

North Downs Way

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This walk around the village of Wye has some challenging climbs in places but offers some spectacular views from the Downs together with some fascinating local features.

WYE DOWNS

4.3 MILES (6.9KM) ALLOW 3 HOURS

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HOW TO GET THERE -

By Car: From A28 near Ashford, follow signs to Wye. To reach car park follow signs for Hastingleigh travelling out of Wye on Coldharbour Lane.

Parking: A parking area is available alongside Coldharbour Lane.

Train: Nearest station: Wye (2.5 miles). National Rail Enquiries: 08457 484950

Bus: 652 (Canterbury – Ashford). 10 journeys. Mon-Sat. Traveline: 0870 6082608

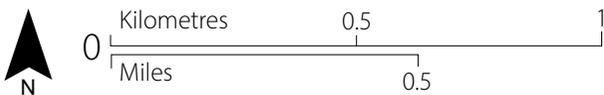
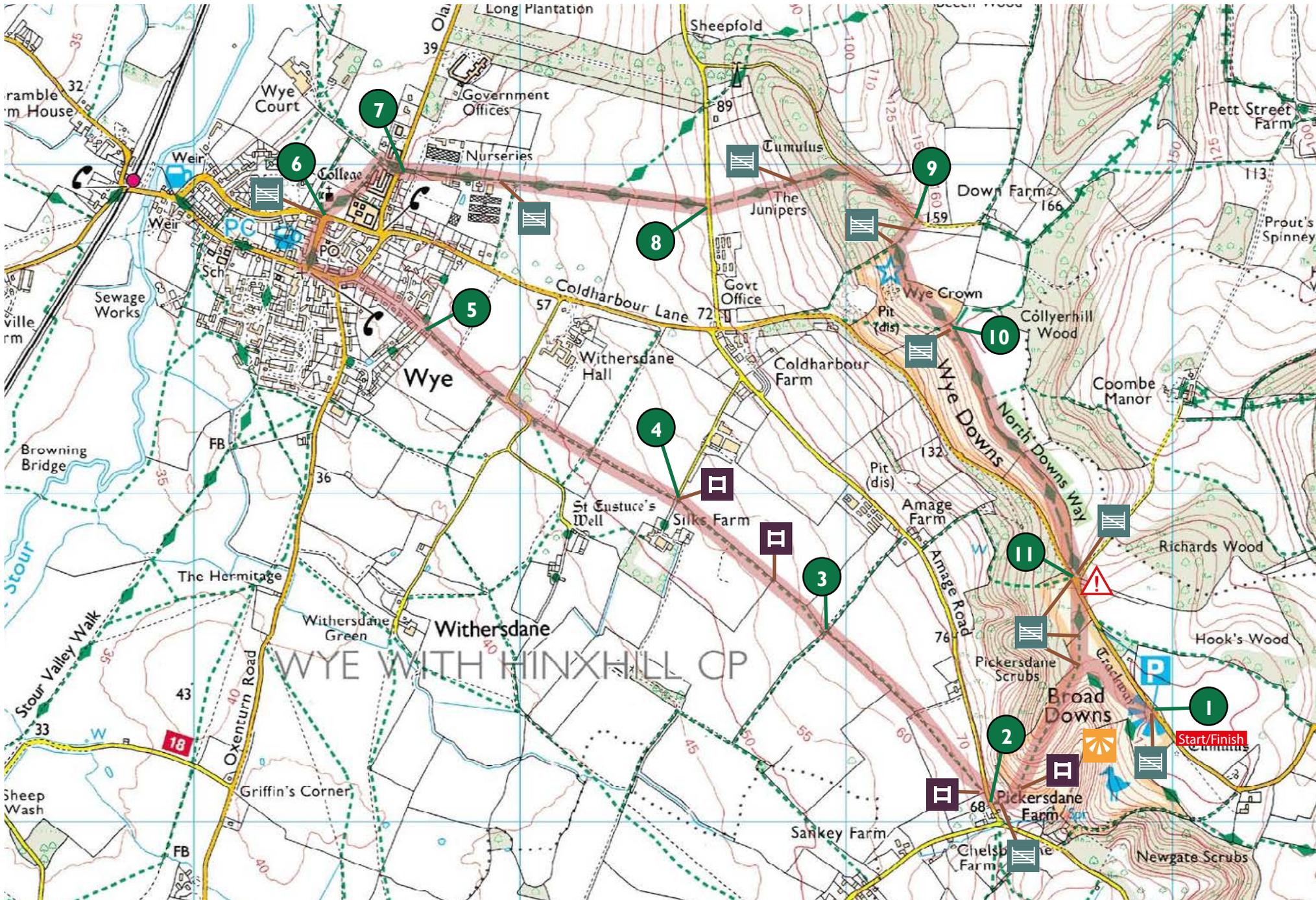
	Start/Finish	Car park on Coldharbour Lane, near Wye
	Stiles	4
	Gates	12
	Terrain	Field paths and tracks. Some steep slopes
	Warning	Take Care
	Views	Some excellent views
	Refreshments	Shops and pub in Wye

