



The Greensand Way

Along and around
the Greensand Way
– Route Guide

The Greensand Way offers outstanding days out for long distance walkers wanting to experience the whole 108 mile route from Haslemere in Surrey through to Hamstreet, just short of the Kentish coast near New Romney. There are also many opportunities for anyone wishing to sample shorter sections in both counties.

The Greensand Way follows the ridge of greensand rock across Surrey and Kent. The Way takes its name from the layers of sandstone in each of which is found the green coloured mineral glauconite. The Greensand ridge runs broadly parallel to and south of the North Downs ridge.

In Surrey the Greensand Way covers 55 miles and is waymarked by the words GW inset into the relevant waymark. The route starts in Haslemere, passes the Devil's Punchbowl at Hindhead, traverses the main Surrey hills of Hascombe, Pitch, Holmbury and Leith Hills, before descending north to Dorking, Reigate and beyond into Kent just beyond Limpsfield. The walker should be aware that much of the route is hilly, but this provides resulting glorious views. It provides links to other long distance routes such as the North Downs Way National Trail and the Reigate and Banstead Millenium Trail.

Visit www.kent.gov.uk/explorekent for details of the route in Kent.

The route takes in two Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty – the [Surrey Hills](#) and the Kent Downs – as well as numerous Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). The route takes the walker along paths which, in many places, give unparalleled views across the Weald to the south and there are often extensive views towards the North Downs. Frequently, the route leads through quiet, almost remote areas. There are also many villages along the

way where the weary walker can find a resting place – in a local pub or village shop – as well as links with railway stations and main roads.

How to use our downloadable guide

We have divided the route into ten sections as downloadable pdfs. Each pdf provides a map, step by step walking directions, mostly following rights of way and in an easterly direction only, as well as a guide to the interesting features you may discover en route. A guide to the symbols used is provided on this webpage but not repeated at each section. However, each map has directions (A,B,C) and interesting features (1,2,3) plotted and also information on car parks and railway stations to assist with planning your trip.

Route Map Information

The route maps are reproduced from the Ordnance Survey Explorer Series on a scale of 1:25,000 (except map 8). The maps are aligned north/south on each page, and the scale bar appears on each map spread.

You are advised to use these maps in conjunction with an OS Explorer Series map – numbers 133, 145, 146, 147 cover the entire Surrey section.

Most sections of the walk follow legally defined rights of way. Before using the route guide, walkers are advised to study the key to the route maps and map symbols.

Route directions are given for walking the route in an easterly direction only. The route can be walked in a westerly direction using the route map and waymarking alone.

If you experience a problem on a right of way, please

contact Surrey County Council on 03456 009 009 or use our online fault reporting facility at www.surreycc.gov.uk/rightsofway

To plan your journey using public transport, you can find travel information and advice at Traveline on: 0871 200 22 33 from 8am to 8pm. Calls charged at the national rate.
www.traveline.org.uk.



Distances and times

The distances for the Surrey section are given in miles. The approximate conversion is 1 mile to 1.6km. Time taken is a guide only and based on an average walker covering 2 to 2.5 miles per hour.

Conversion table

1 mile	-	1.6km
2 miles	-	3.2km
5 miles	-	8 km
10 miles	-	16.1km



Surrey County Council Countryside Team acknowledges the invaluable assistance from Surrey Ramblers with route checking and waymark installation.

Waymarking and signing

Waymarking

The Greensand Way waymarks are used to show the line of the route in the countryside. You will see them fixed to waymark posts, or posts of gates or stiles. The walk has been waymarked in such a way that it is possible to walk the route in either direction.

In Surrey the route is waymarked by circular discs with a sketch of Leith Hill Tower and GW around it in the centre of the directional arrow. These are yellow on black for a public footpath, blue on white for a public bridleway and red on white for public byways. (see below)



In Kent the route is waymarked by circular waymark discs with an oast house in the centre of the directional arrow. These are yellow for a public footpath, blue for a public bridleway and red for a public byway.

Signing

In Surrey where the Greensand Way crosses or leaves a metalled road there are small brown and white Greensand Way notices attached to the wooden public footpath, bridleway or byway signposts indicating that the Greensand Way follows the signed route.



Key to Route Maps and Symbols

Parking	Picnic site	Fishing
Information Centre	Walks/trails	Theme/pleasure park
Visitor Centre	Cycle trail	Cathedral/Abbey
Public convenience	Horse riding	Museum
Forestry Commission	Public house	Castle/Fort
Public telephone	Viewpoint	Building of historic interest
Camp site	Country Park	English Heritage
Caravan site	Garden	National Trust
Camp/caravan site	Nature reserve	Other tourist feature
Leisure Centre	Water activities	Golf course

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Bus stop	Train station	Viewpoint
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In Kent where the Greensand way crosses or leaves a metalled road there are metal signs fixed to lamp-posts or other posts. Link routes that connect the path with towns and train stations are also waymarked with the Greensand Way logo.



Take note of the Countryside Code
Be safe, plan ahead and follow any signs. Leave gates as you find them. Protect plants and animals and take your litter home. Keep dogs under close control. For further information visit: www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk

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Guide to Route Maps

