

Midhurst - South Pond

1 mile (1.6 km) Allow 30 to 45 minutes

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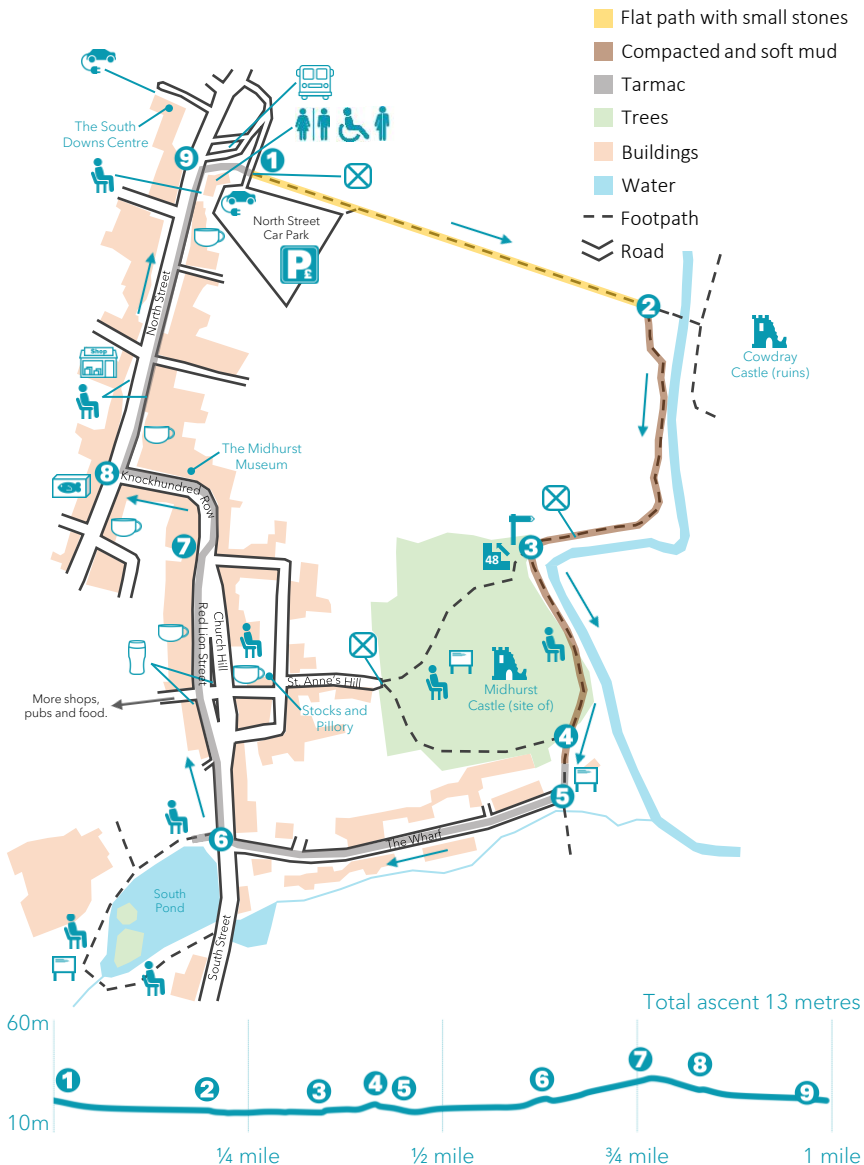
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Midhurst is a charming West Sussex town in the Heart of the South Downs National Park. With castle ruins, historic buildings and waterways, a local museum, the South Downs visitor centre and lovely shops and places to eat and drink, this walk is a great way to explore the town.



OS Maps App



- 1 To start pass through the gate near the toilets and entrance to North Street Car Park. Follow the flat, straight, compacted stone path towards the castle. The path crosses a small bridge over a ditch.
- 2 Just before the larger bridge over the stream, turn right onto the mud path. Follow the path through a large kissing gate.
- 3 Bear left to the lower path alongside the water. (Or bear right to Midhurst Castle - the mud path heads up 48 uneven steps. Pass the castle site, then through the gate to St. Anne's Hill and cross the square to rejoin the route on Church Hill. This uphill alternative shortens the route by 310 metres.)
- 4 Head towards the small bridge. (Or turn right to Midhurst Castle - the compacted uphill mud path is uneven in places. Bear left to pass through the gate to St. Anne's Hill and cross the square to rejoin the route on Church Hill. This uphill alternative shortens the route by 260 metres.)
- 5 Just before the small bridge turn right onto The Wharf and continue to South Street.
- 6 Cross the road to South Pond which has lovely places to sit. (It is possible to walk around the pond, on paved and gravel paths, this will add 330 metres to the route.) From the pond head uphill towards the town, pass the Spread Eagle Hotel, onto Red Lion Street, then Church Hill.
- 7 Cross to the right-hand side of the road before it bends to the left at Knockhundred Row as the pavement becomes very narrow. Continue to North Street.
- 8 Turn right onto North Street and head through the town.
- 9 Turn right before the bus station back to the car park entrance.

- The route includes a flat path of small stones, compacted mud paths - which are uneven in places and may have muddy puddles after rain - and paved paths.
- No stiles or steps on the route. One gate wider than one metre at the beginning and one large kissing gate with access for wheelchairs and pushchairs.
- Seats with backrests (5+). Maximum distance between seats is 600 metres.
- Midhurst bus station at the beginning and end - buses from Chichester, Guildford, Petersfield and Worthing. Paid for car parking with electric charging points.
- Toilets at the start with gender neutral cubicles and an accessible toilet.
- Shops - including a supermarket, takeaways, pubs and cafes available in the town section of the route.
- Paths are obvious and well walked. Some signposts on the footpaths and some information boards.
- Wheelchair accessible for some, depending on the softness of the mud. Very large chairs may not fit through the kissing gate. Pushchair accessible, depending on the softness of the mud.