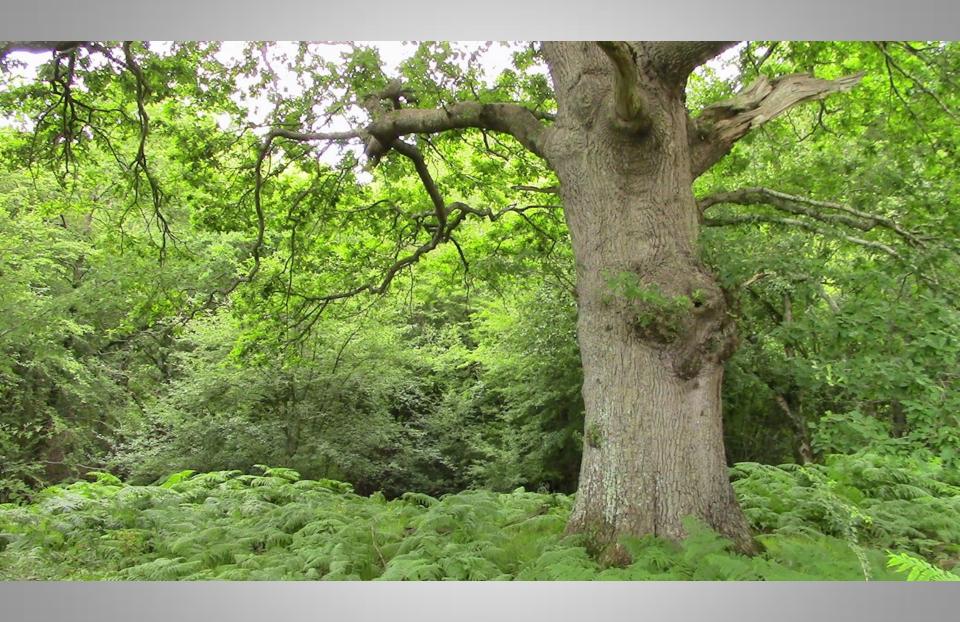


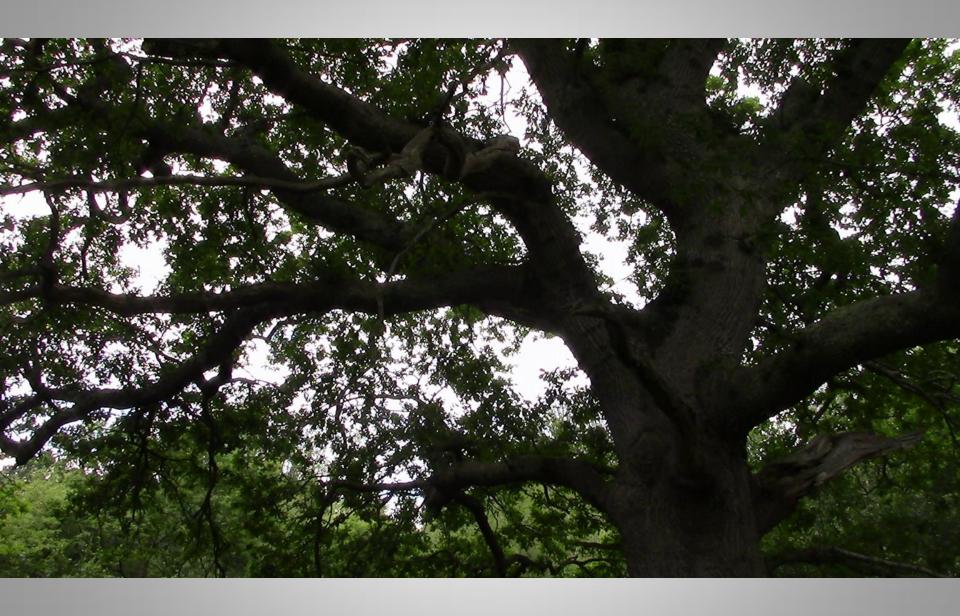
An opportunity to walk along the edge of Eridge Old Park, which is reputed to be one of the oldest and largest deer parks in England. Restoration of the Park is being undertaken by the Nevill Estate with the aim of encouraging deer to repopulate the park by clearing scrub in the north and replanting the southern area with trees. You are able to walk a small circular route through Whitehill Wood and also walk through Saxonbury Wood, both of which are of great conservation interest.

Please keep to the designated paths and keep dogs on leads.



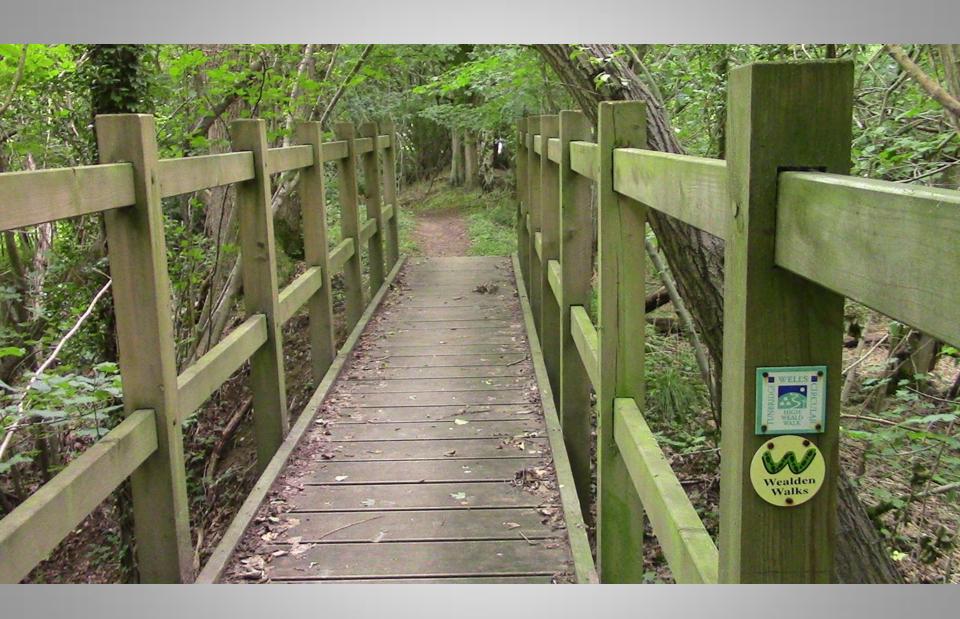




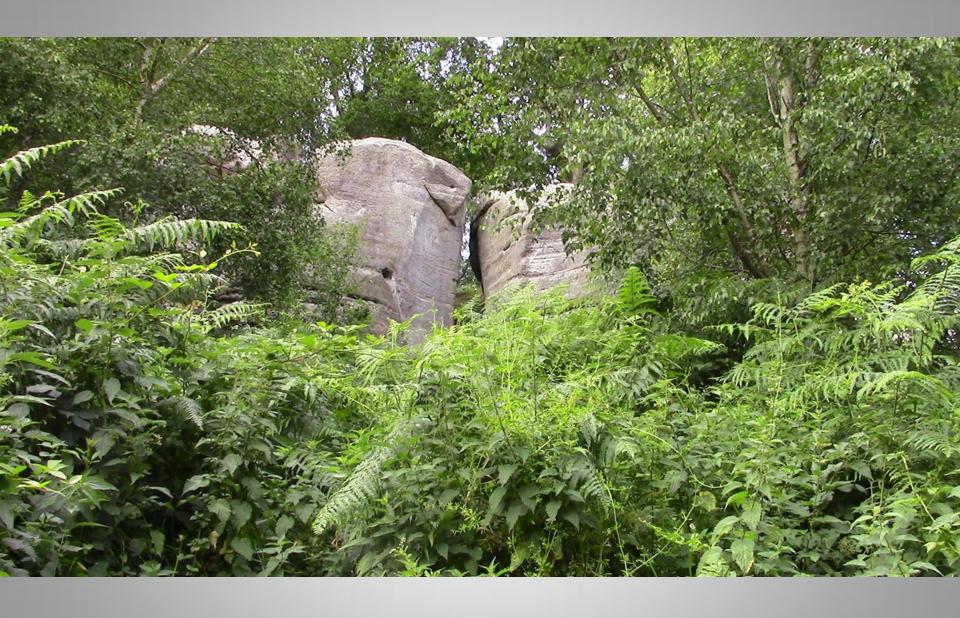












Welcome to Fridge Rocks Nature Reserve

The High Weald is home to the only sandstone outcrops in South East England. These impressive cliffs support an internationally important community of ferns, mosses, lichens and liverworts.



Little wonders

The great variety of tiny ferns, mosses, lichens and liverworts living on these rocks make this a Site of Special Scientific Interest.

Collectively called the lower plants, over 150 different types grow here - it is just like a minic ure rainforest!

Vearing the concrete overcoat?

Touch the stone and feel the honeycomb pattern caused by weathering. The rocks are hard like cement on the outside while being soft and moist on the inside. However, if the outer coat is broken these tough looking cliffs will wear away. So please, no fires or digging near the rocks.

The lower plants grow here because the rocks act like a giant sponge seeping out moisture. This helps to keep it humid, perfect for these plants.



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Help us to care for the rocks and the surrounding woodland by following this Good Practice advice:

ALL USERS:

- · remove your litter
- o do not light fires
- o do not damage the rock, trees or plants
- · use only established paths
- · ask anyone you see damaging the rock to stop, or report them as soon as possible to the BMC

CLIMBERS:

- use a non-stretch belay rope or sling
- make sure the karabiner hangs over the edge of the crag
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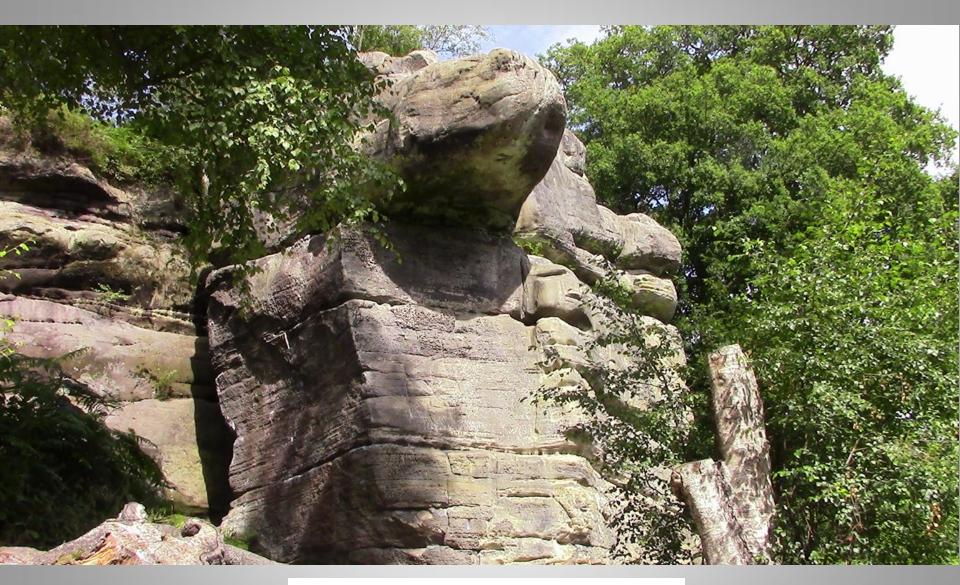


