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# Greensand Way and Leith Hill Tower

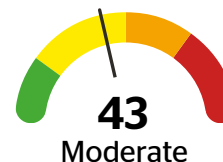
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## Woodland walk

**Distance:** 7.9 miles (12.8km) **Ascent:** 337m (1,106ft) **Time:** Allow 3h 45m to 6h

**Map:** OS Explorer 1:25k (146) Dorking, Box Hill & Reigate

**Start/Finish:** OS Locate TQ 104 450 **what3words** ///quiz.combining.dine



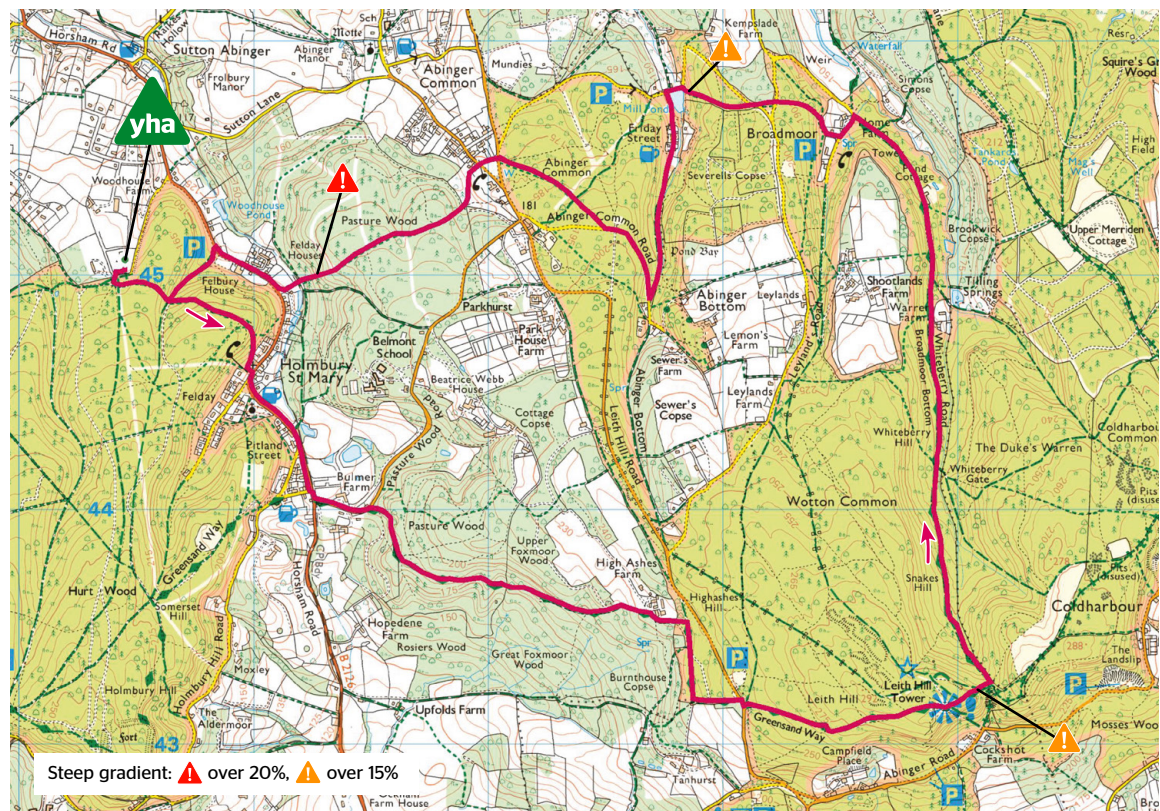
A great woodland route following a section of the Greensand Way to an awesome viewpoint. From the hostel driveway cross Radnor Lane, head through the public car park and take the track on the left. At the track crossroads continue ahead and then downhill to Holmbury St Mary. Turn right onto Horsham Road, follow through the village and join the Greensand Way by turning left onto Pasture Wood Road. Bear right to follow the way markers through Pasture Wood and past High Ashes Farm. Turn right, then left, cross the road and continue on the track to pass Leith Hill Tower. At a junction of five tracks turn left. Continue past Snakes Hill and onto Whiteberry Road. At the road near Home Farm turn left, then take the footpath on the right. Cross two small roads near Broadmoor, take the path ahead and continue to the road by the mill pond. Turn left, then left alongside the mill pond and past the old pub. Continue onto the track at the end of the road, take the path on the right to Abinger Common Road. Turn right, then take the footpath on the right to cross Abinger Common. Cross the road, go straight ahead, cross another road and take the footpath ahead. Follow the path through Pasture Wood and turn right onto Horsham Road. After Felbury House turn left onto the track and continue to the crossroads. Turn right and retrace the route back to the hostel.

