



North Downs Way - Section 6: Otford to Cuxton

14.8 miles (23.8 km) allow 6 hours

Ramble high up on the North Downs on this epic adventure from Otford to Cuxton. Journey through Kemsing Down Nature Reserve and Trosley Country Park.



View from Otford Mount

How to get there -

Parking: Otford Station car park and on street, Cuxton on street.

Train: Nearest stations: Otford and Cuxton

Bus: Number 2 from Sevenoaks to Otford, 151 from Rochester to Cuxton

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	Gates	36
	Stiles	4
	Steps	15
	Terrain	Bare earth, gravel tracks, grass, surfaced tarmac roads, chalk.
	Views	Great views from the Downs
	Refreshments	Shops and pubs in Otford and Cuxton, Trosley Country Park cafe

Route description

1. Exit the station on Station Approach and turn right onto the main road. Cross the bridge over the railway line. Keep to the right and follow pavement to the road. Turn right at the road and walk straight for 50 metres. Cross the road and turn left up a steep driveway.
2. Follow footpath straight uphill for 0.5 miles through woods to a gate. Continue straight through field keeping to your right. Pass through gate onto a road and continue straight on the road. Follow road to a footpath on right.
3. Turn right off road through a gate. Follow footpath round to the left. Pass through gate and turn diagonally right across field to gate. Cross another field to third gate that leads onto a lane. Turn right here.
4. Continue straight and take first turn on left where the white gate is. After 20 metres turn right through metal gate. Follow footpath through woods and down steps, go straight down second set of steps, through a gate next to a bench and viewpoint.
5. Turn left through gate and follow fence line. Pass through next gate and continue straight through open section. Pass waymarker and take path on left. Pass through gate, down steps, up some steps and through a gate on your left. Walk up steps and across the top of the field with view on right to a gate in far left corner.
6. Pass through gate and diagonally across field through next gate. Pass through two more gates and turn right and along to another gate. Pass through this gate and enter a field. Keep straight and pass through 2 gates, a section of woodland with a gate at the end.
7. Follow fence on right to a gate. Walk down steps to a second gate and turn left through woods to a road. Turn left onto road and walk uphill. Turn right through gate passing buildings on left. Continue through a gate across a field, through a metal gate then onto a wooden gate.
8. Follow main path through woods. Continue along edge of field. Cross trackway, continue straight into field along edge, bear left. At footpath sign follow path along other side of trees, fence on left, continue through woods. Turn right onto road then left onto footpath down steps to gate.
9. Pass through gate and across field, through second gate across another field. Turn left onto a trackway. Walk for 0.5 miles to a road. Turn right and then immediately left. Walk for 1 mile as track turns into road, cross straight over following the Pilgrims Way and continue down the road.
10. Follow road with playing field on right. As it bends round to right turn left onto short path that leads to busy road. Turn left on pavement. Cross road where possible, when you reach the roundabout walk round to right onto Pilgrims Way (this is a small road parallel to motorway.)
11. Walk along road then join footpath on right that runs parallel to the road. Pass over a stile and join the road. Turn left up some steps and through a gate. Walk along edge of field with fence on right to a gate onto the road. Continue along the road passing houses on your left.
12. Turn left through gate and walk along edge of field following the road. Pass through a gate and through a short section of woods. Pass down steps and left onto track. Keep left and follow footpath uphill. Pass large brick wall on right, follow this straight to road.
13. Turn right then turn right onto the first road named Vigo Hill. Turn left onto footpath just before little bridge above road. Up a few steps and continue straight through two barriers. Trosley Country Park Cafe and facilities to left.
14. Follow the footpath to your right and stay on this main footpath for 1 mile. The footpath will bend to the left uphill. Pass through gate, turn right and at the bottom of hill turn left. Continue straight for 1 mile. At 2nd waymarker turn left and keep to right of hedge uphill.
15. At top of field turn right, keep straight uphill, up steps to gate onto road. Continue straight onto road marked Holly Hill. Walk on road for 0.5 miles to end as it turns to a track. Pass house and take first right over horse gate. Walk on this main footpath for another 0.5 miles.



