



## North Downs Way - Section 14: Wye to Folkestone

**15.2 miles (24.5 km)** allow 6 hours

Explore this journey from Wye, passing Wye Crown and the Devil's Kneading Trough, and an epic view into Folkestone.



On top of the Downs above Wye

### How to get there -

**Parking:** Wye car park, behind the co-op. Parking on Crete Road West, Folkestone.

**Train:** Nearest stations: Wye, Folkestone West.

**Bus:** 1A from Canterbury to Ashford stops in Wye.

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<b>F</b>	Finish	Crete Road West CT18 7AB
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	Gates	38
	Stiles	8
	Steps	3
	Terrain	Bare earth, gravel tracks, grass, surfaced tarmac roads, chalk.
	Views	Fantastic views throughout
	Refreshments	Cafe in Wye, pubs in Brabourne, Stowting, Etchinhill

## Route description

1. Turn left out of the station and cross over the river. Follow the road to the left and continue until you reach the church. Turn left into the churchyard and when facing the church take the footpath diagonally to your right. Continue Straight.
2. Turn left as you leave the graveyard down a narrow path with allotments on your left. Turn right at the end and right again to cross the road onto Occupation Road. Continue straight for 1 mile, crossing a small road and uphill along the edge of a field until you reach woodlands. Don't forget to look behind you for a stunning panoramic view.
3. Continue straight into the woods up a steep chalk footpath. Keep walking until you reach a road, turn right and continue uphill. Turn right onto a footpath with steps, through two metal rambler gates. With the wide open view in front of you turn left and follow the fence to Wye Crown Memorial.
4. Keep walking ahead with the view on your right. The grassy well trodden path will lead to a gate. Continue straight along the ridge for 0.5 miles through a second gate. Turn right at the first road, cross straight over at the second road through a metal gate opposite.
5. Bear left and follow the main footpath through the woods. Pass through the next metal gate and turn right and continue to a second metal gate. Keep straight with the Devil's Kneading Trough and fence on your right. Follow the fence downhill then uphill, taking care as it is steep here.
6. Continue along the top of the ridge passing through two metal gates and onto a narrow wooded footpath. Continue to a gate which leads you along the edge of a field and through a gate at the top of the field. Keep walking to a farm passing through two gates close together.
7. Follow the edge of the field to a gate, then diagonally left across the field to a gate, turn right onto a road. Follow the road and turn left at the first road. Continue straight on this road and straight onto a gravel track. This leads to a road.
8. Turn right onto a road and around a bend with open views ahead. At the next bend, take the footpath with the large metal gate on your left. Follow this track to a second metal gate, through woodland, straight across a small road to a second road.
9. Turn left onto the road and follow it as it bends. Keep straight passing the Tiger Inn pub on your left. Continue passing a post box on your right and straight on. Turn left onto an uphill footpath through woods and straight across the road up steps and over a stile.
10. Continue straight uphill and as the footpath veers to your right keep straight over the stile and straight ahead. The footpath will follow a road to the right, stay in the field and with the footpath on your left, cross a road and continue straight until you reach a gate on your left. You are now at Farthing Common Viewpoint
11. Go through the gate and cross the busy road into a car park. Continue walking into the grassy area behind the car park and bear right, cross the road into a field. Follow the edge around to the left and pass through two gates.
12. Continue straight and as the hills rise either side of the footpath follow the lower footpath passing the electricity pylon around a bend passing some trees. Turn sharp left uphill and at the top turn sharp right and follow the footpath keeping the fence on your left until you reach a gate and a small bench.
13. Continue straight through this gate and two more. At the third gate turn right and follow the fence, turn left at the bottom of the field and continue straight to the end of the field. Go through the gate, cross the roads and straight onto the footpath in the trees.
14. Go through the gate and follow the edge of the field uphill for 0.5 miles. Continue round to your left with the aerals on your right. Turn right through the gate onto a narrow footpath and follow this to another gate and a road. Cross straight over and through a gate.

15. Keep straight with the line of trees on your left. Turn left at the bottom of the field and over a stile. Continue through trees passing a large bench on your right, through a gate into woods. Keep straight and pass through two more gates onto a road.



View from Tolsford Hill

16. Turn right on the road and turn left immediately onto a driveway leading downhill. Turn left just before the gates to 'Combe Farm' and over a stile. Pass straight through the field and over another stile. Continue through woods, over a footbridge and left over a stile through a tunnel.
17. Continue straight passing pylon on your left over a stile and through woods passing through a wide wooden gate and straight uphill with hills on either side. At the top of the hill turn sharp right and follow the fence to a stile. Cross the field to a second stile and follow the edge of the field round to a gate.
18. Turn right onto a track and follow for 0.5 miles to a road. Cross the road and turn right, follow the edge of the field to a gate and turn right through the gate. Pass NDW Marker and follow footpath round to your left and up steps.
19. Continue to follow the footpath, passing a military pillbox and left onto a road. Join the footpath in front of the car park and follow it along the top of the hill with the view to your right. Pass through a stile and continue straight on footpath.
20. Continue on this footpath through a gate and into a section of woodland with a fence on your right, pass through a second gate. Continue straight and the footpath will soon reach a road. This is the end of your walk.

## Points of interest

**3. Wye Crown** - This chalk carving was created by the students and principal of Wye College (once a thriving college in the abandoned building you passed after the church). It was created to celebrate the coronation of Edward VII in 1902. Seven thousand barrows of turf, soil and chalk took 35 students 4 days to remove.



Viewpoint seating area above the Crown

### 5. Devil's Kneading Trough

This dramatic natural feature is part of the Wye National Nature Reserve and at the heart of the Kent Downs AONB. The steep sided valley was created by per-glacial action during the last ice age. Views stretch out over the Kent Downs to Romney Marsh, the Weald and the Channel coastline.



### 10. Farthing Common Viewpoint

On a good day you are able to see beyond the rolling farmland to Fairlight in East Sussex. Behind this view sits the extremely straight Stone Street which was first built by the Romans to connect the City of Canterbury and one of their forts near Hythe.





