

NORTHERN ROUTE

The route you have chosen to take to day is from Haslemere, up to Hindhead, returning to Haslemere. There are a number of way-marked trails when you get to Hindhead and how many you do is entirely up to you.

Given that the distance to Hindhead and back is 5 miles, you could elect to do a minimum of 6.9 miles or a maximum of 16.29

TRAIL	NAME	DISTANCE (miles)	COMMENTS
1	Miss James' Walk	1.9	
2	Hidden Hindhead	3.1	
3	Highcombe Hike	2.8	
4	ROAM639	6.39	This is an extended combination of trails 2 and 3. In other words if you do trail 4, you don't do trails 2 and 3
5	Golden Valley	2	This starts (and ends) half a mile North West of the cafe at Hindhead

I have offered you 2 ways of returning to Haslemere. One is very straightforward but repeats about 1.25 miles of the outbound route. The other is a bit more involved but repeats less than half a mile of your earlier journey

- Whatever you have decided to do, start today's adventure on the Greensand Way for a short while. It starts/ends in Haslemere, on the West side of the High Street, roughly opposite the sweet shop. Head off down the twitten; (which as you will no doubt know is a narrow path between walls or hedges). This one has a sign on the wall telling you the Greensand Way is 55 miles long.



OR



- Keep going straight for 3 or 4 minutes, emerging on another road, (Church Lane). Go left and over the railway and up past St. Bartholomew's Church, which will be on your left. You are now on High Lane. A hundred or so yards later, left onto a path, (GR902336).
- A few moments later, cross another road, (which happens to be Weydown road), so called I suppose because it goes down to the River Wey, in its early life. Don't do that though; straight over and drop down to Bunch Lane and do a left and 100 yards a right.
- CARE HERE. Not much in the way of signage. Turn left again **before** the buildings. If you find a sign called Muirfield (like I did !) turn around; you've gone too far.

- You will shortly start a long climb, initially on tarmac and then in a sandstone gulley. Keep pressing on and you arrive at a lane having passed a few houses at the top of your climb. Turn right onto what is Farnham Lane, (GR 891340).
- After a couple of hundred yards leave the Greensand Way and the lane by turning left onto a bridleway. Initially steep, it calms down and comes out on an anonymous lane by a house.
- Turn right onto it and follow it through a right, left, right curve sequence. Just after a house with some eccentric statues (don't miss the horse peering through the hedge), turn left onto a narrow path between the garden of this house and its neighbours. This climbs, ultimately with steps and emerges on the main Hindhead:Haslemere road, A287 , (GR 887350).
- Taking care, cross the road and turn right onto the pavement. After a few yards go left onto a path into Craig's Wood, (National Trust sign). Bear right and go parallel to the "A" road for about 5 minutes. Keep alert and you will find Miss James' Walk (logos with arrows on posts). This is the first of 4/5 way-marked routes in the Hindhead area.



- Turn left onto Miss James' walk and simply follow the signs. It drops down hill through woods and turns 90 degrees Right, at the bottom. Keep following the signs as the path climbs out of the valley and cross Miss James' bridge, over the new A3. The signage is a little odd at the other side of the bridge. As soon as you cross the bridge, turn Right on a broad path and drop down; at the base you will see areas of water over your right shoulder. Flood avoidance attenuation ponds for the new A3, I believe. If having crossed the bridge, you arrive at the car park; turn round and go back towards the bridge, as you have gone astray, (like I did !).
- You should now be about GR886355, by the water "features". The path climbs through woods. When you get to the top take a very short path (20 yards) to the left and rejoin the main Hindhead:Haslemere "A" road. **Do not complete the Miss James' circuit;** (you have only missed a hundred yards or so).
- Cross the main road. Go up to the junction and turn Right onto the old A3. Continue past Barons the BMW/Mini Dealer and past the National Trust cafe.

Your choices are:

1. Hidden Hindhead on its own - 3.1 miles
2. Highcombe Hike on its own - 2.8 miles
3. Hidden Hindhead followed by Highcombe Hike 5.9 miles
4. ROAM639 (6.39 miles)

- Assuming one of the first three, look for the enormous finger post you can probably see from the Space Station with the logo:



Hidden Hindhead

- Take this 3.1 mile circular walk and hopefully enjoy the views. Things to look out for are the Sailor's Stone, Gibbet Hill, the Celtic Stone and the temple of the Four Winds; all comprehensively covered in my supporting documentation, which you have no doubt read. Being circuitous, arrive back at where you started. It is very well signposted.
- And/or the Highcombe Hike, for 2.8 miles; more of a banana than a circle:



Highcomb Hike

- The Robertson Brothers' memorial is a good story and later the ancient woodland that's been around since 1600 AD is quite a special part of this walk.
- The ROAM639 waymarked route is basically the outleg of Highcombe Hike with a slightly longer route back, over the other side of the valley, followed by Hidden Hindhead.



