



Haslemere-to-Guildford Monster

Distance: 33 km=21 miles

moderate but long walking

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Heath, moorland, hills, high views, woodland, birch scrub, lakes, river, villages, country towns

In Brief



This is a monster linear walk from Haslemere to Guildford. It combines *five* other walks in this series with some short bridging sections. You need to browse, print or download the following *additional* walks:

[Hindhead and Blackdown](#)

[Devil's Punch Bowl, Lion's Mouth, Thursley](#)

[Puttenham Common, Waverley Abbey & Tilford](#)

[Puttenham and the Welcome Woods](#)

[Guildford, River Wey, Puttenham, Pilgrims Way](#)



Warning! This is a long walk and should not be attempted unless you are physically fit and have back-up support.

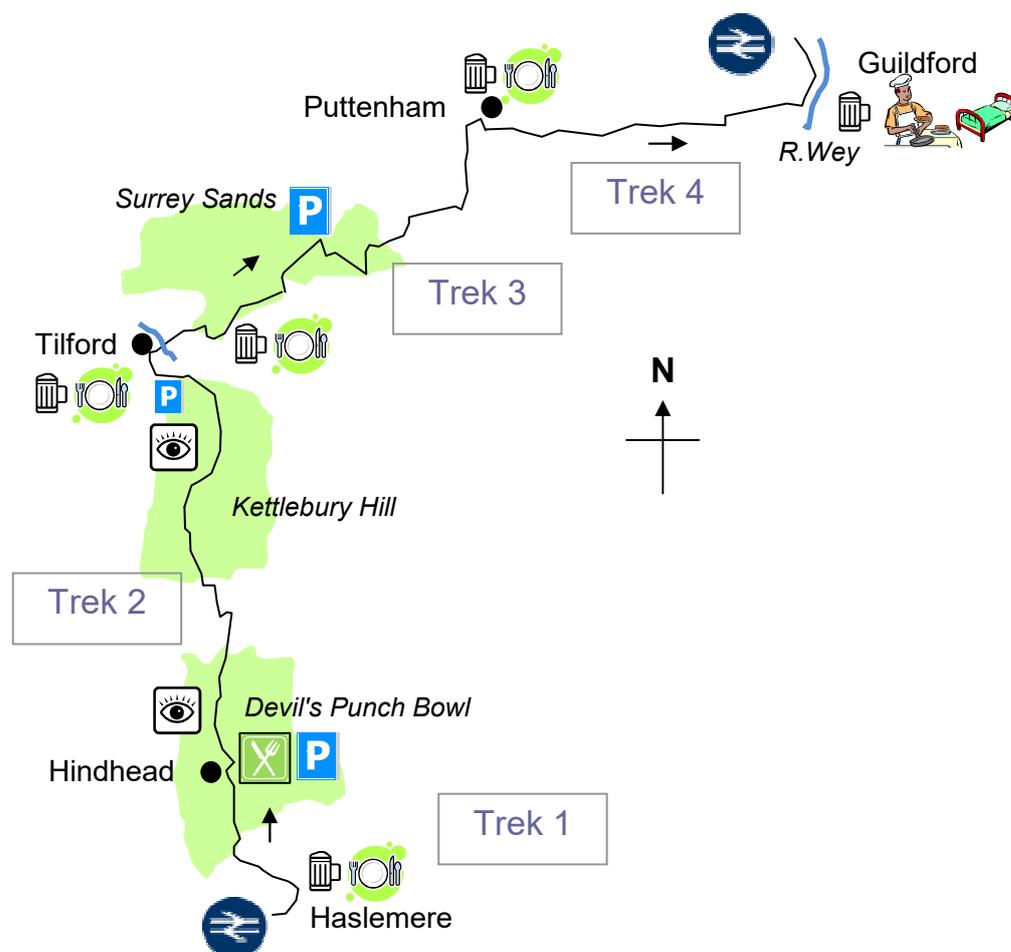


Boots and covered legs are recommended because of the length of this walk. A walking pole is also recommended. This monster walk is not suitable for a dog. There are no nettles or briars to speak of.

The walk begins at **Haslemere Railway Station**, Surrey, and ends at Guildford Railway Station. Trains run regularly between Haslemere and Guildford and both are on the line from London Waterloo with frequent connections. For details of access by road, see the individual guides.

