

Deepdene trail

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- The Uckfield and East Grinstead Line
- The Tonbridge to Redhill & Reigate Line
- The Seafood to Brighton Line
- The Marshlink Line
- The Arun Valley Line
- The North Downs Line

(SCRP) is currently working on six lines in the South-East of England:

- Promote sustainable travel
- Promote connective travel to and from the stations
- Encourage tourism to rural areas
- Work with communities to help them adopt and enhance their local station

The aim of Sussex Community Rail Partnership (SCRP) is to connect communities to their railways, by helping to ensure the service provided meets the needs of the community, its visitors and to:



## North Downs Line Guide

A great train ride through beautiful countryside



Gatwick – Reigate – Guildford

North Downs Way  
NATIONAL TRAIL



GWR  
Great Western Railway

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**Dorking West**  
Situating on the west side of the town and generally served every two hours.

Albury Vineyard and Silent Pool. Regular services are generally every two hours.

### Gomshall

Has step-free access to both platforms and is situated close to some beautiful countryside and villages, most notably Shere. Gomshall itself has two good pubs and a number of cafes, it is also within a fairly short distance of

### Betchworth

A small, well-kept station that is very close to the North Downs Way, generally served by GWR every two hours.

### Dorking Deepdene

A very busy station which is served by 2 GWR trains in each direction per hour and situated next to Dorking Station (Southern and South Western Railway services to London). Very local to Denbies and easy walking to the North Downs Way or cycling to Box Hill for the Olympic circuit. Close to Dorking Halls and the Museum. Join the Deepdene Trail from here.

### Reigate

Providing Southern rail connections to Tonbridge and London via Redhill, two GWR trains in each direction per hour, close to the bustling town centre with a variety of shops and restaurants and award winning Priory Park. Go up Reigate Hill to the Reigate Fort and Garton Park, joining the North Downs Way, Millennium Trail and Pilgrims Way.

### Redhill

Opened a 'Platform 0' in early 2018 which allows for more through trains, there are two GWR services every hour leaving Redhill for Reading. It also serves London and the South Coast through Southern Rail and Thameslink.

### Gatwick

A seven-platform station that is part of the international airport, providing fast trains to London and the South Coast via Southern Rail, Thameslink and Gatwick Express. GWR operates an hourly service to Reading via Guildford.

### The Stations

The North Downs Line is operated by Great Western Railway and runs from Gatwick to Reading, this guide covers the Gatwick to Guildford stretch.

## Travel Information

National Rail Enquiries:

03457 48 49 50

[www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

Great Western Railway:

03457 000 125

[www.gwr.com](http://www.gwr.com)

Buy your train ticket online from GWR or at your local station from ticket machines.

Railcards, including young persons, senior and family railcards can bring big savings on train journeys.

See [www.railcard.co.uk](http://www.railcard.co.uk) for details.

### Bus travel in the area

For timetable information call:

Traveline (national public transport information) on

0871 200 2233

(calls cost 12 pence per minute plus your phone company's access charge).

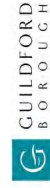
Several bus companies run services that complement the North Downs Line and for a comprehensive view readers should visit:

[www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/buses-and-other-transport/bus-timetables](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/buses-and-other-transport/bus-timetables)

This guide has been produced by Pindar Creative on behalf of Sussex Community Rail Partnership (SCRP) in conjunction with Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the North Downs Way and Shere Parish Council.



Surrey Hills  
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty



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New life for local lines



North Downs Way  
NATIONAL TRAIL

[www.nationalrail.co.uk/north-downs-way](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/north-downs-way)

Why not hop off the train to discover a variety of walks in the Surrey Hills and along the North Downs Way National Trail

Station facilities can be found at: [www.nationalrail.co.uk/stations](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/stations)

for more details.

### PLUSBUS

Buy an add-on ticket giving you discounted bus travel to and from many of our stations. Visit [www.plusbus.info/](http://www.plusbus.info/)

### Want to bring your bike?

Bike reservations are not necessary on the North Downs Line but space is limited on board, and so we operate a strict first-come, first-served policy.

Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, G-Live and Surrey University.

### Guildford

A very busy station that is operated by Network Rail, providing fast trains to London and services to the south and south-west (via Woking or Reading). The Gatwick to Reading service calls twice per hour in each direction. Home to the

Both within a short walk of the station.

### Shalford

There is a train every hour from this station, it's within easy reach of the North Downs Way via a path beside the River Wey. Why not visit East Shalford Mill (NT) or Chinthurst Tower.

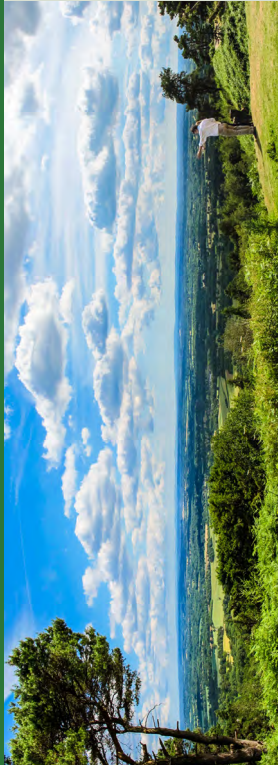
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Valley also begin here at Chilworth.

### Chilworth

Another rural station that is generally served every two hours, a short, steep walk from the beautiful St Martha's Hill and the North Downs Way. Chilworth Gunpowder Mill is also well worth a visit and a number of walks in the Tillingbourne Valley also begin here at Chilworth.

## The beauty of the Surrey Hills



The Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) is one of 38 nationally protected landscapes in England, having equal landscape status and protection to a National Park. The AONB stretches across a quarter of the county of Surrey and includes the chalk slopes of the North Downs from Farnham in the west to Oxted in the east and extends south to the deeply wooded Greensand Hills which rise in Haslemere. Visit us by train using the North Downs Line and find out more via [www.surreyhills.org](http://www.surreyhills.org)

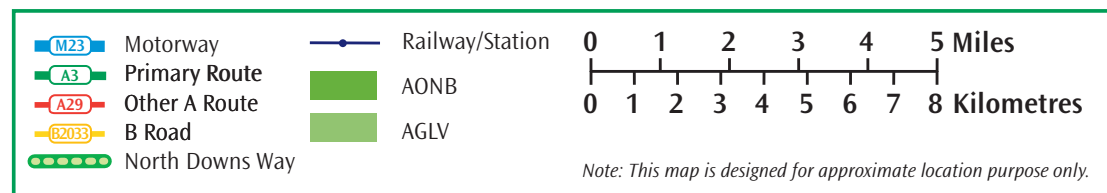
## Rail & Trail to the North Downs Way



The North Downs Way is a designated National Trail passing through 153 miles of countryside between Farnham in Surrey to Dover on the Kent coast. Following the route of the historic Pilgrims Way the trail passes through the protected landscapes of the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and the Kent Downs AONB. The trail makes for a great place for a family day out, a short walk and a rustic pub lunch or a life-changing long distance challenge. Along the way you will find chalk grassland, ancient woodland and heritage coastline providing a diverse range of habitats for wildlife such as orchids, bees and butterflies during the summer.

[www.northdownsway.co.uk](http://www.northdownsway.co.uk)





**1 G Live**

G Live is a state-of-the-art entertainment, conference and hospitality venue located in the heart of Guildford. Our programme includes extensive live music gigs as well as a wide range of comedy, classical music, family shows and dance, ensuring there is something to suit all tastes.

Visit [www.glive.co.uk](http://www.glive.co.uk) or call 01483 369 350



**4 Silent Pool Distillers**

Silent Pool Distillers is nestled in the heart of the beautiful rural landscape of the Surrey Hills. Using water from the spring-fed Silent Pool, and the finest 24 botanicals, we hand-craft our award winning Silent Pool Gin, liqueurs, vodka and Eau de Vies and bottle them on-site.

