

Haslemere Outer Orbital Path – Spoke Routes

Haslemere Station to Marley Common (2.5 km, 102m ascent/39m descent) – Start of Book 1 Walk 22 Haslemere Circular

Coming out of **Haslemere Railway Station**, *turn right*, cross the main road, and go up along **Longdene Road**. After 400m of steady ascent, where the road goes sharply left to continue as Courts Hill Road, you *continue straight on* along **Hedgehog Lane**, signposted as a dead end. In 30m, opposite Ridgeways House, **[!]** *turn right* with a signposted footpath along a wide earthen path (260°), with a metal field gate and wooden kissing gate visible some 70m ahead. Once through the wooden kissing gate, keep ahead on an enclosed footpath, steadily downhill with a new housing estate to the right. In 450m, you continue along the pavement of the access road into the estate to the main road, the **A287**. In 60m go across the road and continue a little to the right through a gap in iron railings down a tarmac path and continue along a residential road between houses (250°). Immediately you cross a stream on the path, this is the infant south branch of the **River Wey**.

In 150m (having ignored a left turn into Orchard Close) follow the road *around to the left* (210°), leading up to another main road, the **B2131**. In 100m at a T-junction with the road, *turn right* along its pavement and in 30m, by Marley Combe Road, *turn left* to cross the road and go steeply up an earthen path into woods (250°). In 50m follow this path round to the left, as it becomes a broader track (220°). Continue up this main path through the woods, steadily uphill, with houses visible to your right and with the track going gently leftwards. In 500m, at the top of the rise, go over a crosspaths (with a wooden gate and a wooden field gate over to your right) and keep ahead (150°). In 160m you pass a wooden gate on the right and in 50m *turn left* downhill with the path.

[!] In 15m along this path from the bend, you **[!]** *turn right* along a narrow path that continues broadly in your previous direction. The path goes between a wooden red top post on your left and a prominent beech tree on your right and has an earth bank on its right-hand side. In 15m *turn right* through a wooden gate, to continue in more or less your previous direction (160°), to go uphill. Ignore all ways off and in 220m you reach a four-way junction, by a wooden gate and wooden field gate on the left. Both the **Sussex Border Path and the Serpent Trail** cross left-to-right. *Turn right* and in 120m you reach a signposted five-way junction. Continue straight ahead and pick up the HOOP directions in Leg 1, 1st para, last sentence: "...passing through gate (wms) to Marley Common Information board and car park."

Marley Common to Haslemere Station (2.5 km, 39m ascent/102m descent) – Finish of SWC Walk 218 Haslemere to Midhurst via Midhurst Way (reverse version); also Reverse of Start of Book 1 Walk 22 Haslemere Circular

Leave the HOOP directions in Leg 1 (Kingsley Green to Linchmere Common), 1st para, last sentence, at the five-way junction with the Sussex Border Path (which is in fact a four-way junction). Cross the junction and follow a narrow path with

a wood on the right. In 220m *turn right* through a wooden gate into the wood and *turn left* with the path along an earth bank on the left. In 15m *turn left* uphill at a T-junction. In 15m *turn right* with the path and in 50m you pass a wooden gate on the left. In 160m go over a crosspaths (with a wooden gate and a wooden field gate over to your left) and continue on the level along a broad path through **Marley Combe**.

The path eventually starts to descend and there are some houses visible on the left. In 500m from the crosspaths you *turn right* with the path, steeply downhill. In 50m emerge onto **Marley Combe Road** near its junction with the **B2131 Camelsdale Road** and *turn right* along the B road and in 40m *turn left* along **Moorfield** (leading to Sturt Avenue). In 100m *bear right* with the road by a school on the left and in 130m cross a stream (the infant south branch of the **River Wey**) and continue up along a tarmac path. In 30m you go through some metal railings and cross the **A287 Sturt Road** a little to the right to walk up along the pavement of an access road to a new housing estate.

In 60m follow a gravel path to the right of the estate uphill and in 450m go through a wooden kissing gate to the left of a metal field gate and continue in the same direction through trees between barbed wire fences. In 50m *turn left* along **Hedgehog Lane**, by a footpath signpost on the left. In 25m continue in the same direction at a bend in a road where another road joins from the right (Courts Hill Road, which continues as **Longdene Road**). In 30m ignore a left turning path and *turn right* with the road to descend into **Haslemere**. In 380m cross **Lower Street** (there is a set of lights to the left), with **Harper's Steakhouse** on your right-hand side, and continue down the station approach to reach **Haslemere Station** in 60m. [The **Metro Café** is 50m away to the right and **other tea options** are further along the road in Haslemere's town centre.] London bound trains depart from the far platforms.