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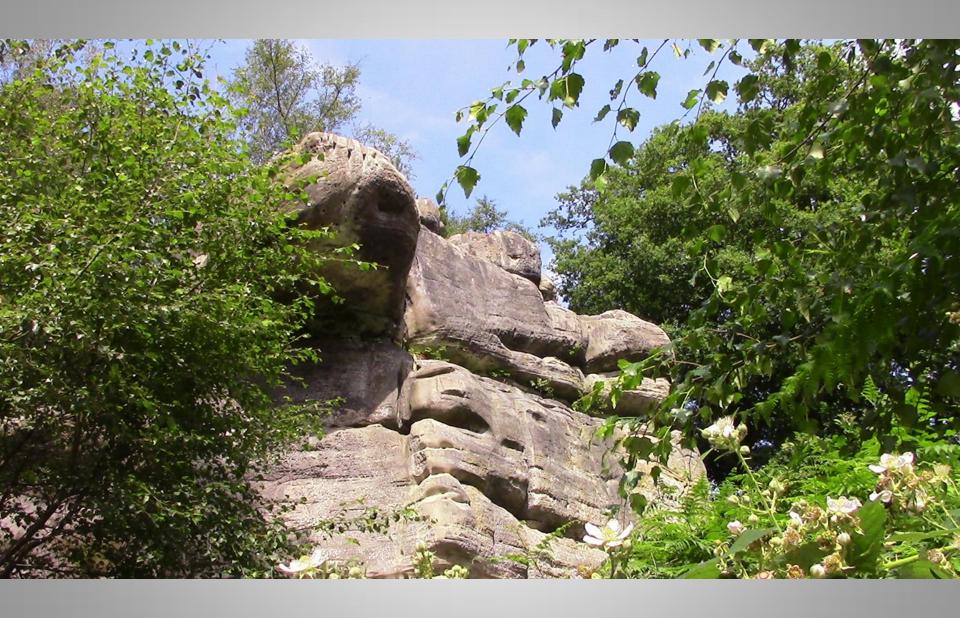
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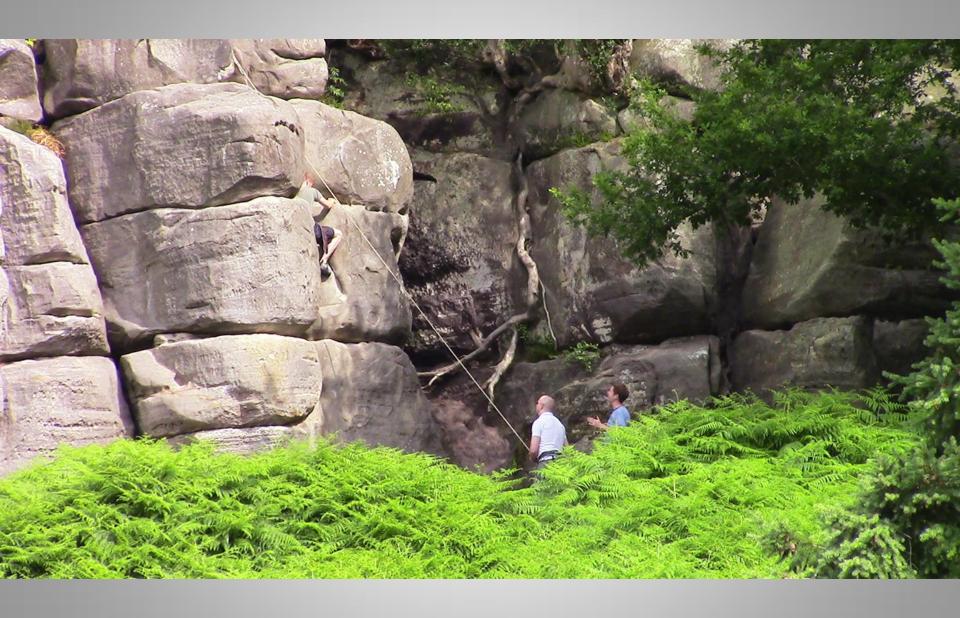


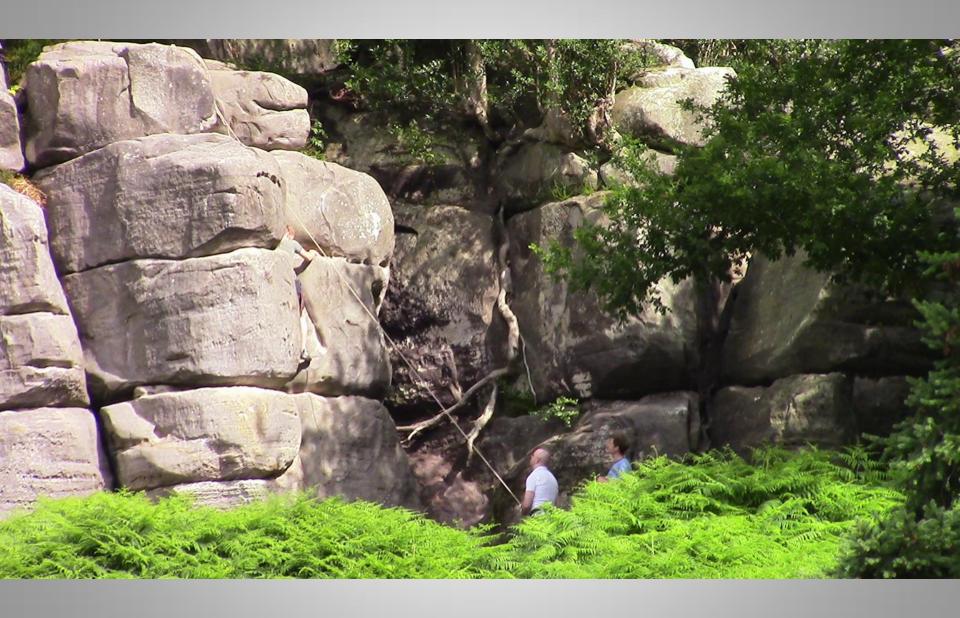


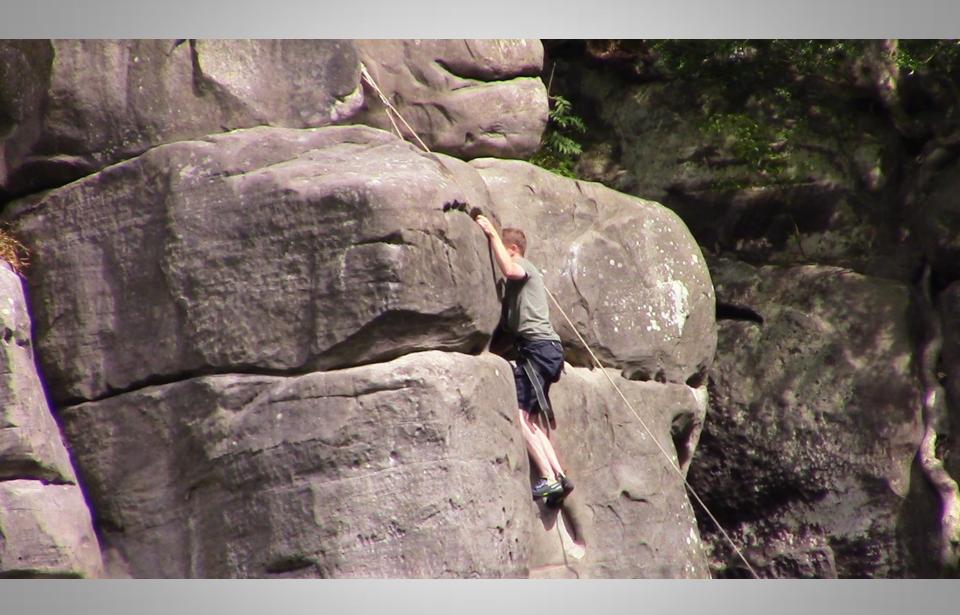
Harrison's Rocks

Sandstone....good for rock climbers!