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

This walk can also be completed starting at Wye train station or Free parking in Wye Town Centre to pick up the route at Wye Church (point 6 on the map)

- From the car park, cross the road and proceed through the two kissing gates opposite. Bear right and follow the grass path down a moderate slope and then up a moderate incline to a gate at the top.
Head through the gate and follow waymarkers and the grass path along the top of the ridge. After a short distance, take the set of steps on your right hand side that wind down the side of the steep hillside. **The path is quite narrow and can be slippery, so take care.**
At the bottom of the steps, continue down the hillside along grass path with more steps. This section is quite steep.
Once at the bottom, go over the stile and follow the waymarkers keeping to the left hand side with the boundary on your left. The path then bends right and down a bank where there are seven more steps to go down before going through a kissing gate to the road.
- Turn right and head for a short distance down the road until you see a fingerpost and stile on your left. Go over the stile and follow the path across the field. After around 300m the path runs along the field edge, keeping the boundary on your left hand side, continue until you reach a track crossing the path.
- Cross the track. Bear left and go through a gap between hedges and follow the path and waymarkers along the field edge keeping the boundary on your right hand side. Cross over the stile and follow the waymarkers along a wide track heading for 2 stiles at the end of track at a road.
- From the road proceed along the wide stoney track, follow the track and waymarkers until you reach another road. Continue straight on along the road for a short distance and bear left to follow the direction of the fingerpost along an enclosed path until you meet another road.
- Cross over the road and continue along the wide surfaced tarmac path, after some distance the path enters into a quiet road, continue along until you reach a main road in Wye village. At the main road, cross over and then turn left following the pavement until you reach the road junction for Church Street. Turn right along Church Street and walk to the end of the road towards the church in front of you.
This is the main street through Wye Village and along here there are numerous facilities such as the King's Head Pub, a few shops, restaurant and a bank. At the end of the road you can also turn left where you can find a Co-op store as well as public toilets.
- At the end of Church Street cross the road and follow the path to the right of the church that runs diagonally across the church grounds. Proceed through a gap and bear left and follow waymarkers along an enclosed alley. At the end of the alley, turn right and follow North Downs Way waymarkers to the road.
- Cross over the road and follow the fingerpost sign up a surfaced tarmac road and go through the metal gate at the end. Continue straight on along a stone track that becomes steeper as you near a road.
- Cross the road and follow the signposted path straight on and up a fairly steep hill to the edge of woodland. Go through the gate and follow the path through woods and up a steep climb to meet a road. There are a number of large tree roots and stones along this section so care needs to be taken. At the road, turn right and follow North Downs Way waymarkers.
- After a short distance, turn right off the road to follow signs for the North Downs Way. Go through the gap and up a small flight of steps. Follow waymarkers to go through 2 "rambler gates". After the second gate, turn left and follow the North Downs Way along the fence line. There are some breathtaking views along this section. Further on you will find a rest area as well as a commemorative plaque and the Wye Crown on the hillside to your right. At this point, as the fenceline bends to the left, you need to continue straight on across an open section of grass and undulations until you reach a gate.
- Go through the kissing gate and follow the North Downs Way along the top of the Downs. Near the end of this section go through a gate to join the road. **Taking care** cross over the road to the gate and information panel on the other side.
- Go through the kissing gate and bear left following the fingerpost on a bare earth path through a small area of woodland. At the waymarker post, turn right and follow the signs for the North Downs Way along a grassy path. After a short distance, go through another kissing gate and continue straight on and retrace your steps back to the car. 10 After leaving the farm follow the concrete path round to the right, skirting around Walk Wood, and continue ahead with the noise of the vehicles on the A2 increasing until you reach a point where the North Downs Way crosses the path.

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Wye circular walk www.explorekent.org