Haslemere Station to Hindhead (3.8 km, 143m ascent/27m descent) – Alternative Start of SWC Walk 144 Haslemere to Farnham combined with Reverse of Finish of Book 1 Walk 27 Milford to Haslemere

Alight from the train in **Haslemere** on platform 1 and leave through the ticket office or to the left of it, *turn right* towards a main road 60m away, where you *turn right* along its pavement. In 180m walk under the railway line and immediately afterwards **Weydown Road** turns right off the main road. *Cross the road and continue in the same direction* along a signposted tarmac footpath through a grassy strip with a brook on your left and a large car park to the right. In 150m cross the brook on a concrete two-railed bridge, ignore paths left and right to continue between wooden fences and emerge in another 150m on **Bunch Lane** at a T-junction. *Turn right* along the lane's right-hand pavement, initially with houses on both sides, then with the wooded stream valley on the right and only occasional large houses on the left (the pavement has run out).

In 900m (just before crossing the stream again, this time on the lane) *turn left* with a signposted Public Byway and with a **Greensand Way** (GW) marker along the tarmac **Stoatley Hollow** to *fork left* in 50m (the right fork leads into a farmyard). In 300m the tarmac discontinues by a last house on the left and you ascend more steeply along this holloway. In 250m you emerge on **Farnham**

Lane and *turn right* along it, gently ascending. In 270m ignore a signposted bridleway into a wood on the left and in 100m **[!]** *fork left* with the Greensand Way along a signposted footpath into the wood (**Access Land**). In 30m go through a metal gate and continue gently uphill. In 120m cross a NT permissive footpath at an oblique crossing to continue in the same direction, soon downhill.

In 90m at the bottom of the drop, you cross another permissive footpath and go up a small rise. In 70m you pass a bench with fine views on the left across the **Polecat Valley** and in 80m you ignore a couple of permissive footpaths joining down from the right. You start to descend and 150m at a crosspaths by a metal gate and wooden field gate on the left, you continue in the same direction along a public footpath with a barbed wire fence on the left, gently uphill. In 200m *fork left* more steeply uphill with the GW and the public footpath, ignoring the permissive bridleway continuing in the same direction. In 120m go through a metal gate and continue uphill and in 80m at the top of the rise, where a footpath joins from the left, you *bear right* within the wood (but do not turn hard right). You continue just within the wood along the back of houses and gardens on the left and in 330m reach a tarmac lane at a T-junction by the **Devil's Punchbowl Hotel** on the left and the National Trust's **Devil's Punchbowl Café** and car park and opposite. *Turn right* along the tarmac lane (the old A3 London Road) and pick up the HOOP written directions in Leg 6, start of 2nd para: "Continue ahead onto old A3 'Quiet Lane' (E) and...."

Hindhead to Haslemere Station (3.8 km, 27m ascent/143m descent) – Finish of Book 1 Walk 27 Milford to Haslemere combined with Reverse of Alternative Start of SWC Walk 144 Haslemere to Farnham

Leave the HOOP directions at the end of Leg 5, at the Devil's Punchbowl Hotel.

Just past the hotel, *turn right* (160°), marked by a footpath signpost with a '**Greensand Way**' (GW) marker, along a broad path. In 80m, at the end of the fence on the right, *bear left* with the path. Continue due south, parallel to the back gardens away to your right-hand side, just inside woods. In 250m, at a crosspaths, you continue in the same direction downhill with a GW marker post (130°). In 80m go through a metal gate and in 120m, at a path junction in open heathland, you *bear right* with a bridleway marker post, gently downhill (200°). In 200m cross a path, by a footpath post on your left and a metal gate and a wooden field gate on your right. Follow the GW straight on, first steadily uphill, then more steeply, on a sandy path, through light woodland (170°).

In 150m the path levels out and you ignore a couple of NT permissive footpaths joining down from the left. In 100m you pass a bench with a magnificent view across the **Polecat Valley** on the right. In 70m, you cross a rough track to continue straight on with a GW marker post and start to re-ascend, steeply uphill along a narrow path. In 90m the path levels out and in another 20m you cross a path at an oblique crossing to continue slightly to the left, with a GW marker post on your right (170°), on a broad path through light woodland. In 120m you go through a metal gate and in a further 30m come out on to a tarmac road with Little Scotstoun opposite and *turn right* along **Farnham Lane**.

Pick up the directions on page 5 at the asterisk *).

