

Circular Walks from The Keystone

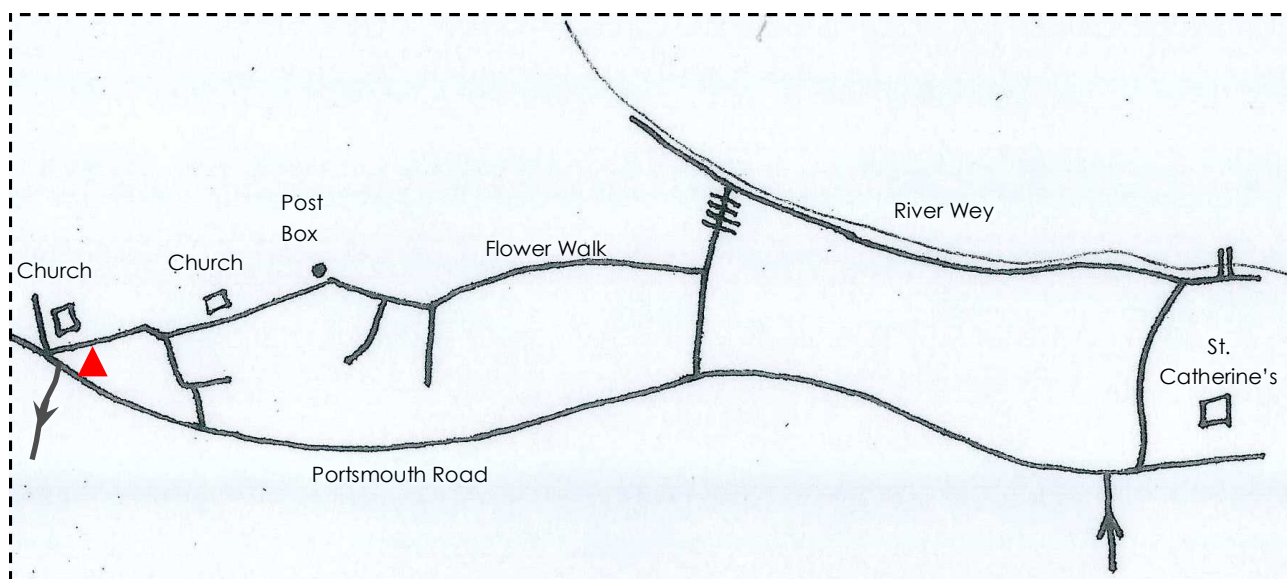
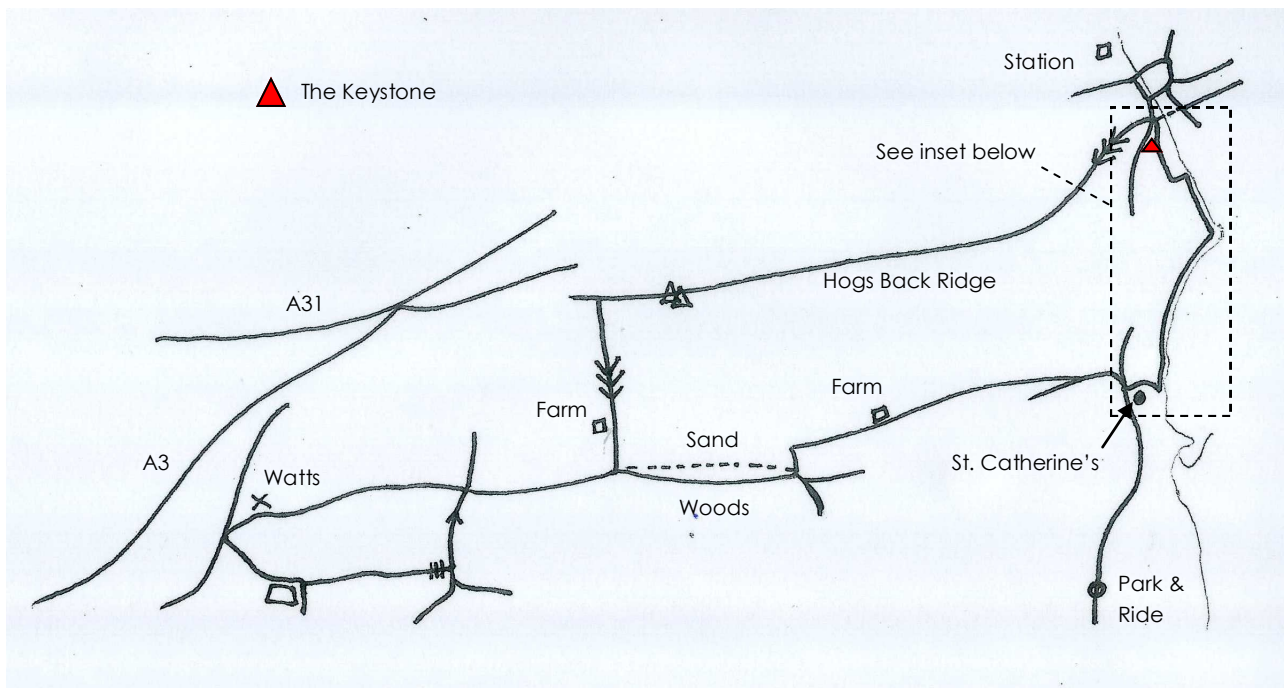
Walk A: The Hogs Back to Compton & back via the River Wey

Lovely views of the Cathedral to the north and across The Downs to the south, followed by woodland paths, past the Watts Gallery and back into Guildford along the River Wey. Partly follows The North Down's Way. Can be extended via Loseley Park.

Either c. 5 miles or 7 miles if extended.

Relatively easy terrain with a couple of short steep sections.

Easy on-street parking at Compton or at Guildford Park & Ride, Artington. Guildford Main station is 2 minutes walk from The Keystone.



- Starting from The Keystone, cross the pedestrian crossing on Portsmouth Road and walk to the top of The Mount, carrying straight on along the trackway that follows the Hogs Back Ridge for about 2 km.
- After passing a pair of pylons, take the first footpath left down a steep chalk path towards Conduit Farm.
- About 150m after the farm take the right fork of the footpath. Follow the sandy path through the woods, carrying straight on at the only crossroads, past some stables and emerging at the back of Watts Gallery.
- Walk a short distance left down the road (Down Lane) and pick up the footpath on the left which leads you behind a house to a riding school. Follow the concrete driveway to the end of the jump training field, turn right & immediately left on a path across the field.
- Follow the footpath to a set of steps at the end and turn left.
- This track will take you back to the crossroads where you went straight on earlier. Turn right at the crossroads.
- When you reach the fork in the path, instead of turning left back towards Conduit Farm, carry straight on, either through the woods or along the sandy track. At the end turn left and follow the road round towards Piccard's Farm. This section follows part of the North Down's Way and will bring you out onto Pilgrims Way. Turn left.
- At Portsmouth Road, turn right, cross to the other side of the road and take Ferry Lane left at St. Catherine's Chapel (not up the hill to the cottages). If you are feeling energetic you could walk up the steep path to the chapel and back.
- You will cross the railway bridge and come out on the River Wey. Turn left along the footpath.
- Follow the footpath c. 0.5km along the river until you get to a short but steep set of steps. Go up the steps and take the first right, Flower Walk. Carry straight on along Bury Fields, past a post box & a Methodist Church, out onto Bury Street.
- The Keystone is located at the end of Bury Street, opposite St. Nicholas Church. There are entrances on both Bury Street and Portsmouth Road.