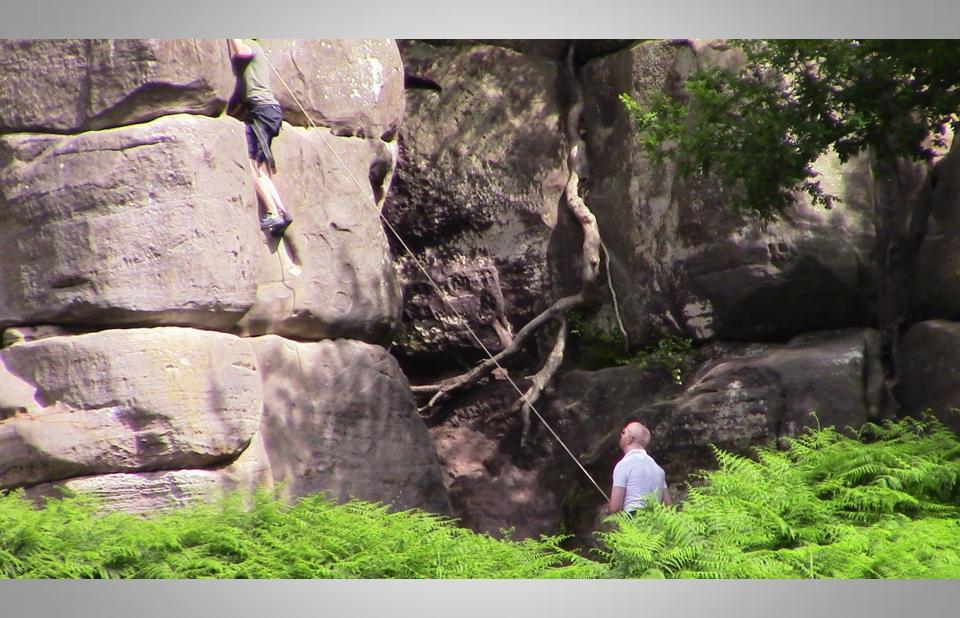


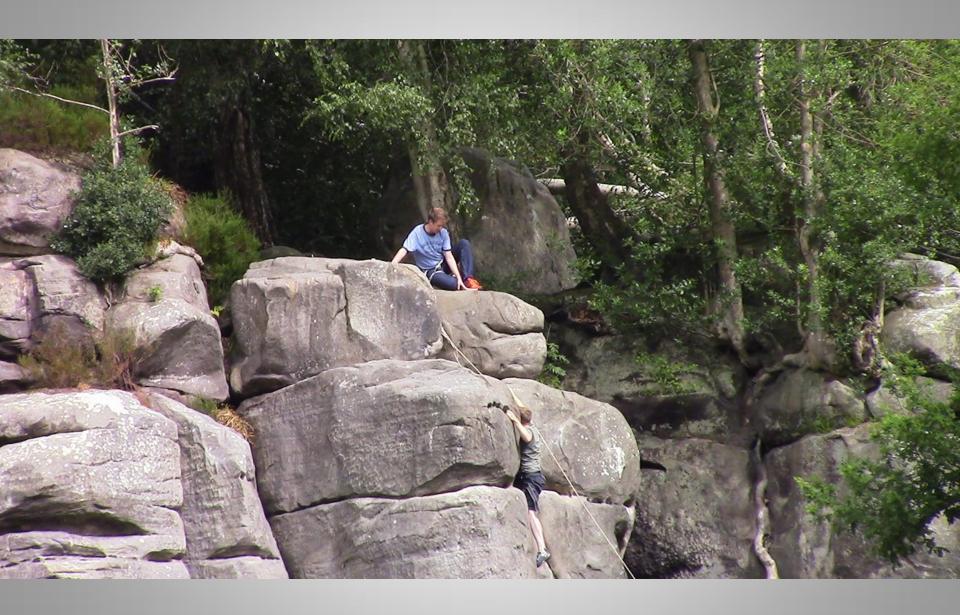




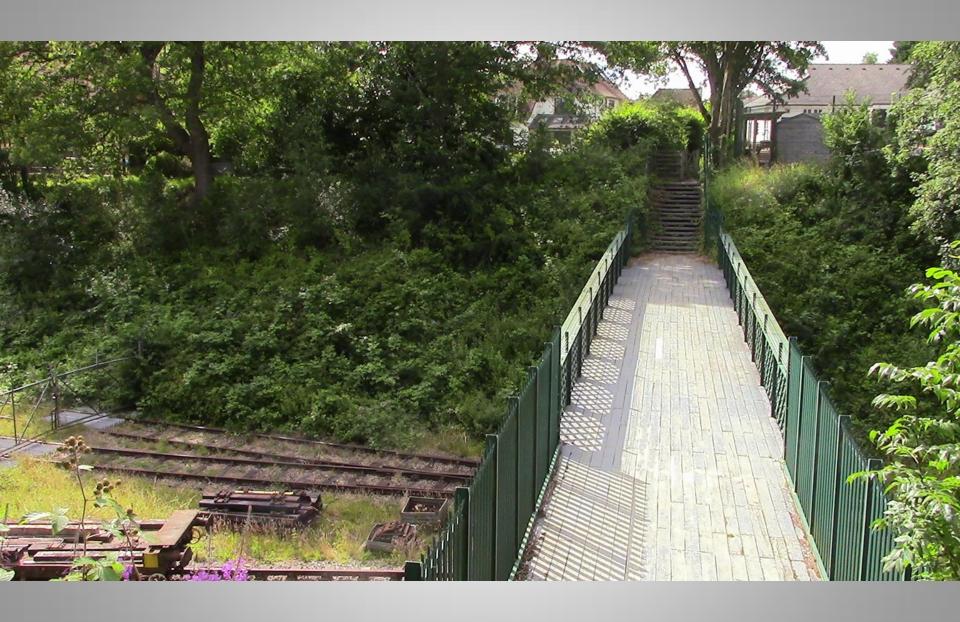


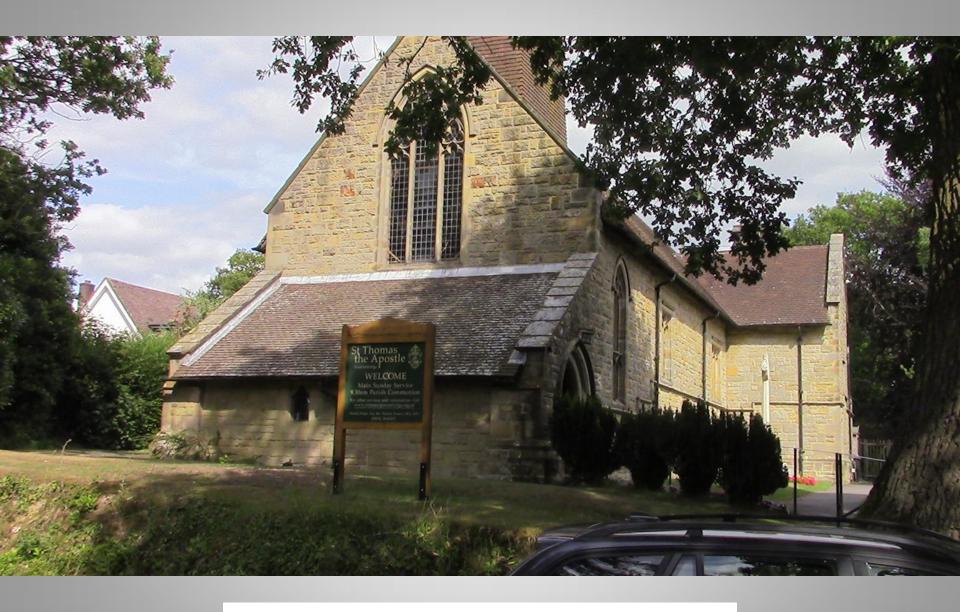












St Thomas Church, Groombridge













Groombridge Place (17th C.)