Haslemere Station to Gibbet Hill (4.0 km, 144m ascent/16m descent) – Alternative Start of SWC Walk 144 Haslemere to Farnham

Follow the **Haslemere Station to Hindhead** directions above for the first two paragraphs, then follow these directions:

In 270m ignore a signposted bridleway into a wood on the left and in 100m ignore the Greensand Way signposted footpath forking down to the left into the wood. In 300m, at a four-way junction of tarmac lanes and car wide tracks, walk through a metal gate left of a wooden field gate into **Hindhead Common**, ignoring the tarmac drive to a school on the right as well as the signposted bridleway forking right and a signposted byway to the right of the wooden field gate. Ignore a left turning NT Permissive Footpath and pass an info panel and map. In 20m *fork right* and in 100m *curve right* where a path joins from the left. In 150m you cross a byway and in 20m join a car wide track and *bear left* with it. In 400m, at a multi-path junction by a bench on the right and an info panel on the left, ignore the bridleway on the right and the continuation ahead and *turn left* with **Hidden Hindhead Trail** and **ROAM639** markers (345°).

In 40m cross a track and continue in the same direction with those two markers, in 150m ignore a permissive bridleway turning left downhill and in 15m *turn right* along a permissive bridleway with the **Greensand Way**. In 140m continue in the same direction at a staggered crosspaths and in 40m cross a byway to continue along a narrow path in the same direction, in 30m *turn left* and in another 30m reach a bench at a viewpoint with fine views into the wooded **Coombeswell Valley**, back to **Haslemere** with **Black Down** behind it, and to the **South Downs** beyond. From the viewpoint *turn left* from the previous direction (15°) then in 20m ignore a left fork and in 30m go through a metal gate and fork either way along one of two narrow paths through trees. In 30m the paths reunite as you reach a five-way junction with some four byways by a three-way signpost on the right. *Turn hard right* "through gated barrier onto bridleway (wm)" and pick up the HOOP written directions in Leg 6, start of 4th para, 2nd sentence: "Path descends steeply to another multi-way junction (wm)."

Gibbet Hill to Haslemere Station (4.0 km, 16m ascent/144m descent) – Reverse of Alternative Start of SWC Walk 144 Haslemere to Farnham

Leave the HOOP directions in Leg 6, start of 4th para, 1st sentence: "Continue ahead on rough vehicle track and, at often muddy multi-way junction, ..."

Turn half right at the five-way junction with some four byways by a three-way signpost along either of the two narrow paths through trees (*ignoring all the car wide byways*), and in 30m – where the paths reunite – go through a metal gate and follow a narrow path through heathland to a bench by a viewpoint in 50m with fine views into the wooded **Coombeswell Valley**, onwards to **Haslemere** with **Black Down** behind it, and to the **South Downs** beyond. From the viewpoint *turn right* from the previous direction, ignoring a continuation path along the rim of the valley. In 30m *turn right* and in another 30m cross a byway at a staggered crosspaths to continue a little to the left along the Greensand Way permissive bridleway through trees. In 140m *turn left* with a public

bridleway at a four-way junction of paths and in 15m ignore a permissive bridleway turning right downhill.

In 150m you cross a track and in 40m, in an open area at a multi-path junction by a bench on the left and an info panel on the right, you *turn right* with a car wide sandy track, permissive bridleway. In 400m *bear right* with the track, ignoring a narrower continuation ahead and in 20m you cross a byway. Ignoring faint paths off to the right and curve to the left with the path, in 110m ignoring a couple of right forks. In 120m a NT Permissive Footpath joins from the right behind and you pass a map and an info panel and leave **Hindhead Common** through a metal gate to the right of a wooden field gate. *Turn right* along the tarmac **Farnham Lane**, where a bridleway and a byway join from the left. You have some houses on the left and a wood on the right and in 300m the **Greensand Way** joins from the right along a signposted footpath.

*) In 100m a signposted bridleway joins from the right. In 250m you pass the entrance to **Thursley House** on your left-hand side and *turn left* on a signposted public byway (130°). Head down this access road as it swings to the right. In 100m, with the entrance to Pucksfold (house) on your right, *keep left downhill* along a path in a gully (**Stoatley Hollow**, 120°). In 150m continue straight on along a tarmac driveway and in 300m, you *bear right* with the tarmac way and come out to **Bunch Lane** at a T-junction.

Here you have a choice:

For the direct route to the station (and just two tea stops), *turn right* along the road, initially without a pavement. You have a wooded stream valley on the left and only occasional large houses on the right. Later on, there are houses on both sides and a pavement along the left. After 900m along the road, you *turn left* along a signposted footpath between garden fences. Ignore paths off and in 150m cross a brook to continue along a tarmac path to the left of the brook and to the right of a large car park. In 150m cross **Weydown Road** by its junction with a main road and continue under the railway bridge to follow the main road around to the left. In 180m you have **Haslemere Station** away to your left, with **Harper's Steakhouse** up on the right and the **Metro Café** 50m beyond the station on the left. London bound trains depart from the far platforms.

