

The Greensand Way

map 5

Pitch Hill (TQ083423)
to Broadmoor (TQ136457)
6½ miles, allow 3¼ hours

A

Pass the Trig point and cross the open area and take the narrow path ahead and follow it until a path joins at an acute angle from the left. Turn back left along this path and follow it downhill along the hill edge. At a joining path bear right, follow this path past a seat. Just past the seat where the path goes uphill bear right down a narrow path to meet a metalled track

B

Turn left onto a metalled track. Go through a metal barrier, and continue along a broad track. Pass a footpath entering from the right and then turn right at the next footpath. Follow the footpath downhill, then go down steps to the Duke of Kent School.

Turn left along the drive.

C

Cross the road and take the footpath ahead into woodland. Follow the fenced path up a slope to a stile. Continue on a fenced path across fields and at the top of a slope bear right along a drive and go through a wooden barrier. Turn sharp left along a track going uphill and bear right at the first turning. Follow this path for a short way to a road, cross it and go into Hurtwood Control car park (no 1).

D

Turn right to leave the car park and cross a gully. Go up steps and follow the footpath ahead uphill. After 540 yards cross the rampart of Holmbury Hill

View from Holmbury Hill
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Fort. Make for the memorial seat on the summit. Follow the path skirting the hillside down to wooden barriers, then turn left. Continue along the hillside and then downhill. Swing left to merge with a broad track after 560 yards. Turn right at a junction of five tracks.

E

Follow a broad path past a cricket pitch on your left. Turn left into Pitland Street. Bear right after 80 yards where the road forks and continue to the main road (B2126 Abinger Hammer to Horsham road).

F

Turn right, then first left. After 260 yards

Interesting features

Approaching Leith Hill Tower



turn right up a sandy track and follow the path as it climbs uphill.

G

Walk uphill to pass High Ashes Farm after 1 mile. Ignoring a downhill right-hand turn, continue to the T-junction.

H

Turn right along a gravel track. Ignoring paths to left and right, continue to a T-junction. Turn left. Bear right across the road. Go ahead up a broad track to reach Leith Hill Tower after 980 yards. Walk ahead past the tower, going downhill, for 220 yards.

I

Turn left at a junction of five tracks. Walk down hill for 1½ miles, continuing ahead where the track goes back to Warren Farm. Turn right and walk along a lane for 15 yards.

32 Duke of Kent School

Built in 1885, by Ernest George and Peto, the school still has tiles made by Dalton's Tile Works.

33 Holmbury Hill

Not long before the Roman Conquest, Iron Age Celts settled on Holmbury Hill, building a fort that covered eight acres. Roughly cleared hearths suggest they had to abandon the fort in haste.

34 Memorial Seat

The seat was erected in memory of Reginald and Jocelyn Bray (1869-1964) who gave the Hurtwood to the public for 'air and exercise'.

35 Holmbury St Mary

The village grew up in late Victorian times, combining two small hamlets. St Mary's Church was designed in perpendicular style by G E Street, the architect who also designed the Law Courts in London.

36 Leith Hill Place Wood

Leith Hill Place Wood is one of the few areas where ancient semi-natural woodland has survived. Like other woods along the scarp face it provides a habitat for rare birds.

37 Leith Hill Tower

Mr Richard Hull, who lived at Leith Hill Place, gained permission from Mr Evelyn of Wotton to build a tower as a Prospect House in 1765. It was later raised to 1,029 feet. Thirteen counties may be seen from the top on a clear day.

38 The Duke's Warren

Once heavily grazed, these slopes are now covered by secondary woodland. From the 1870s until the First World War the slopes were planted with firs

for commercial woodland.

39 Tilling Springs

The River Tillingbourne rises on the dip slope as springs emerge from the junction of the Hythe Beds and the Atherfield Clay.