[www.silentpooldistillers.com](http://www.silentpooldistillers.com)  
@SilentPoolGin



**7 Dorking Halls**

A ten minute walk from Dorking's stations, and located minutes from the centre of town, Dorking Halls is a much-loved Art Deco theatre, cinema and conference venue overlooking the Surrey Hills. Catch live music, comedy, family shows, talks and more. The venue also has three cinema screens showing all the latest releases.

Find out what's on at [www.dorkinghalls.co.uk](http://www.dorkinghalls.co.uk) or call 01306 881717



**8 Denbies Wine Estate**

Denbies Wine Estate, with 265 acres under vine, is England's largest vineyard. Denbies is open all year round with two restaurants, wine and gift shop, art gallery, weddings, conference and banqueting facilities, micro-brewery, farm shop and Denbies Farmhouse Bed and Breakfast. Denbies offers a range of daily inside winery and tasting tours and seasonal outdoor vineyard tours. For details visit [www.denbies.co.uk](http://www.denbies.co.uk)



**TREKKING & OUTDOORS**  
EQUIPMENT TO HIRE OR BUY

Shere Trekking & Outdoors is a small friendly shop based in the Surrey Hills. They specialise in selling all things trekking and trail running but also HIRE top quality clothing and equipment to groups and individuals heading off to trek some of the great mountains of the world.

**2 Yvonne Arnaud Theatre**


Guildford's Yvonne Arnaud Theatre is a busy producing and receiving house creating shows in Guildford and touring nationally with many transferring to the West End. On both the Main Stage and in the Mill Studio an eclectic mix of classical and contemporary work is staged by new, lesser-known and established writers.

Visit [www.yvonne-arnaud.co.uk](http://www.yvonne-arnaud.co.uk) or call 01483 440000



**3 Albury Vineyard**

Albury Vineyard, situated in the beautiful Surrey Hills just outside Guildford, produces still and sparkling wines of the highest quality. Albury's first wine, Silent Pool Rosé, was served on board the Royal Barge to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, and Albury Estate sparkling wines have since gone on to win several international awards. They are now served at some of the country's best restaurants. Visit [www.alburyvineyard.com](http://www.alburyvineyard.com)



**6 Dorking Museum**

Dorking Museum can be found on historic West Street in the middle of the town. Telling the story of Dorking through panels, photographs and artefacts, Dorking Museum has something for all ages.


Visit [www.dorkingmuseum.org.uk](http://www.dorkingmuseum.org.uk)



**10 Priory Park**

Just a ten minute walk from the station, Priory Park is a 65 acre park of historic interest, home to Reigate Priory, currently a junior school but founded in the 13th century as a monastery. The park has formal gardens, a lake, a great playground with water features, football pitches, skate park, tennis courts and a cafe.

A range of events take place each year, for details visit [@reigatebanstead](http://www.facebook.com/groups/priorypark)



**9 Deepdene Trail**

The Deepdene Trail is a walking trail, just a 15 minute stroll from Dorking's town centre and railway stations. Visitors are able to enjoy free access to one of the country's most historically significant gardens - privately owned since their creation in the 17th Century. Guided by a new mobile App that reveals glimpses of the landscape as it was in the early 1800's, the story of the picturesque, Regency landscape and its owners is presented for all ages to enjoy.

Visitors can uncover the many fascinating stories and grand physical features of the Deepdene Estate on The Trail.

Discover Deepdene's connection to the famous cursed Hope Diamond, the tragic reason behind the Hope family Mausoleum and how this unique landscape has changed over time. See the mausoleum for yourself set into a grassy hill on The Trail. The magnificent Hope Mausoleum is one of the most important historic buildings of its kind and the sole intact surviving structure created by the highly influential, collector, builder and designer of major international importance, Thomas Hope. [@deepdenetrail](http://www.deepdenetrail.co.uk)