For the longer route through the centre of town past all tea stops, *turn left* along the road. In 40m you cross a stream. In a further 30m *turn right uphill* with the GW along a signposted public footpath between fences. In 300m you cross a tarmac road to continue with the GW between hedges. In a further 220m you come out on a residential road (High Lane) and *turn right downhill* (130°). In 180m, by **St. Bartholomew's Church, Haslemere** on your right-hand side, *bear left* with the road so that the triangular green is on your right-hand side. In 80m you go over a railway bridge. **[!]** On the far side, in 15m *turn right* along a signposted public footpath along the tarmac **Pathfields** (190°). Ignore all ways off as you pass houses on your right-hand side. In 275m ignore a footpath to the right signposted 'Footpath to Town' and continue between brick walls. In 65m you pass a plaque marking **the start of the Greensand Way** ('Haslemere to Limsfield 55 miles') and come out on the **High Street**. *Turn right* into town.

You pass **The Georgian House** hotel and pub and in 70m you find **Darnleys** coffee shop on the right and **Hemingways** café (followed by a **Costa Coffee**) opposite. In another 25m **West Street** turns right. Ahead along High Street you'll find the **White Horse Hotel** and the **Swan Inn**, either side of the War Memorial, and **Heidi** bakery and coffee shop closer by on the right. *Turn right* along West Street. In 30m you pass the **Real English Drinks House** and in 120m, where the main street curves to the right, continue straight on. In 40m, by the fire station, *turn left* along a tarmac lane and 30m *turn right* along a narrow tarmac path along *the left-hand side* of the building (315°). Follow this path to the left and then to the right and then with a stream to your right and later the Town Meadow Recreation Ground to your left, to a tarmac road with Redwood Manor opposite. *Turn left* and in 40m *turn right* along the **B2131**, leading in 220m to the **Metro Café** on your right and in another 50m to **Haslemere Railway Station**, with **Harper's Steakhouse** opposite. London bound trains depart from the far platforms.

Imbhams Farm to Haslemere Station (3.7 km, 59m ascent/13m descent) – Finish of Book 1 Walk 44 Witley to Haslemere

Leave the HOOP directions in Leg 7, middle of 2nd para: "Turn L onto paved track (wm) and ..."

Turn right along a road to **Imbhams Farm**, ignoring a bridleway ahead. In 130m pass the barns of Imbhams Farm (on the OS map) on your left-hand side. Keep ahead along the road through bends, with woodland to your right and open fields behind fences to your left. Some 500m beyond the barns, the fields on your left end and you keep ahead, now with woodland on both sides. In a further 150m you cross a road a little to the left, to continue on a signposted public footpath through a fence gap, with **Holdfast Cottage** on your right (230°). The path follows the right-hand edge of a small field. In 220m, having entered light woodland, you go through a wooden kissing gate and *turn right* along a track, keeping a white house on your left. In 100m enter the National Trust's **Swan Barn Farm** by a wooden gate to the right of a wooden field gate. Walk through three medium-sized pastures along their right-hand side, with two stream crossings between them. At the end of the third field, enter the National Trust's **Witley Copse** and **Mariners Rewe** through a wooden gate.

In 230m (partly along raised boardwalks) at a wire fence corner, continue in the same direction with a two-way footpath signpost, ignoring a right turn. In 60m by a three-way signpost continue in the same direction across a railed footbridge over a stream and through a wooden gate into a pasture to leave Witley Copse/ Mariners Rewe (the **Serpent Trail** has joined from the left).

****)** You follow a clear path through the grass towards a wide gap in the opposite boundary 110m away (260°) and in the next field follow the right-hand boundary to in 90m leave the field through a wooden gate to follow a car wide gravel track a little to the right in the same direction. In 250m, where the track turns hard left, go through a wooden gate in the same direction into an open grassy area and walk in the same direction to in 50m cross an unrailed plank bridge and continue uphill towards some houses, now with a fence on your left. In 80m you leave the National Trust's **Swan Barn Farm** through a wooden

kissing gate and *turn right* along a gravel path (30°). In 100m, by the **Haslemere Town Well** down on the right, *turn left* between buildings to in 70m reach Haslemere's **High Street**, opposite **The Georgian House** hotel and pub.

