

Taster Tours



Amazing walks

Why not leave the train at Dorking Deepdene and visit Box Hill or Denbies. Dorking Deepdene is served by two trains per hour in each direction, however you need to be aware of the 39 steps to road level. As you approach the road from the bottom of the steps you'll notice a poster pointing you to the North Downs Way alongside a local map. Follow the routes on the map for a flat 15 minute walk to Denbies Wine Estate, England's biggest single-site vineyard. Enjoy a trip around the vines, visit the shop or break for excellent food in the restaurant. From Denbies you can access the North Downs Way. The more energetic may wish to venture up Box Hill, across the A24 from Denbies but well worth it for the views alone (above). Box Hill is also the site of the 2012 Olympic road race circuit so a good excuse to bring your bike.

Aviation history

Jump off at Farnborough North via the hourly service and visit the Abbey or be immersed in air science. Farnborough North station is the busiest on the line without a direct connection to London, and it's also at the end of a 16th century street. On each platform is a map of the Blackwater Valley and the local area, promoting Farnborough Abbey and the Farnborough Air Sciences Trust (FAST) Museum. The FAST Museum celebrates the birth of British aviation on the site and is located in Trenchard House, 85 Farnborough Road, Hampshire, GU14 6TF, alongside the world famous Farnborough Airfield. This Listed Building was the original home of the Army Balloon School and Royal Flying Corps, and is close to where S. F. Cody made the first successful, controlled, powered flight in the UK in October 1908. The museum houses a huge archive reflecting Farnborough's national importance to aviation history and has many aircraft, missiles, wind tunnel models and related artefacts. Attractions also include flight simulators, a book and model shop and a full size replica of the Cody Flyer and much more for visitors of all ages. Find out more at www.airsciences.org.

About the Southeast Communities Rail Partnership

Southeast Communities Rail Partnership (SCRP) connects communities to their vital community asset – their local station. We work across the southeast to help volunteers enrich the station environment through a wide variety of projects, for example through sustainable gardening and art displays, festive decorations and so much more.

We improve integrated transport options by progressing access to stations, working with our bus provider partners to increase bus connectivity and encouraging active transport through walking and cycling. We work with schools and local colleges, providing educational workshops and we support diverse groups to “Try a Train” through arranged visits to stations. Our line guides support social and economic development by encouraging visitors to enjoy our region through sustainable travel.

Find out how to get involved on our website:

www.southeastcrp.org



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Aerial view of Farnborough Air Sciences Trust



Train links

The North Downs line is well connected to the rest of the main line network.

- Reading station is served by Great Western Railway, South Western Railway, Cross Country and TfL Rail trains.
- Guildford is served by South Western Railway trains.
- Redhill (which North Downs line trains run to) is served by Southern and Thameslink trains.

Bus links

- There are a number of local bus operators connecting principal stations on the line to local communities and places worth visiting.
- For more information please go to www.traveline.info

Walking/Cycling links

- There are fantastic walks around the Surrey Hills, North Downs Way and Blackwater Valley.
- For more details please visit www.surreyhills.org, www.nationaltrail.co.uk/north-downs-way and www.bcv.org.uk/blackwater-valley-path
- Cycling to/from stations is encouraged, all stations have cycle racks. Dorking Main station, 150 yards from Dorking Deepdene, has a cycle hub where hundreds of cycles can be stored securely and under cover.