Viewpoint at Trosley Country Park (point 13)

16. Look for a black railing on right, turn right over stile. Turn left to cross field. At the top of field turn left over two black metal stiles. Bear right and follow footpath through woods to field. Cross open field to woods and continue straight along narrow footpath. Bear left at post to open field.
17. Cross field and continue straight into woods. Keep walking on this main footpath to intersection with bench, walk straight across and bear to left. Walk for 0.7 miles under pylons to a footpath crossroads. Turn left down steps and through a gate.
18. Continue straight through field and pass through two gates. Follow the footpath uphill and through a gate into a short section of woodland. On the other side continue straight passing vineyards on your left and down to trees. Turn right and walk with the trees on your left.
19. Bear left on the footpath that travels between the houses. Continue straight onto road and after 200 metres where road bends left turn right across field. At the road pass down steps and turn right. When you reach a footpath on your left you are at the end of your walk.

Points of interest

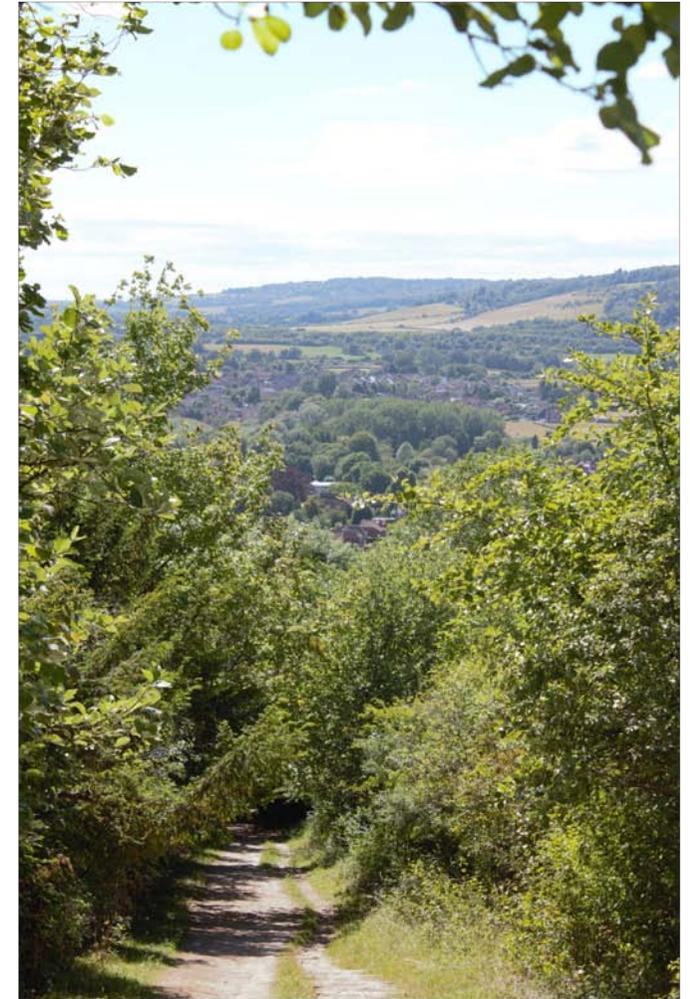
4. Kemsing Down Nature Reserve

This 40 acre nature reserve boasts stunning panoramic views. It includes ancient woodland, secondary woodland and chalk grassland on south facing slopes. Orchids can be found growing in the four open glades that are managed by Kent Wildlife Trust.



13. Trosley Country Park

This beautiful country park is a SSSI and has achieved a Green Flag for tourism every year since 2009. This 170 acre site is sat on top of the North Downs with wide spreading views over The Weald. Enjoy a rest and refreshments at the cafe before exploring the many waymarked trails.



View from the North Downs Way, looking back towards Otford