Turn left for 50m to find **Hemingways** café on the left (followed by a **Costa Coffee**) and **Darnleys** coffee shop opposite. In another 25m **West Street** turns right. Ahead along High Street you'll find the **White Horse Hotel** and the **Swan Inn**, either side of the War Memorial, and **Heidi** bakery and coffee shop closer by on the right. *Turn right* along West Street. In 30m you pass the **Real English Drinks House** and in 120m, where the main street curves to the right, continue straight on. In 40m, by the fire station, *turn left* along a tarmac lane and 30m *turn right* along a narrow tarmac path along *the left-hand side* of the building (315°). Follow this path to the left and then to the right and then with a stream to your right and later the **Town Meadow Recreation Ground** to your left, to a tarmac road with Redwood Manor opposite. *Turn left* and in 40m *turn right* along the **B2131**, leading in 220m to the **Metro Café** on your right and in another 50m to **Haslemere Railway Station**, with **Harper's Steakhouse** opposite. London bound trains depart from the far platforms.

Haslemere Station to Imbhams Farm (3.7 km, 13m ascent/59m descent) – Reverse of Finish of Book 1 Walk 44 Witley to Haslemere

Alight from the train in **Haslemere** on platform 1 and leave through the ticket office or to the left of it, *turn left* and follow the driveway up to a main road where you *turn left* along its pavement. In 220m, where it curves to the right, you cross **Tanners Lane** and *turn left* along its opposite pavement. In 170m pass a car park on the right-hand side and in 60m *turn right* along **Bridge Road**. In 160m cross a road at a four-way junction and continue up **George Denyer Close**. In 30m *turn left* with the lane and in 50m *turn right* in a cul-de-sac along a tarmac path along a small green. In 30m you *turn right* with the path and in 15m walk up some steps to then *turn left* at a T-junction with another tarmac path. In 10m *turn right* at another tarmac path T-junction, by a signpost for 'Footpath to Town', now between brick walls, along what is the final stretch of the **Greensand Way** Long-Distance Path.

In 65m emerge on **High Street** at a T-junction, by a Greensand Way-sign on the wall on your left: 'Haslemere to Limpsfield 55 miles'. *Turn right* and in 20m **[!]** *turn left* to cross the High Street by a **Swan Barn Farm** and **Haslemere Town Well** signpost with a **Serpent Trail** marker on the back (marking the start of that Long-Distance Path). Continue between houses on **Well Lane**, signed to **Well Lane House**, **Swan Barn** and **Haslemere Town Well**, with another **Serpent Trail** marker. In 30m continue in the same direction along a gravel path to the left of a small car park. In 40m you have the **Town Well** down a few steps to the left and *turn right*. In 90m, by an NT Swan Barn Farm info panel and map, *turn left* through a wooden kissing gate and walk downhill through an open grassy area along a clear path past a clump of oak trees to the left and with a wooden fence to the right.

In 80m you cross an un-railed plank bridge over a ditch and in 50m go through a wooden gate and *veer left* along a car wide gravel track at a bend. In 250m, by some farm buildings, you continue in the same direction through a wooden

gate and cross a pasture along its left-hand boundary. In 90m leave the field through a boundary gap and follow a clear path through the grass towards a wooden gate in the opposite boundary (75°). In 110m go through the gate and across a railed footbridge over a stream to enter the NT's **Witley Copse and Mariners Rewe** by a three-way signpost to continue in the same direction through the wood (the **Serpent Trail** turns right). In 60m, continue in the same direction with a two-way footpath signpost, ignoring a left turn. In 230m (partly along raised boardwalks) you leave **Witley Copse/Mariners Rewe** through a wooden gate and now walk through three pastures along their left-hand side, with two stream crossings between them. At the end of the third field, leave **Swan Barn Farm** through a wooden gate to the left of a wooden field gate.

In 100m (now on a car wide track), *turn left* through a wooden kissing gate into a lightly wooded area. In 50m continue in the same direction through an open grassy area along the left-hand trees and in 150m leave the area through a gap to the right of a wooden field gate by **Holdfast Cottage** on your left. Cross a road a little to the left and follow a tarmac lane (a public footpath, signed for **Imbhams Farm** and **Wisteria Cottage**), soon with woodland on either side. In 150m you have open fields behind fences on the right and in a further 500m pass by the barns of **Imbhams Farm** (on the OS map) on your right-hand side, followed by a fishing lake on the left. In 130m at a T-junction with a track (a public bridleway), *turn right* along it. The HOOP has joined from the left. Pick up the HOOP directions in Leg 7, middle of 2nd para, 9th row: "...follow wide gated vehicle track, passing second lake on R and ignoring all turn-offs."