...used as a setting in the movie "Pride and Prejudice," with Keira Knightley

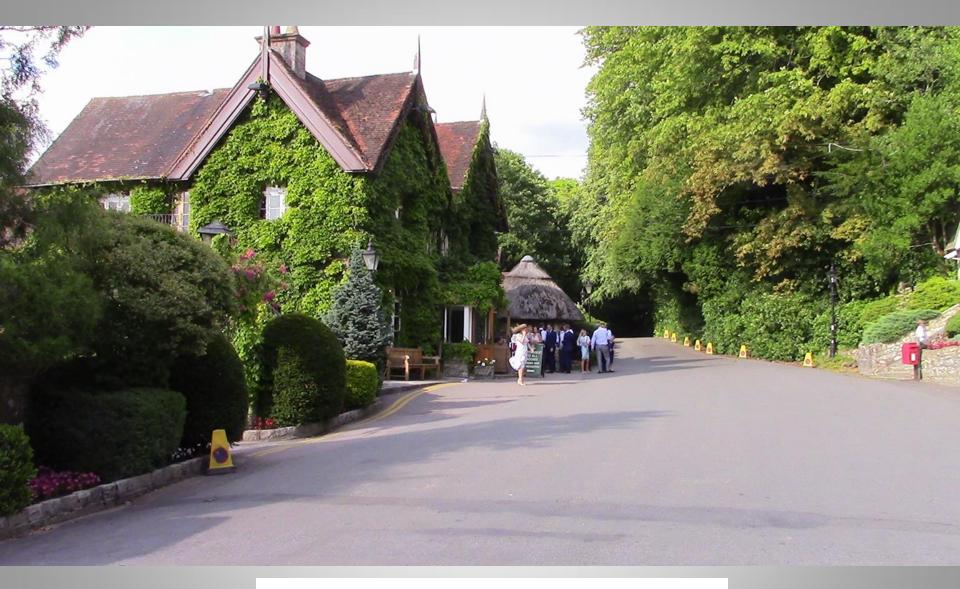






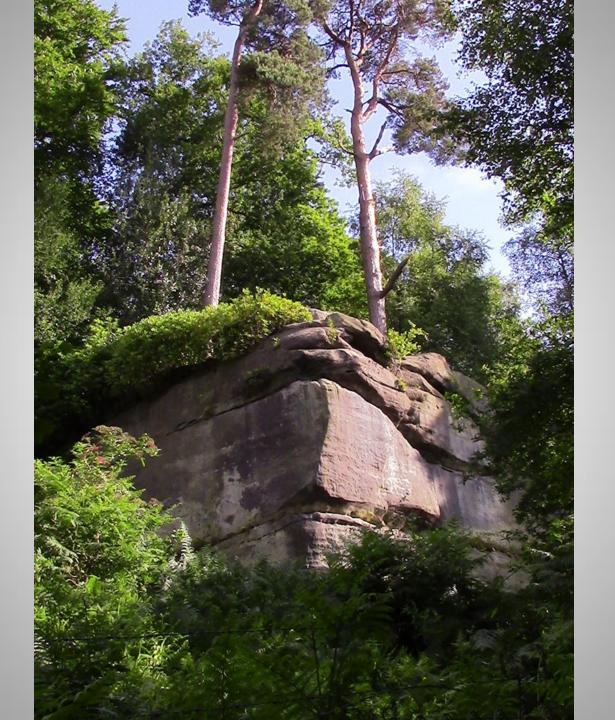


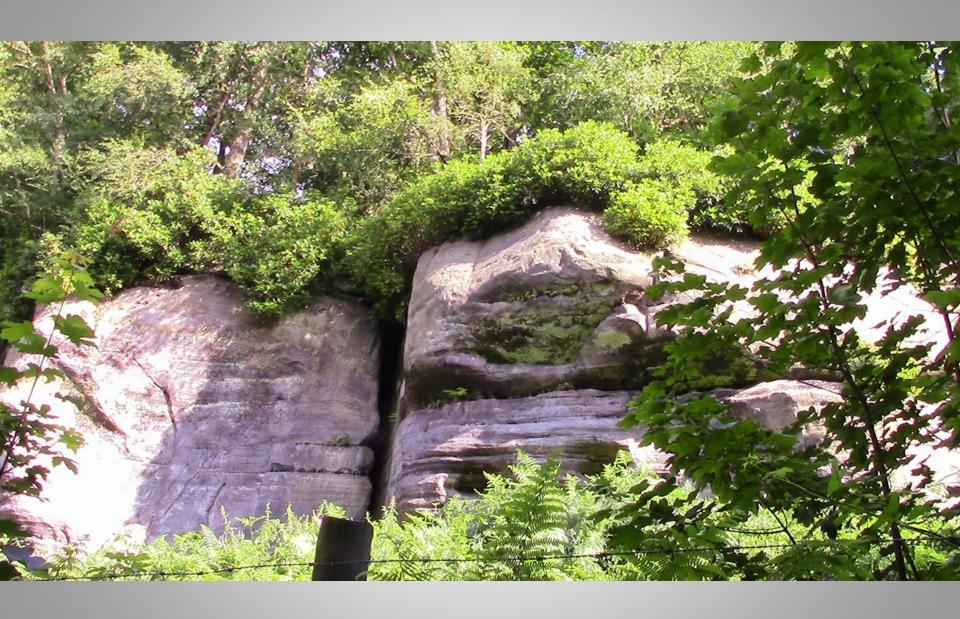


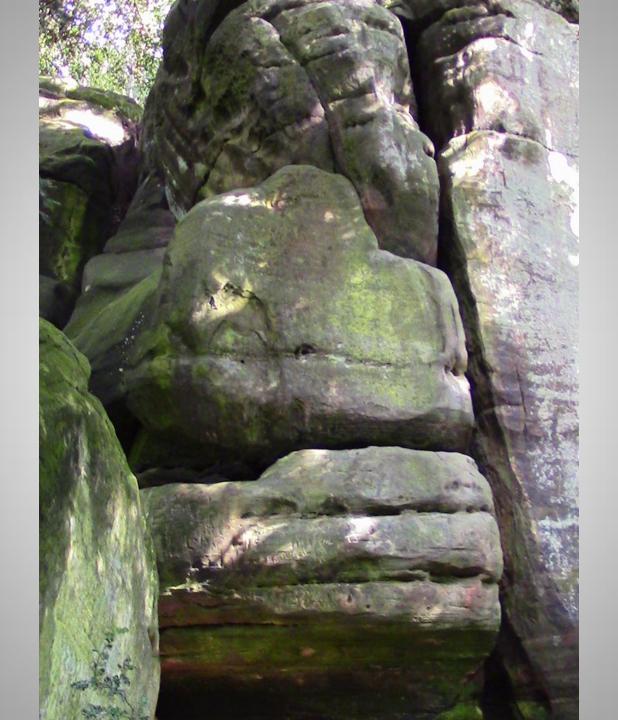


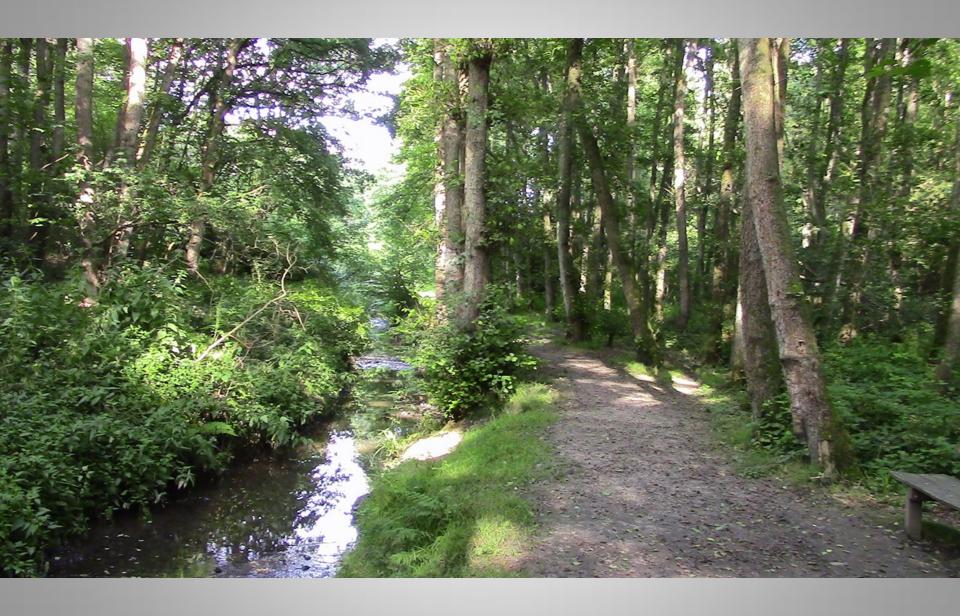
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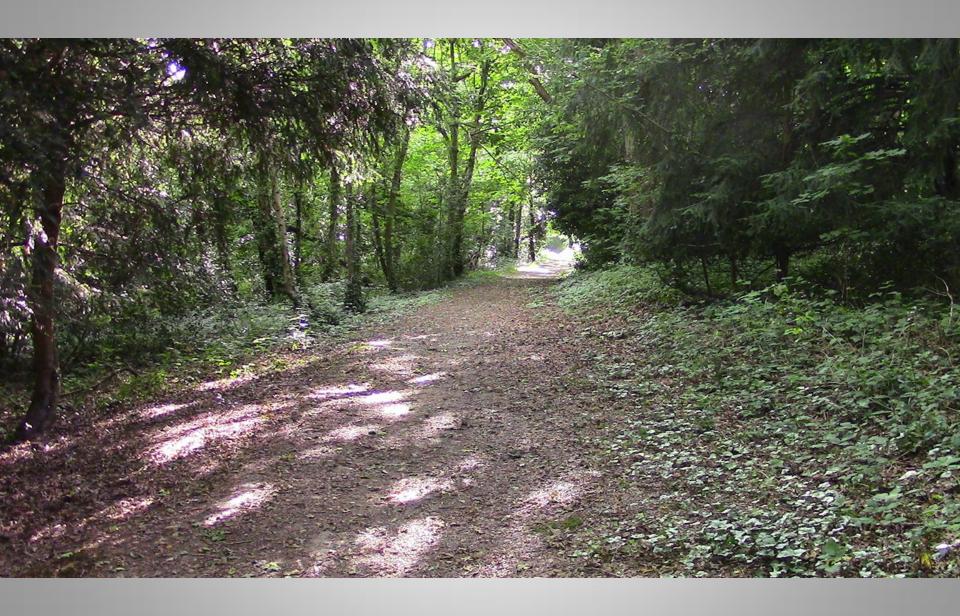
