ROAM 639

- No matter what you picked, I hoped you enjoyed it. If you want to head back to Haslemere at this point, walk back to Barons and continue from the heading HOME. However, if you are doing the Golden Valley, go back to the cafe and turn Right

- Go onto the old A3. Go down a few yards to the junction and turn Right. Go past the stores and petrol station and past Tower Road. Very soon greenery appears on your left. Go onto it, into the wood and look for the Golden Valley sign at about GR885363):

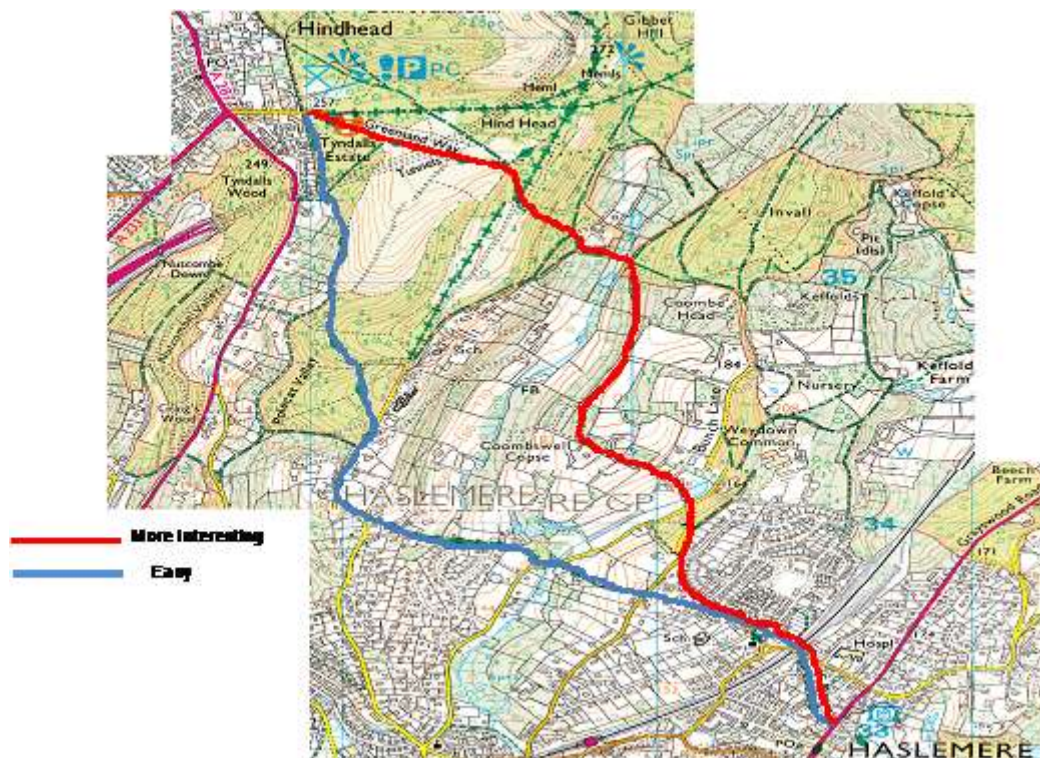


Golden Valley

- Take the right hand path, complete the circuit and retrace your steps to the Hindhead crossroads. Turn Left and go about 200 yards or to the first path on your right

HOME

- For the easy way back pick up the Greensand way that runs at 90 degrees to the A3 and heads off South. Simply follow this for slightly less than 1 mile and you will meet the Greensand Way that you used this morning. Follow it back to Haslemere.
- For the slightly more interesting route take the South Easterly track of the Greensand Way from near Barons.
- Just after the Car park bear right at a cross road of paths, leaving the Greensand Way. After a few yards go straight over at another crossing of paths and head down hill steeply; going over yet another cross roads.
- Very quickly turn left and then right onto a footpath at the next crossroads. You should be at (GR900351) Follow this footpath and turn Left with it after about ½ mile
- When you get to lanes, climb the one opposite you. Bear Left on the road by houses, picking up The Greensand Way again near St Bartholomew's Church. Turn Left onto the Greensand Way and re-trace your steps to Haslemere.



WELL DONE AND THANK YOU