Barfold Wood to Haslemere Station (3.8 km, 51m ascent/68m descent) – Reverse of Start of SWC Walk 263 Haslemere to Midhurst via Henley

Leave the HOOP directions in Leg 8, end of 1st para: "...and cross paddock to kissing gate opposite."

By **Barfold Wood** and a three-way signpost, *turn right* along a car wide track (a bridleway) with a **Serpent Trail – Head Route** marker, with the wood on the left and the paddock on the right. You will now follow the Serpent Trail to its 'Head' on Haslemere's High Street. In 250m continue between hedges and in 100m *turn right* with the track through a metal field gate and follow the fenced track curving to the left. In 150m at a signposted three-way track junction by the entrance to **High Barn Farm** on the left, you *fork left* with a public bridleway, gently downhill between fences towards a wood. In 100m go through a metal gate into the wood and in 10m pass a memorial plaque and in 100m cross the first of two streams in quick succession, on the track. You re-ascend through the wood and in 100m have pastures and paddocks on the right, with a house away ahead. In 130m you pass a metal bollard on the track and then the entrance to the house, from where the track continues as a gravel car wide drive, again with trees on both sides.

In 180m pass a marker post on the left and continue along tarmac, by an entrance gate to large houses on the left. In 100m pass another marker post on the left by another gate, and in 320m the lane (Pine Springs Valley) meets **Petworth Road**, where Blackdown Lane joins from the left as well. Cross Petworth Road carefully and go up some steps onto a tarmac drive and *turn left*

along it, parallel to the road. In 20m continue along the grassy verge and in 25m *turn right* with a footpath signpost into a wood. In 110m curve to the left with the earthen path, with a meadow on the right behind trees, and in 20m go over a section of boardwalk across a muddy area. In 40m *turn right* with the path over a plank bridge and in 60m go through wooden gates either side of a car wide track to enter the National Trust's **Witley Copse and Mariners Rewe**. In 90m by a three-way footpath signpost, *turn left* over a railed footbridge over a stream and through a wooden gate into a pasture to leave the NT's Witley Copse and Mariners Rewe.

Pick up the directions on page 6 at the double asterisk **).

Haslemere Station to Barfold Wood (3.9 km, 68m ascent/51m descent) – Start of SWC Walk 263 Haslemere to Midhurst via Henley

Alight from the train in **Haslemere** on platform 1 and leave through the ticket office or to the left of it, *turn left* and follow the driveway up to a main road where you *turn left* along its pavement. In 220m, where it curves to the right, you cross **Tanners Lane** and *turn left* along its opposite pavement. In 170m pass a car park on the right-hand side and in 60m *turn right* along **Bridge Road**. In 160m cross a road at a four-way junction and continue up **George Denyer Close**. In 30m *turn left* with the lane and in 50m *turn right* in a cul-de-sac along a tarmac path along a small green. In 30m you *turn right* with the path and in 15m walk up some steps to then *turn left* at a T-junction with another tarmac path. In 10m *turn right* at another tarmac path T-junction, by a signpost for 'Footpath to Town', now between brick walls, along what is the final stretch of the **Greensand Way** Long-Distance Path.

In 65m emerge on **High Street** at a T-junction, by a Greensand Way-sign on the wall on your left: 'Haslemere to Limpsfield 55 miles'. *Turn right* and in 20m **[!]** *turn left* to cross the High Street by a **Swan Barn Farm and Haslemere Town Well** signpost with a **Serpent Trail** marker on the back (marking the start of that Long-Distance Path). Continue between houses on **Well Lane**, signed to **Well Lane House, Swan Barn and Haslemere Town Well**, with another **Serpent Trail** marker. In 30m continue in the same direction along a gravel path to the left of a small car park. In 40m you have the **Town Well** down a few steps to the left and *turn right*. In 90m, by an NT Swan Barn Farm info panel and map, *turn left* through a wooden kissing gate and walk downhill through an open grassy area along a clear path past a clump of oak trees to the left and with a wooden fence to the right.

In 80m you cross an un-railed plank bridge over a ditch and in 50m go through a wooden gate and *veer left* along a car wide gravel track at a bend. In 250m, by some farm buildings, you continue in the same direction through a wooden gate and cross a pasture along its left-hand boundary. In 90m leave the field through a boundary gap and follow a clear path through the grass towards a wooden gate in the opposite boundary (75°). In 110m go through the gate and across a railed footbridge over a stream to enter the NT's **Witley Copse and Mariners Rewe** by a three-way signpost to *turn right* along an earthen path with a **Serpent Trail – Tail Route** marker. You will now follow the Serpent Trail to where it joins the HOOP route.