The Walk

Overview



Trek 1 Haslemere to Hindhead. 4 km=2½ miles

Part 1: is a short hop from Haslemere Station to the start of the walk. Turn **left** out of the station to join the narrow main road, Lower Street. In 200m, as the road curves right, turn **left** onto Tanners Lane. (Or, if you would like snacks and shops, with a quick look at the historic centre of Haslemere, simply stay on the main and turn **left** on the High Street.) After 250m, keep **left** over the railway bridge and, immediately after, keep **right**, still on Tanners Lane. In 200m, at a fork, keep **left** by a little green, going past St Bartholomew's church. Turn **left** onto Church Lane / High Lane.

Part 2: is part of the *Hindhead and Blackdown* walk. Join this walk near the start of Leg 6 and continue to the end of this walk in the Devil's Punch Bowl car park. The "Monster" symbols in this and each of the component guides shows the start and end points.



Trek 2 Hindhead to Tilford. 10 km=6½ miles

Part 1: goes from the Devil's Punch Bowl car park to the Lion's Mouth using part of the *Devil's Punch Bowl, Lion's Mouth, Thursley* walk.

Part 2: is a bridging section to Tilford. (This section could be summarised as “straight on for 1½ km, veer left, straight on for 1¼ km to the road”.)



Instead of turning right, go **straight ahead** up a narrow very sandy path between short stumps. At the top, go through more stumps onto a narrow plateau with great views. Follow the wide path for 300m where it starts to descend. In 150m, at a junction, keep straight on with a narrow pine wood on your left. Continue to follow the sandy path as it rises over the slope ahead. It leads up to another level high path after 350m. In 100m, the route descends again, quite steeply, on a very deep yellow sandy path. Keep straight on for another 300m, going over a crossing path, till you reach a major 5-way junction of paths by a marker post. **Ignore** the first path sharp left but veer **left** onto the **second** path. In 250m you enter tall pines.

Stay on the main wide winding path, joining another wide path coming from the right in 150m, next to a post with blue arrows. Keep straight on between banks, veering **right** at the bottom. After a stream and a metal barrier, ignore a bridleway left and continue on a wide dirt drive with the Stockbridge Pond on your left. After passing a house, the drive ends at a car park and a road. Immediately before the road, turn **right** on a narrow parallel path running beside a field on your right. In 300m, the path ends at a road in Tilford. Keep **right** beside the village green. *The “Barley Mow” pub is on the other side of the green.* Turn **right** at the end, to go over the ancient Tilford Bridge over the River Wey.



Trek 3 Tilford to Puttenham. 10 km=6½ miles

Part 1: is part of the *Puttenham Common, Waverley Abbey & Tilford* walk, taking you from Tilford to the **Britty Wood** car park.

Part 2: is a quick hop: from the back of the Britty Wood car park, take a wide path leading off under wires. Keep straight on ignoring any forestry tracks. After 300m, just before a house with a green corrugated roof, turn **left** at a small marker post onto a narrow path across the heath.

Part 3: is part of the original *Puttenham and the Welcome Woods* walk (*not* the clockwise version). Join this walk just after the start of Leg 3 (look for the Monster symbol). At the end of this walk, ignore the Puttenham Common car park and wrap round to near the start of Leg 1. This part of the walk ends in the village of Puttenham. Turn **right** on the road in the village, instead of left. At the end of the road, turn **right** onto the B3000 (Puttenham Heath Road) and go down the hill, The *Jolly Farmer* pub, the starting point of the next Trek, is on your right.

Trek 4 Puttenham to Guildford. 9 km=5½ miles

Part 1: this is part of the *Guildford, River Wey, Puttenham, Pilgrims Way* walk, taking you from Puttenham to the River Wey near Guildford.

Part 2: is a short hop to Guildford Station. Turn **left** along the river bank, under trees, beside houses on your left and out into the open. In 700m, just after a sluice, turn **left** with the River Wey on your left. In 100m or so, you are joined by a wide path on your right, with the Wey Canal and a lock soon on your right. Just before the rounded *Yvonne Arnaud Theatre*, go **left** over a footbridge and **right** along the riverside with a car park on your left. Stay close to the riverside till you reach the (pedestrianised) Town Bridge. Turn **left** and **right** round the *White House* pub to meet a road with the Town Bridge on your right. Cross straight over, keeping the river on your right. After an underpass, look for the old *1913 Electric Works* building across the river. Go **left** here, diagonally up steps, and out to a main road. Go down steps into a subway and turn **right** under the road, leading to Guildford Station where the walk ends.

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