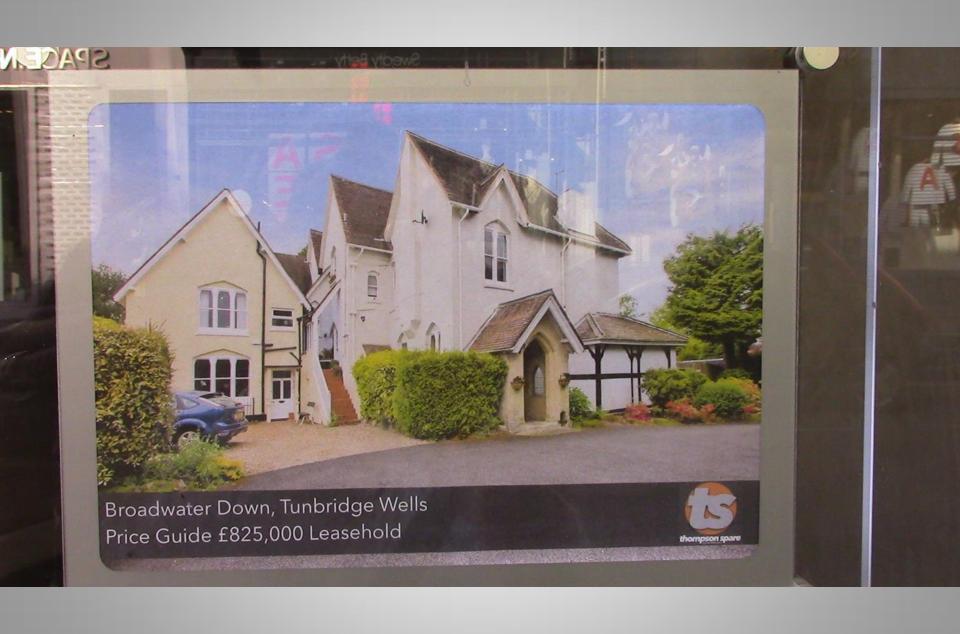






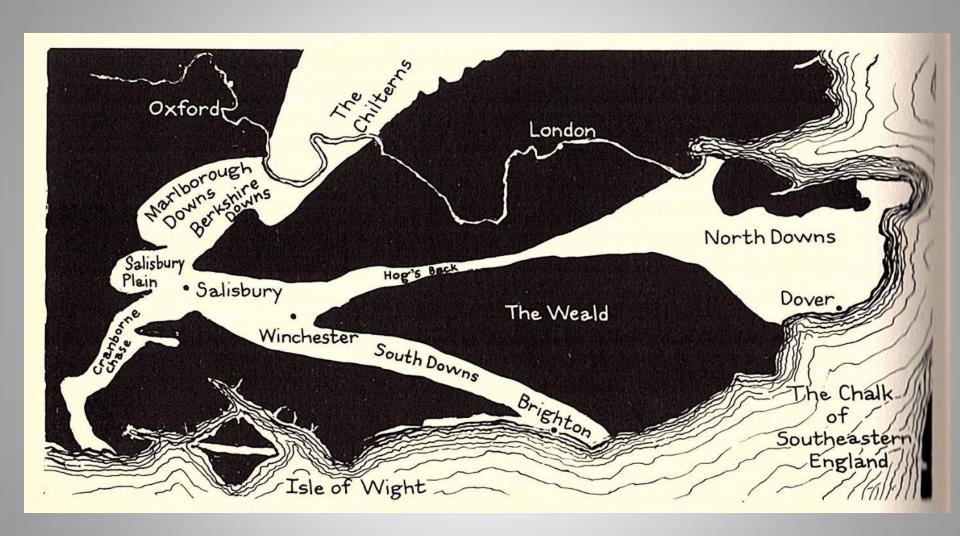






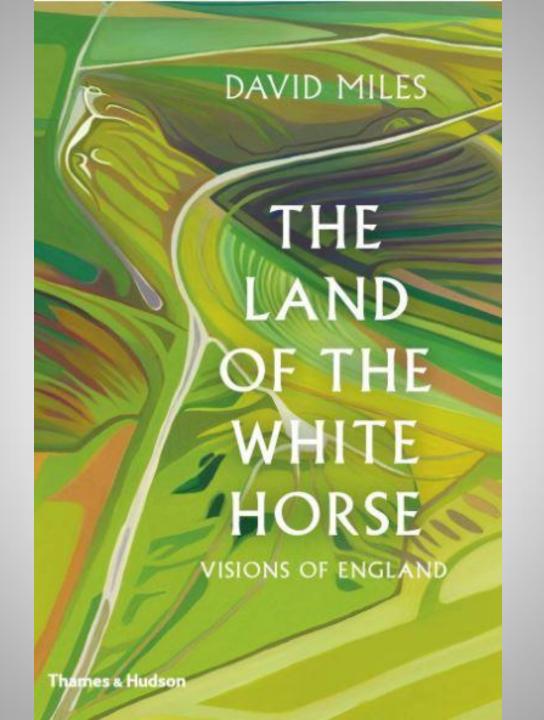


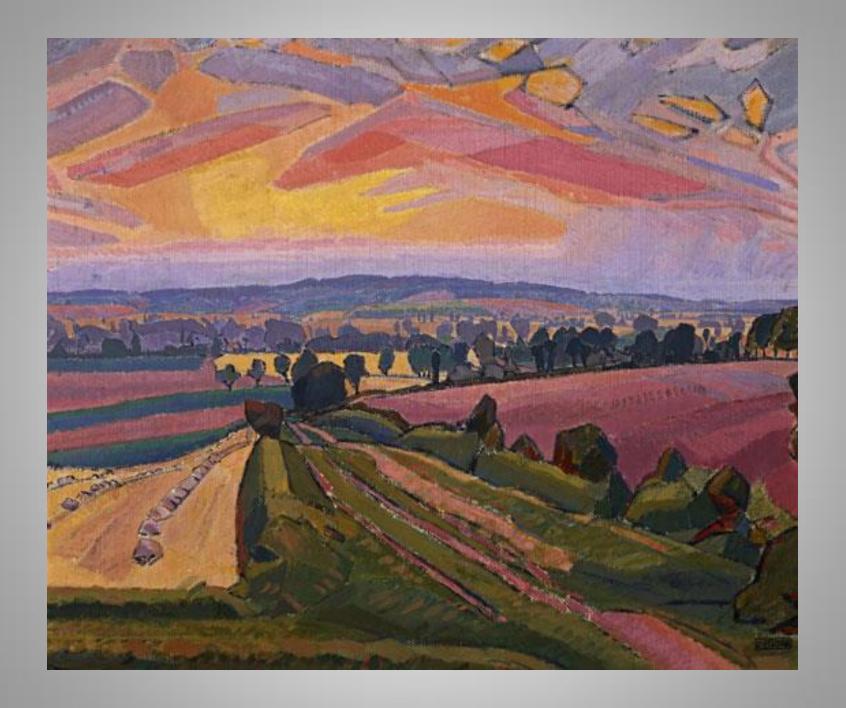


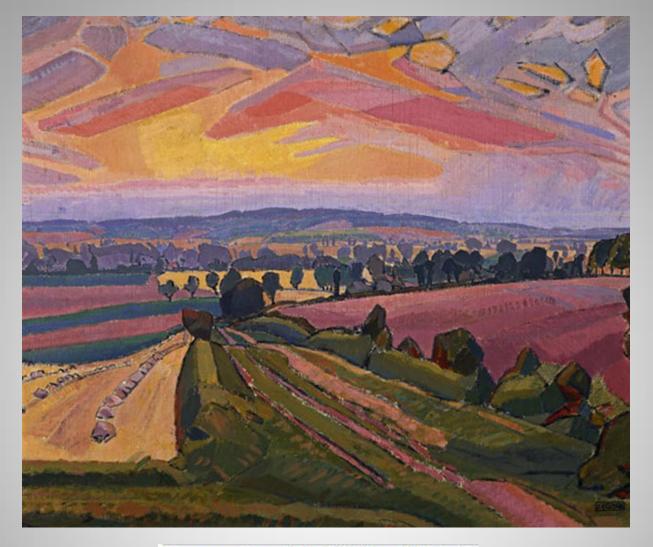


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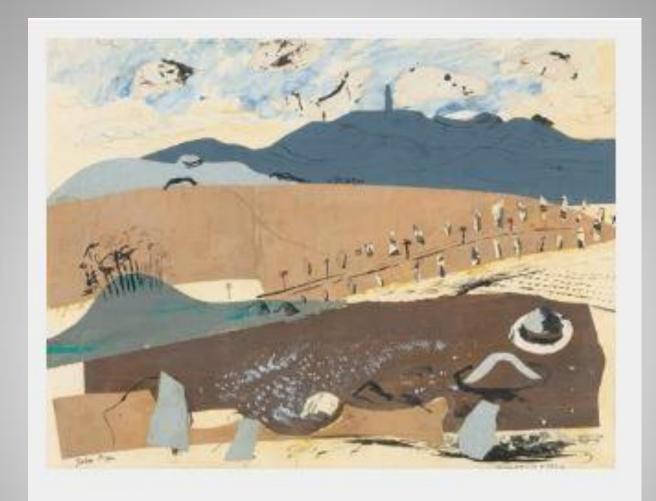
Art and the Ridgeway







Spencer Gore: Icknield Way, 1912.
Used as the cover picture of "The Icknield Way Path - A Walkers' Guide" published by the Icknield Way Association in 2012



John Piper, Archaeological Wiltshire, watercolour, ink, gouache, and collage, 1936-1937. (Image: Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Edinburgh)



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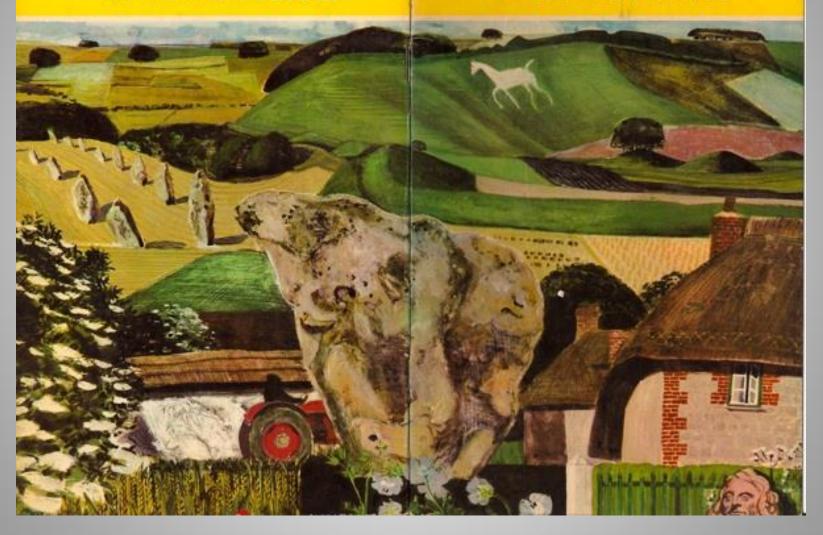
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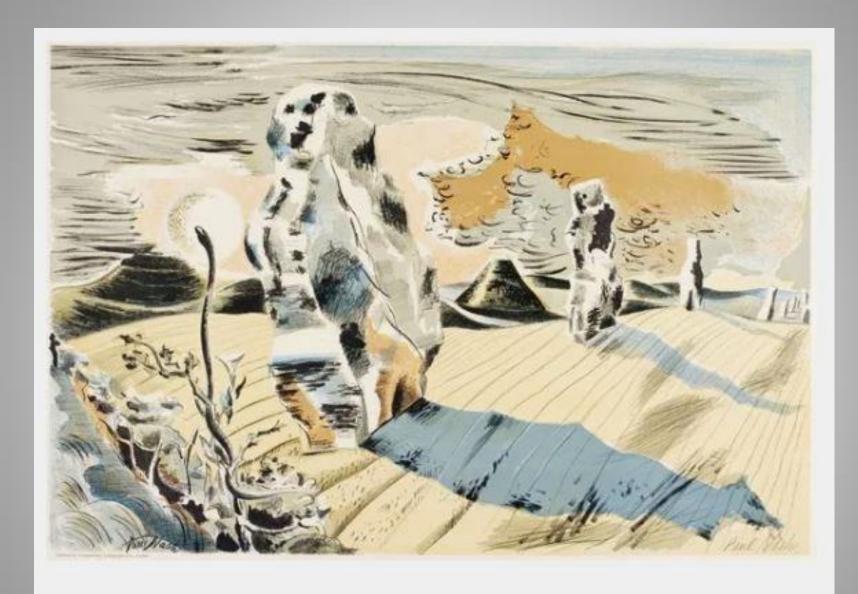
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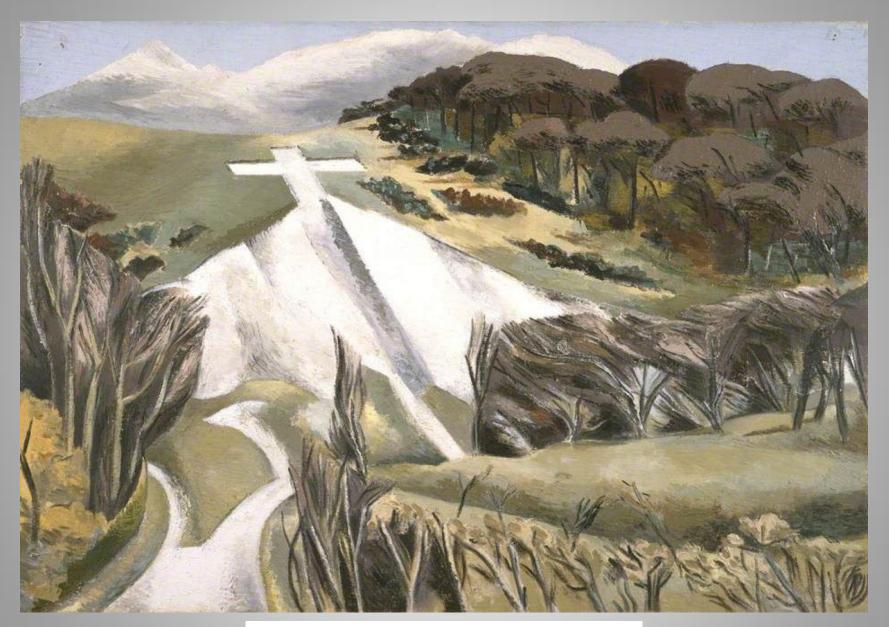
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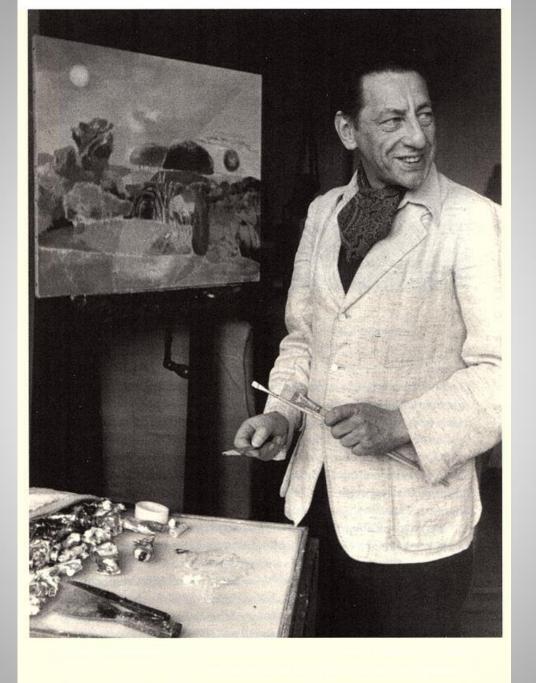