In 90m go through wooden gates either side of a car wide track out of the NT's Witley Copse and Mariners Rewe and continue through a wood. In 60m *turn left* with a marker post and in 40m go over a boardwalk section across a muddy area. In 20m *turn right* with the path and in 110m you emerge on a roadside verge by a footpath signpost. *Turn left* along the verge of **Petworth Road**. In 20m continue along a tarmac drive parallel to the road and in 20m *turn right* down some steps and cross the road carefully to *bear left* along **Pine Springs Valley** cul-de-sac (i.e.: ignore the right fork Blackdown Lane).

You follow the tarmac lane, mostly through a wood, and in 300m pass a marker post on the right by a high wooden gate into an estate on the right. In another 110m *fork left* by another marker post by another high entrance gate, now continuing as a gravel drive. In 200m you pass a last house on the left and continue past a metal bollard along the still car wide track, now with paddocks and pastures on the left. In 130m you start to descend through a wood and in 100m cross the first of two streams in quick succession, on the track. Re-ascend through the wood and in 100m you leave it through a metal gate, just after passing a memorial plaque on the right.

Continue gently uphill a fenced track between pastures and in 100m you *bear right* at a signposted three-way track junction by **High Barn Farm** on the right. *Curve to the right* with the track and in 150m go through a metal field gate and turn left with the track, now between hedges. In 90m continue with a wood on the right and open views across paddocks on the left and in 250m you reach a three-way signpost on the right by a wooden kissing gate on the left. The HOOP has joined from the left through the kissing gate. Continue in the same direction along the track. Pick up the HOOP directions in Leg 8, end of 1st para: "...and follow vehicle track, passing through field gate onto track between high hedges."

Ridden Corner to Haslemere Station (3.8 km, 63m ascent/149m descent) – Finish of Book 1 Walk 22 Haslemere Circular

Leave the HOOP directions in Leg 9, end of 3rd para, last sentence: "Bear L (wm) and descend on narrow footpath to path junction (wms)."

At the T-junction, *turn right* (20°) with the SBP. In 350m, the path *veers left*. Ignore a turn off to the right and go through a wooden gate and down a footpath through a tunnel of over-arching rhododendrons. In 320m you go through a wooden gate into **Valewood Park** (National Trust), and *veer right* on the signposted SBP/ST across a large pasture (310°), in the direction of a large mansion on the opposite hill. In 370m at the lower right-hand corner of the field, go through a pair of wooden gates, with **Valewood Farmhouse** down below. *Turn left* steeply downhill along a car wide track (280°), leaving the SBP.

At a T-junction at the bottom of the field, *go left*, again signposted SBP/ST, through another pair of wooden gates, and in 70m *turn right* along a car-wide tarmac track (due N), in 120m passing Valewood Farmhouse on your right-hand side. In 160m go through Valewood Farmhouse's entrance gate to cross a stream and *turn right* along a car-wide gravel track, by **Stedlands Farm** on the left. In 70m go past a drive on your right leading to **The Stables**, a large brick

house with diamond-paned windows and in 10m *fork left* steeply uphill, with a footpath signpost (20°), through a woodland strip. Ignore all ways off. In 500m, at a tarmac road at the top, *turn left* and in 20m *turn right* along a tarmac path marked 'Neighbourhood Watch Area', with a metal bike barrier at its start (20°), and soon with playing fields on your left-hand side. In 350m, cross a minor tarmac road and keep *straight on, down* a path with steps between high hedges, to the main road, the **B2131**. Here *turn left* and head *straight on* to **Haslemere Town Hall** in 200m, and then *turn right* along the High Street.

In 40m, you pass the **White Horse Hotel** on your right-hand side and the **Swan Inn** opposite, either side of the War Memorial, and **Heidi** bakery and coffee shop further along on the left. A little further along (a **Costa Coffee**, **Darnleys** coffee shop, **Hemingways** café and **The Georgian House** hotel and pub are a little further along), *turn left* along **West Street**. In 30m you pass the **Real English Drinks House** and in 120m, where the main street curves to the right, continue straight on. In 40m, by the fire station, *turn left* along a tarmac lane and 30m *turn right* along a narrow tarmac path along *the left-hand side* of the building (315°). Follow this path to the left and then to the right and then with a stream to your right and later the **Town Meadow Recreation Ground** to your left, to a tarmac road with Redwood Manor opposite. *Turn left* and in 40m *turn right* along the **B2131**, leading in 220m to the **Metro Café** on your right and in another 50m to **Haslemere Railway Station**, with **Harper's Steakhouse** opposite. London bound trains depart from the far platforms.