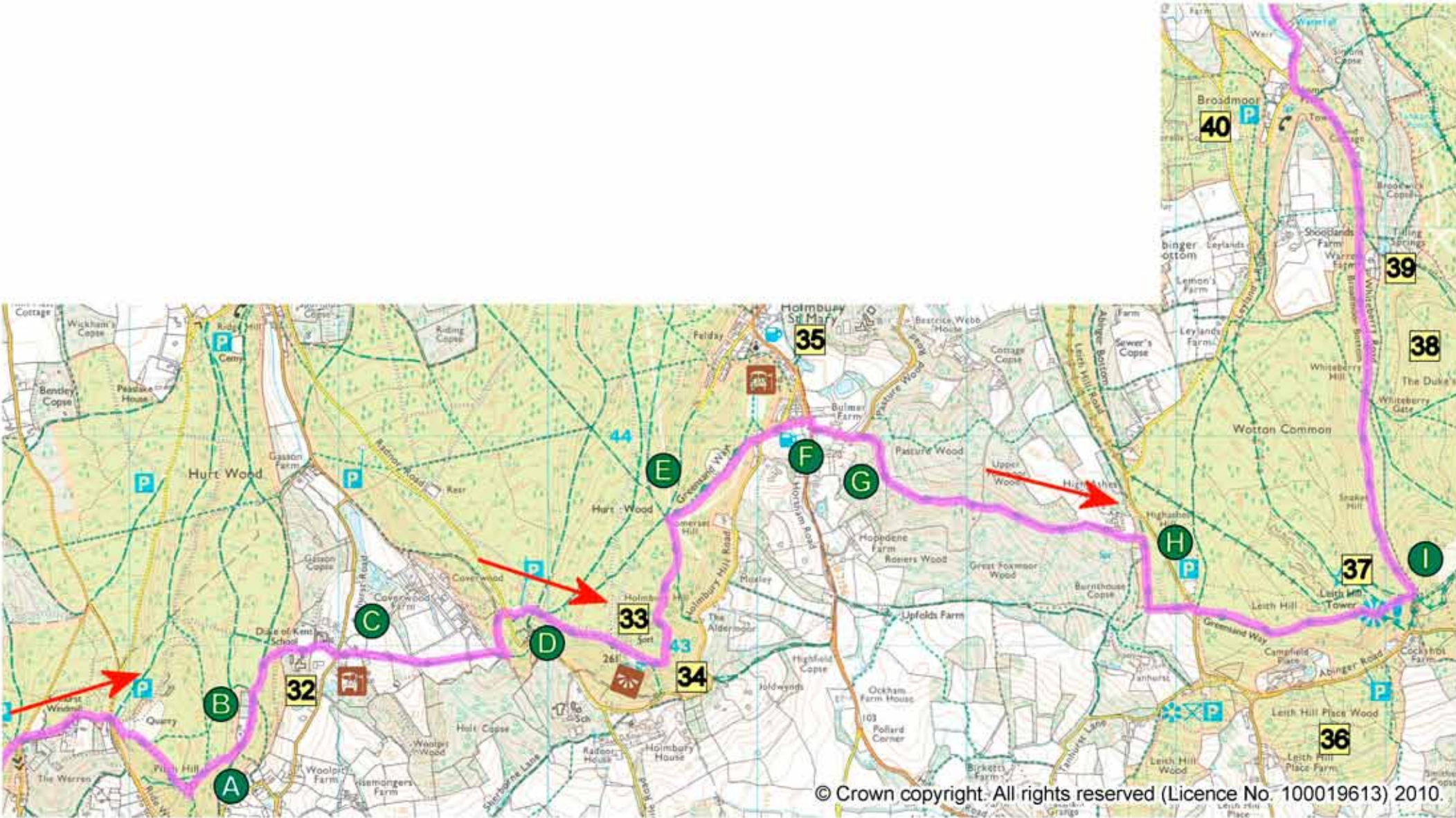
40 Broadmoor

Cottages were built here in the 1880s round a central reading room. Broadmoor became a popular halfway house for tourists between Westcott and Leith Hill.

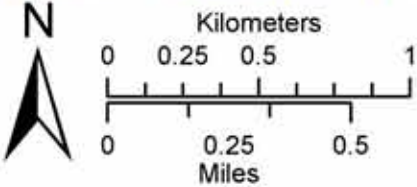
Fishing on River Tillingbourne



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