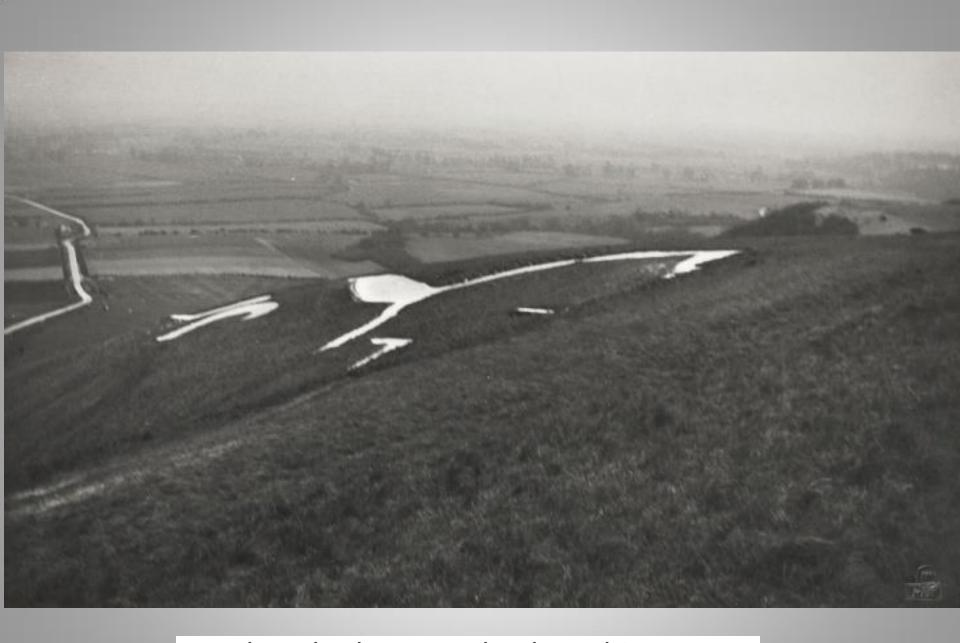
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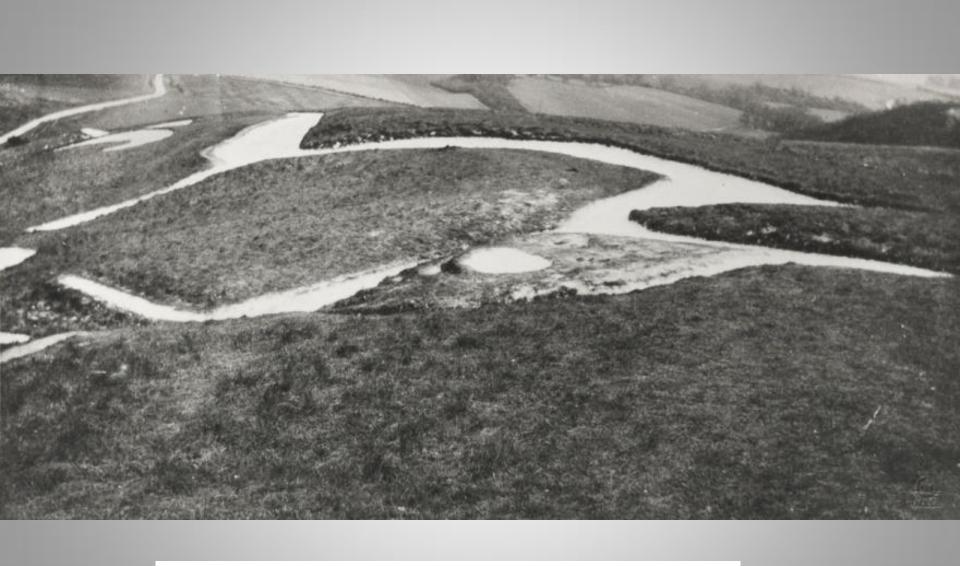
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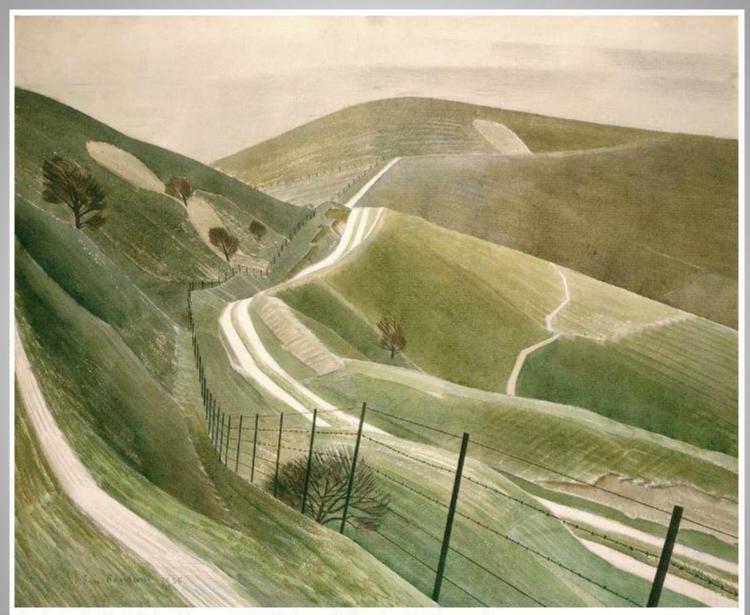
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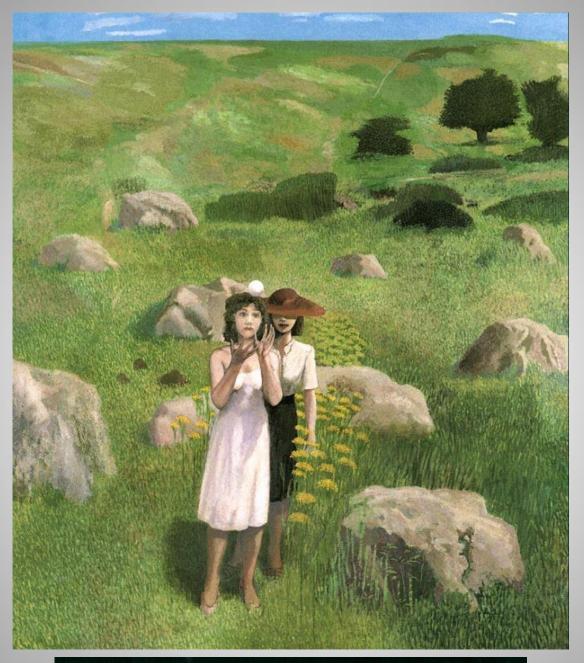
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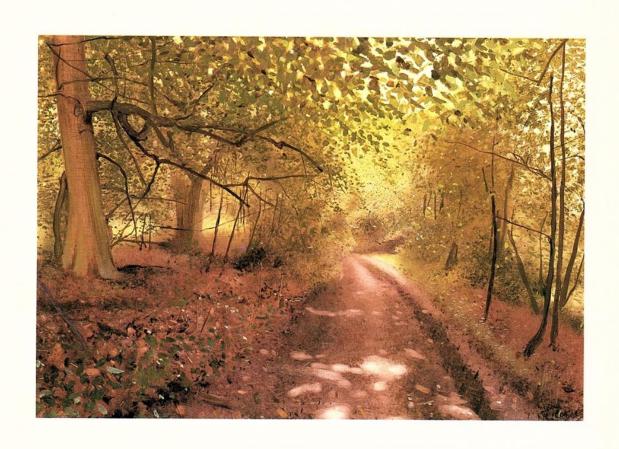
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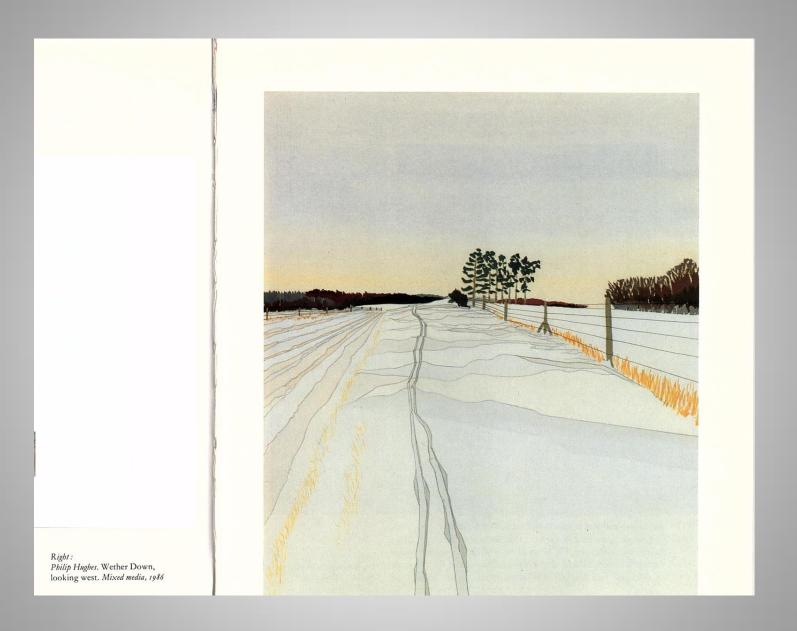
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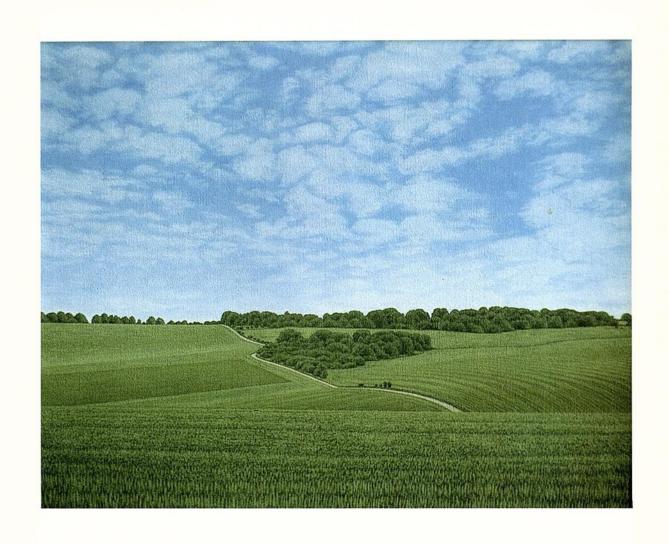


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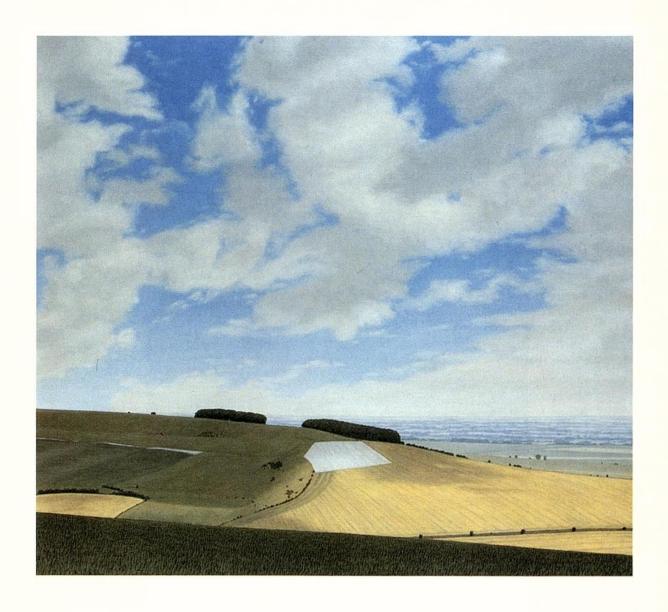




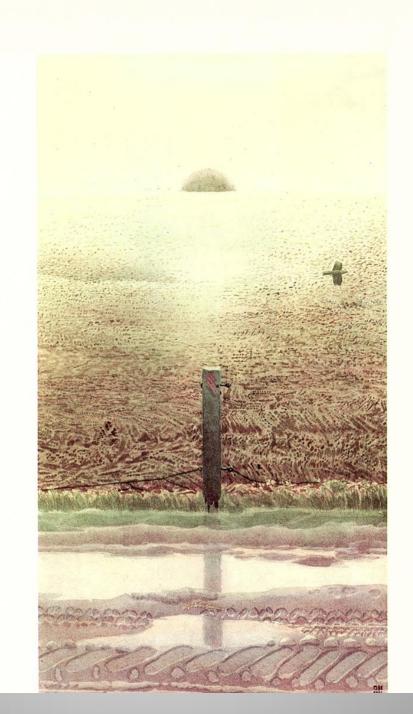
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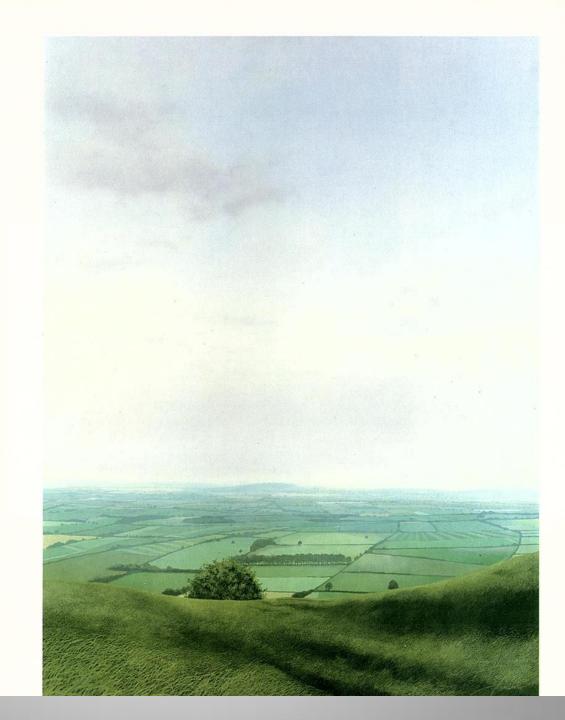
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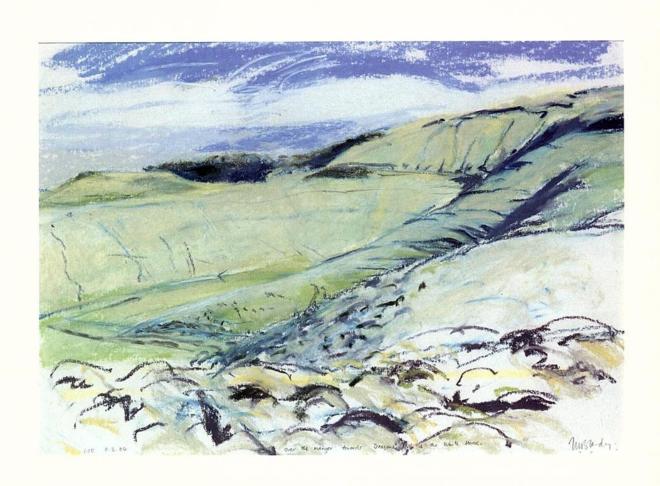