Haslemere Station to Ridden Corner (4.3 km, 161m ascent/75m descent) – Start of SWC Walk 48 Haslemere to Midhurst (via Lurgashall or Lickfold)

Alight from the train in **Haslemere** on platform 1 and leave through the ticket office or to the left of it, *turn left* and follow the driveway past a bus stop up to a main road where you *turn left* along its pavement. In 220m, where it curves to the right, you cross **Tanners Lane** and *turn left* along its opposite pavement. In 170m pass a car park on the right-hand side and in 60m *turn right* along **Bridge Road** (by a bridge over the railway line on the left). In 160m – by **Haslemere Hall** on your left – cross a road at a four-way junction and continue up **George Denyer Close**. In 30m *turn left* with the lane and in 50m *turn right* in a cul-de-sac along a tarmac path along a small green. In 30m you *turn right* with the path and in 15m walk up some steps to then *turn left* at a T-junction with another tarmac path. In 10m *turn right* at another tarmac path T-junction, by a signpost for 'Footpath to Town', now between brick walls, along what is the final stretch of the **Greensand Way** Long-Distance Path.

In 65m emerge on **High Street** at a T-junction, by a Greensand Way-sign on the wall on your left: 'Haslemere to Limpsfield 55 miles'. *Turn right* and in 20m **[!]** *turn left* to cross the High Street by a **Swan Barn Farm** and **Haslemere Town Well** signpost with a **Serpent Trail** marker on the back (marking the start of this Long-Distance Path). Continue between houses on **Well Lane**, signed to **Well Lane House**, **Swan Barn** and **Haslemere Town Well**, with another **Serpent Trail** marker. In 30m continue ahead in the same direction along a gravel path to the left of a small car park. In 40m you have the

Haslemere Town Well down a few steps to the left and *turn right*. In 90m, by an NT Swan Barn Farm info panel and map, *turn left* through a wooden kissing gate and walk downhill through an open grassy area along a clear path past a clump of oak trees to the left and with a wooden fence to the right. In 80m you cross an un-railed plank bridge over a ditch and in 50m go through a wooden gate. *Turn right* along a car wide gravel lane at a bend (in 75m this turns tarmac, as you go through a usually open wooden field gate) and in 220m cross a main road at a T-junction to *turn left* along the opposite pavement, in 20m crossing **Museum Hill** (road). In 80m, just before a large house named "**Loneside**", you *turn up steeply right* with a footpath signpost along a tarmac path between fences.

The path continues up some steps and then crosses a residential road in 150m to continue in the same direction through bike barriers along an earthen path. Ignore a footpath to your left after 190m to continue straight on. In 170m, after passing some sports fields to the right, *turn left* at a road T-junction. After 30m, just past a gravel driveway, you *turn right* along a signposted gravel byway which you follow downhill. In 450m pass a house called **The Stables** on the left (where a footpath joins from the left) and curve around to the right to follow a wider gravel drive. In 70m *turn left* along a car wide track which immediately crosses a stream and in 10m go through the entrance gates of **Valewood Farm House**, ignoring a bridleway turning right into trees.

In 270m (about 110m after passing the farmhouse) *fork left* up an unmarked car wide gravel track which curves uphill to the left (almost back on yourself), in 30m passing a **National Trust Valewood Park** sign with a Serpent Trail marker and a wooden gate on your right, to reach another wooden gate in another 30m. Go through the wooden gate and *immediately turn right* (due E) to follow the **Sussex Border Path** steeply up along a faint path on the right-hand side of the hill with a wooded strip to the right. In 120m in the top right field corner walk through a double wooden field gate by a three-armed signpost to continue in the same direction with Serpent Trail and Sussex Border Path markers. Head for the brow of the hill along a usually clear path (155° initially). In 350m you walk through a wooden field gate by a three-armed signpost to bear left on a wide path. After 70m the path *veers to the right* and begins a slight ascent between trees (**Chase Wood** on the OS map).

In 240m you walk through a double wooden field gate and in 10m by a footpath sign post *veer right* with a fence on the right, following the Serpent Trail and Sussex Border Path (i.e.: ignoring the broader path directly ahead). Follow a faint path through woodland with a wire fence sometimes visible to the right and in 380m at a bridleway marker post on the right (and 10m before a wooden field gate with a wooden gate to the right of it), continue ahead through the wooden field gate. Pick up the HOOP directions in Leg 9, start of 4th para, 2nd row: "...descending on bridleway (wm) eventually becoming narrow path and emerging onto paved road at Wadesmarsh farmhouse."