## Hazards

Caution on the roads without footpaths. Watch out for cyclists near Leith Tower.

## Accessibility

There are no stiles and single steps on the route. Gates and paths are less than one metre wide in places. Many good paths, tracks and roads. Some rough ground with ruts or stones greater than 10cm, exposed tree roots in places.



## Points of interest

Beautiful countryside and woodland with pretty villages. Stunning views towards the South Downs from Leith Tower.

## Facilities

No public toilets on route. Food and drink available at Bulmer Farm and Leith Tower. Pubs in Holmbury St Mary and Abinger Common.

This route has been created by YHA to provide inspiration and to aid planning and preparation of your walk. It doesn't replace the need for an OS Map or the OS Maps App to navigate your walk safely. Digital maps are a guide and do not always reflect the conditions on the ground, ensure you are aware of your immediate surroundings.

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Route: Matt Oveid & Jane Butterfield



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We hope you have a great time.

Walking in the national landscapes of England and Wales is part of YHA's heritage. With hostels on National Trails, in National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, YHA plays a unique role in the nation's walking community.

To make it easy for everyone to enjoy walking from YHA hostels, we have curated three walks – an easy, moderate, and more challenging option. They have all been graded – the higher the grade, the more challenging the route.

### Before you go:

- Check the local weather forecast ([metoffice.gov.uk](http://metoffice.gov.uk)).
- Check the tide times for coastal routes ([tidetimes.org.uk](http://tidetimes.org.uk)).
- Get the right clothing, footwear and kit for the route and weather.
- Ensure you have enough time to complete the route before dark.
- Download the OS Locate and what3words apps to your phone.
- Contact 999 by SMS text (must pre register by texting 'register' to 999) ([relayuk.bt.com/emercencysms](http://relayuk.bt.com/emercencysms)).
- Plan your walk by completing the YHA route notification card it helps Emergency Services if you get into difficulties or fail to return from your walk when anticipated ([yha.org.uk/route-card](http://yha.org.uk/route-card)).
- Ensure your entire group have the fitness and skills to complete the route.
- For further information on how to stay safe visit [adventuresmart.uk](http://adventuresmart.uk)

For more walks or information on route grading and timings go to [yha.org.uk/walks](http://yha.org.uk/walks)

If you encounter problems with this route contact [walking@yha.org.uk](mailto:walking@yha.org.uk)



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## What to wear

- Base layer and mid layer.
- Walking trousers.
- Warm jacket(s).
- Take extra layer(s).
- Hat, gloves and neck gaiter.
- Sun hat, sun cream and sunglasses.
- Waterproof jacket and trousers.
- Cushioning walking socks.
- Walking shoes or boots.

## Kit

- Map, compass and GPS device or OS Map app on your phone.
- Water, lunch and high energy snacks.
- Charged mobile phone and portable charger.
- First aid kit.
- Head torch, spare batteries.
- Watch.
- Whistle and survival bag.
- Rucksack, with waterproof cover or a dry bag or plastic bag inside.
- Medicines or toiletries you would usually use.

## You might also want to take

- Spare socks, hat, gloves.
- Balaclava.
- Leg gaiters.
- Waterproof baseball cap (handy if you wear glasses).
- Walking poles.

- Bivi bag or group shelter.
- Spare food and hot drink.
- Duct tape (handy for fixing things).
- Penknife or multitool.
- Tissues and hand sanitiser.
- Plastic bags to take away your rubbish or dog poo.

## In case of emergency

- Call 999 (or text 999 if pre-registered) and ask for the Police.
- Use OS Locate or what3words to provide a detailed description of your location.
- If you need to attract attention shout or give six blasts on a whistle at regular intervals. In low light flash your torch six times at regular intervals.
- If you can send someone for help, they need to know your location (grid reference), number of people in the group and the nature of the emergency.
- Help could be some time coming so whilst waiting make the casualty comfortable.
- Keep the casualty warm and dry using spare clothing. Use coats or rucksacks to insulate them from the ground.
- Remember the rest of the group could be getting cold whilst waiting. Use an emergency shelter or find a sheltered location.