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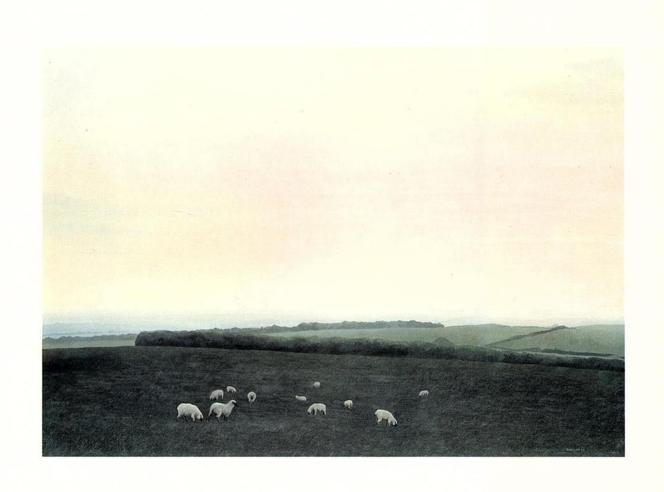


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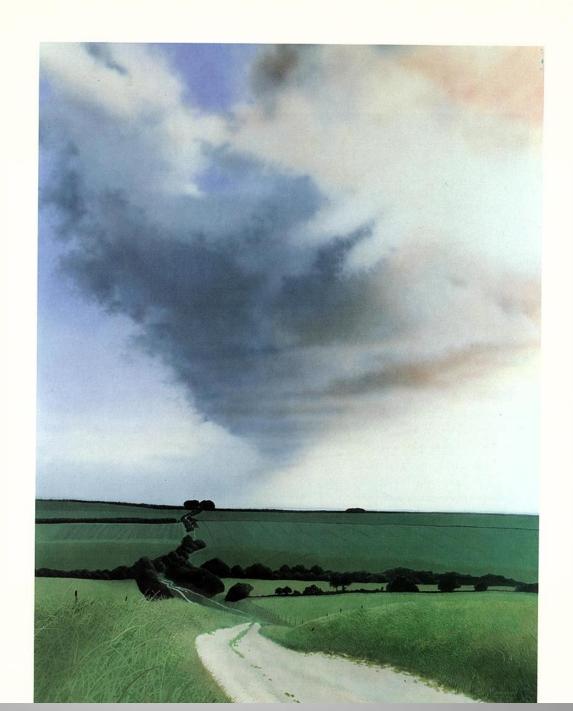
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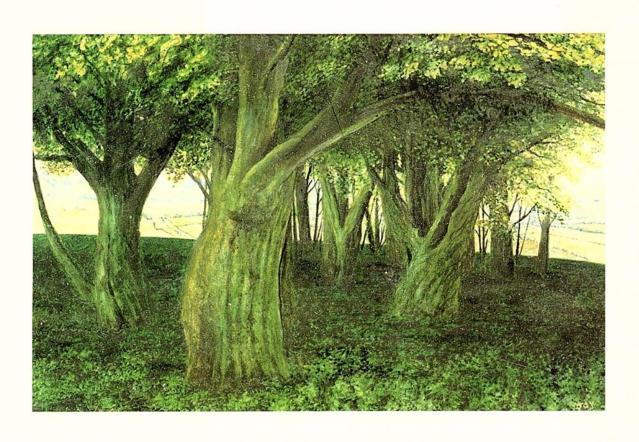


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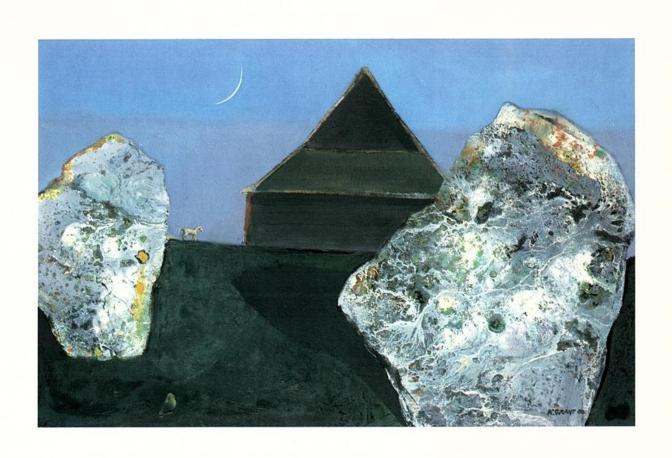


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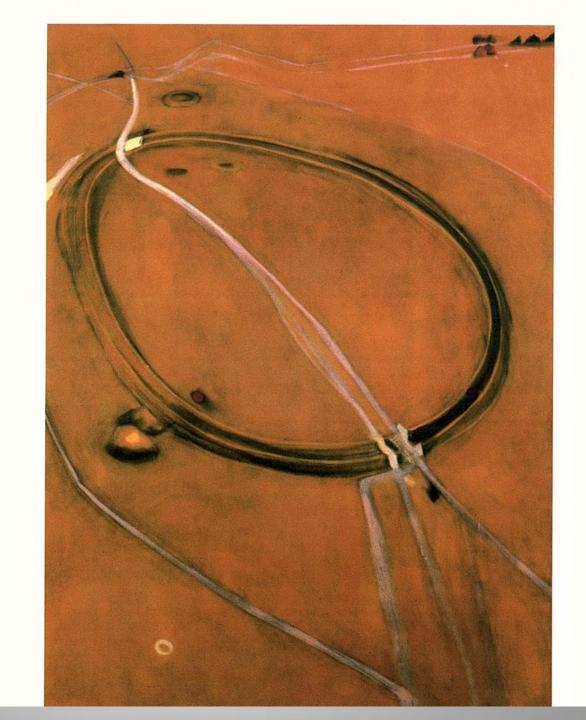




