



Walks round Peaslake for you to undertake! The walks are mainly over footpaths, sometimes cross over stiles and farmland, or through the woods and over tracks in the Surrey Hills. Extensive views to the North Downs or South Downs can be enjoyed.

Each walk takes one and a half or two hours to complete

Starting Point: Hurtwood Inn, Peaslake

Walk 4: Holmbury Hill (2 hours) – a circular walk to the top of the Hill, though the woods and along sandy tracks to reach the site of an Iron Age Fort. Here spectacular views stretch to the South Downs, with a glimpse of the sea on a clear day.

With Peaslake Stores in front of you, take the road to the RHS (Radnor Road) Go through the wooden barrier (immediately on the left) and climb the steep hill to the top barrier on a tarmac road (Plaws Hill) *or if you wish to avoid the climb - walk up Radnor road, turning left into Plaws Hill to meet by the barrier.*

From the barrier, keep straight ahead on the wider road and go through a kissing gate to the LHS of Lindeth House. This takes you down a narrow passage. The footpath emerges on to Holmbury Hill. (Part of the Millennium Trail)

Keep straight, down a slope to meet a wide firebreak in Riding Bottom. Cross directly ahead, over the firebreak, to enter a narrow footpath. Footpath and Millennium Way signs will direct you.

Ahead, walk up a narrow (sometimes muddy) path towards a tall wire fence - on the LHS . The fence will guide you along the footpath before Crossing, through the remains of an earth bank, emerge to a flatter area where tracks meet, keep obliquely left, then straight (for about 30 yards) before turning right on a smaller crossing track. This takes you through conifers before turning left on a wider sandy track to go up a short hill. Continue along the ridge to see a Nature Reserve sign on the left before the track dips down steeply to the valley. This wide track is known, locally, as 'The Gallops' - Racehorses from Epsom Stables were brought here for exercise.

Cross over, bearing slightly right and up the short, steep hill on the other side.

On reaching the top of the hill, turn right. Again you have a wide, sandy track to walk along. Ignore a Left hand track and 2 smaller crossing tracks. A metal bench is on the corner – keep left of the seat and continue to walk straight ahead. Another seat marks the point to turn left to reach an open space at the top of Holmbury Hill.

The top of the hill holds a circular memorial seat and trig point, as well as a map and information boards showing the highest points of the South Downs. **The spectacular view stretches to the South Downs and the sea** – which can be spotted on a clear day.

The clearing on the LHS is the site of an Iron Age Fort – a description of which can be seen.

Enjoy the views and information boards before leaving the flat area and turn right to return take the path by the left hand side of the Hurtwood Control Donation box. The stony narrow track heads down and then along the side of the ridge. A metal bench is dedicated to Felix LaFann and Dave Birks, Mountaineers who lost their lives on the Matterhorn. Keeping Left past some posts and along the footpath. Enjoy the views to the South Downs as you walk. Keep to the Left to follow the side of the hill. A beautiful, wooden, circular sweet chestnut seat allows you to rest and enjoy the views. The track leads to a pond (possibly filled with weeds!) Keep left and then right towards a much wider, sandy track.

Turn left here keeping Hurtwood Control No 1 car park on your left and a Pinetum on your right. *Ignore any wider tracks bearing right.* Walk to the wide track which runs along the hill (parallel to the road) and towards a fenced reservoir.

At the Reservoir, go round the fence, turning right and left, keeping the fence on your left. Stay on the left hand, wide, sandy firebreak. As you descend look ahead to lovely views of the North Downs.

Half way down the hill turn left at the 4th sandy crossing track (**cleared area on RHS as you turn**) to pass by a wooden barrier by the side of Spurfold House. A paved stretch of drive leads you onto Radnor Road. Here turn right to walk down the hill and into Peaslake.