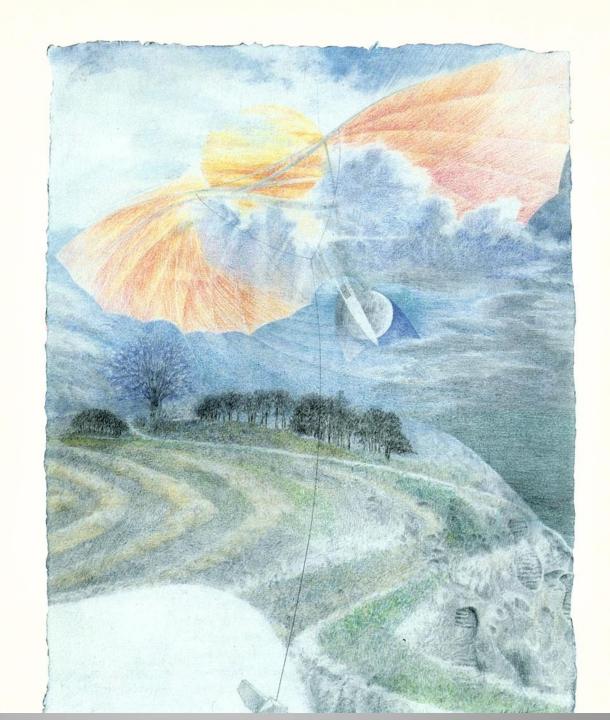
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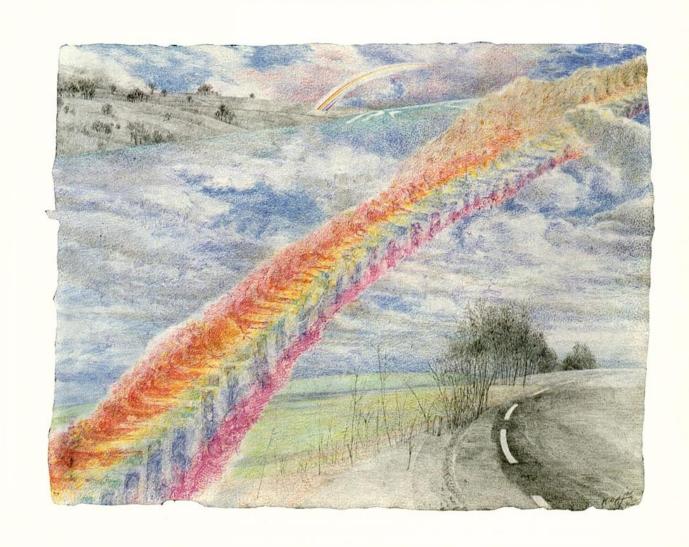
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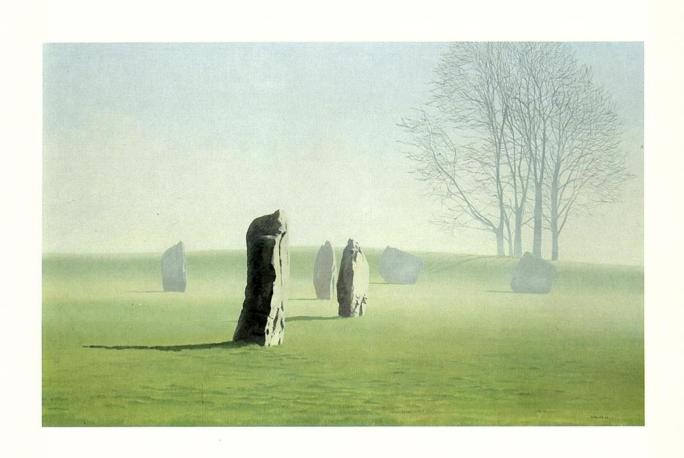
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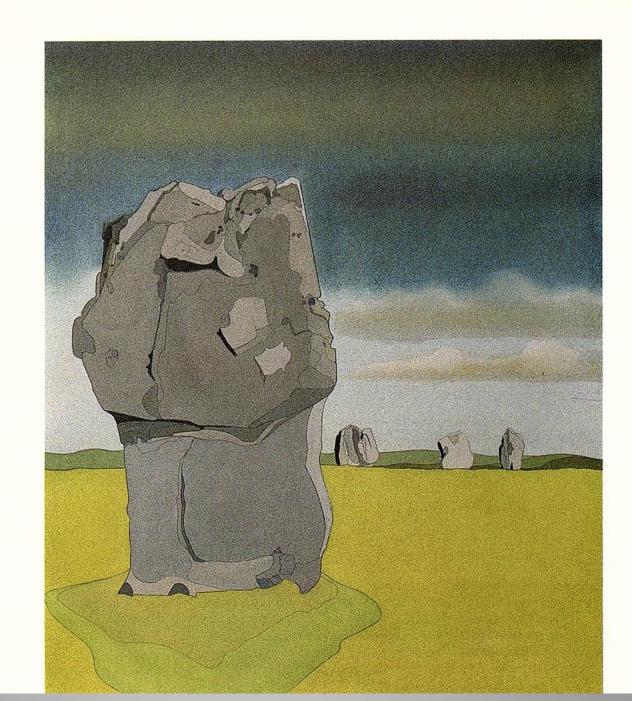
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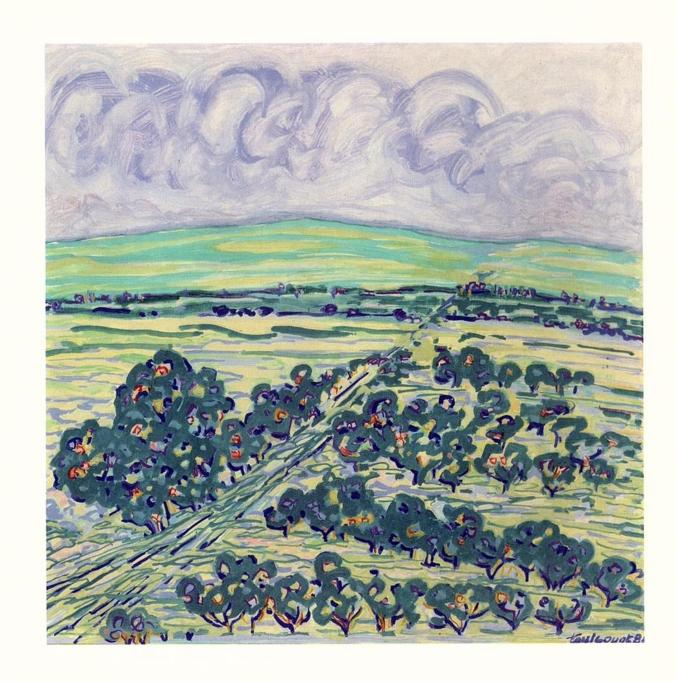
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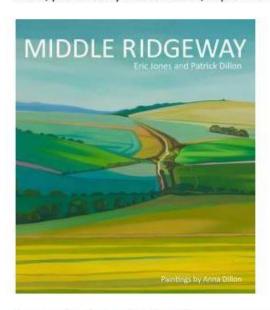
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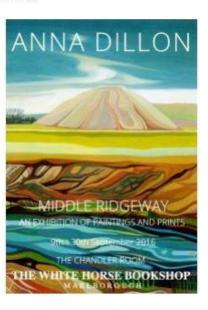
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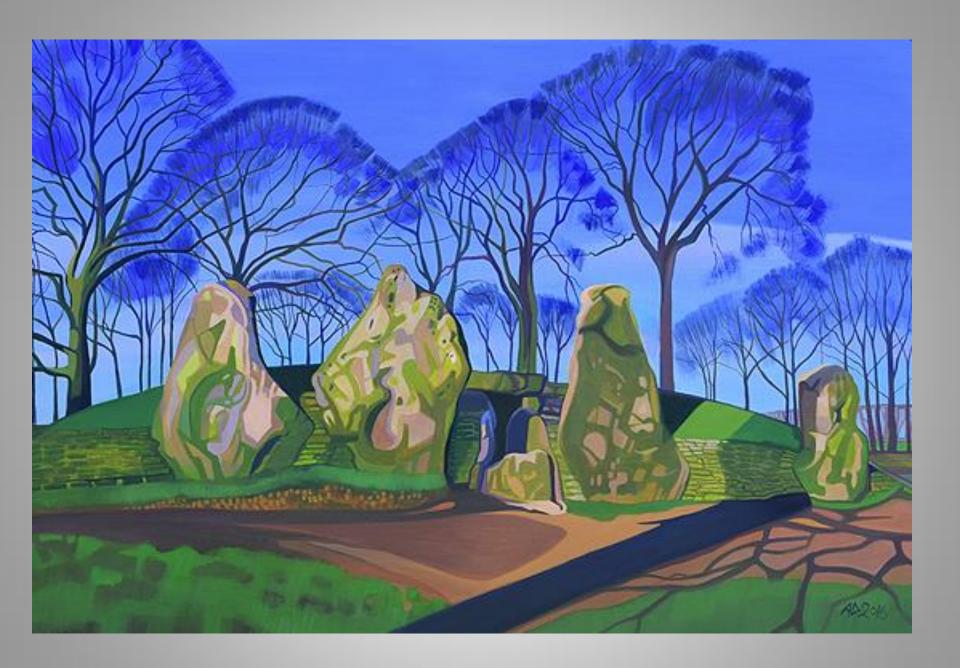
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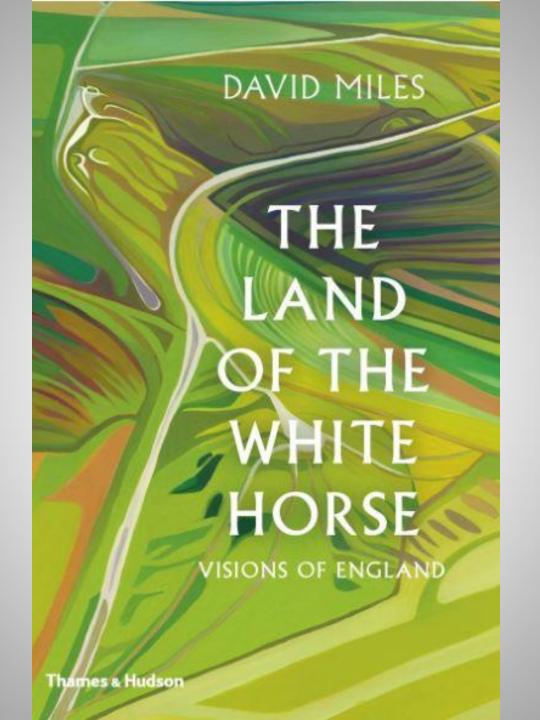
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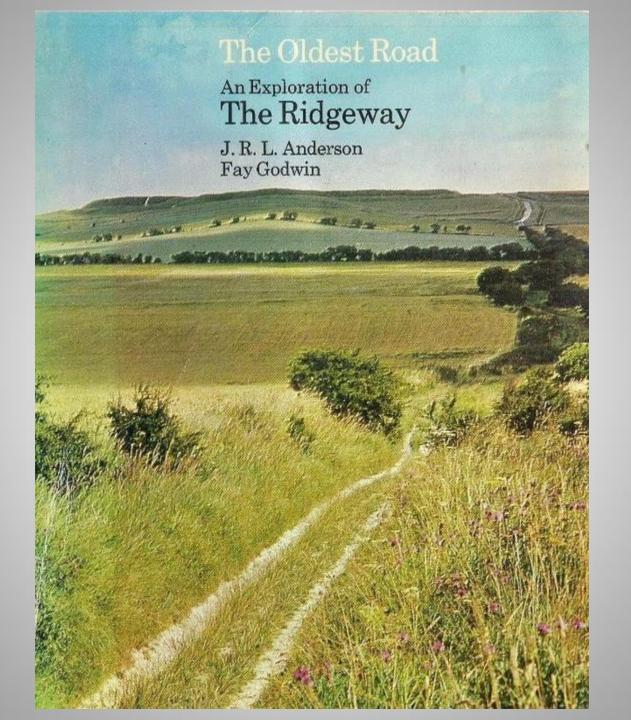
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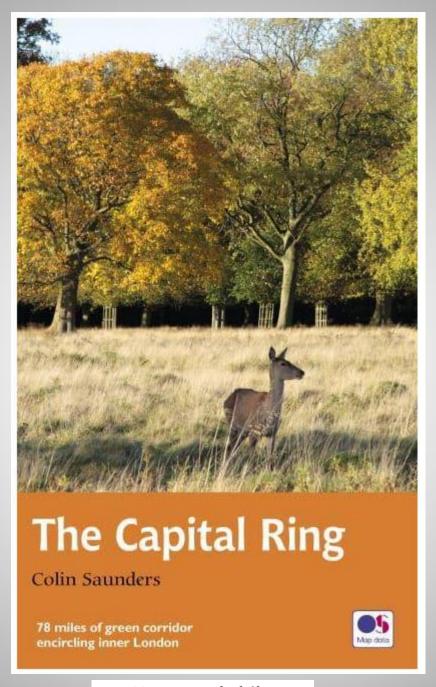




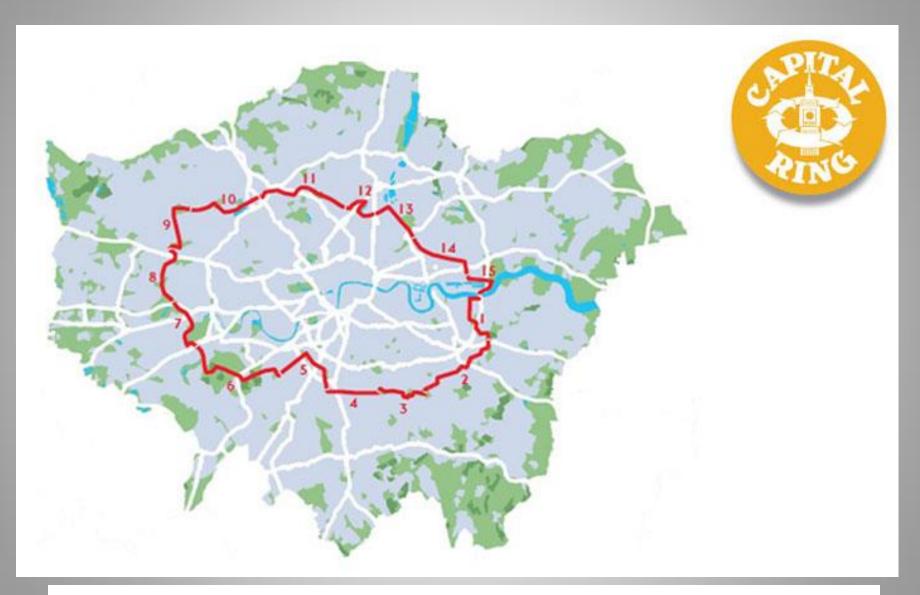








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