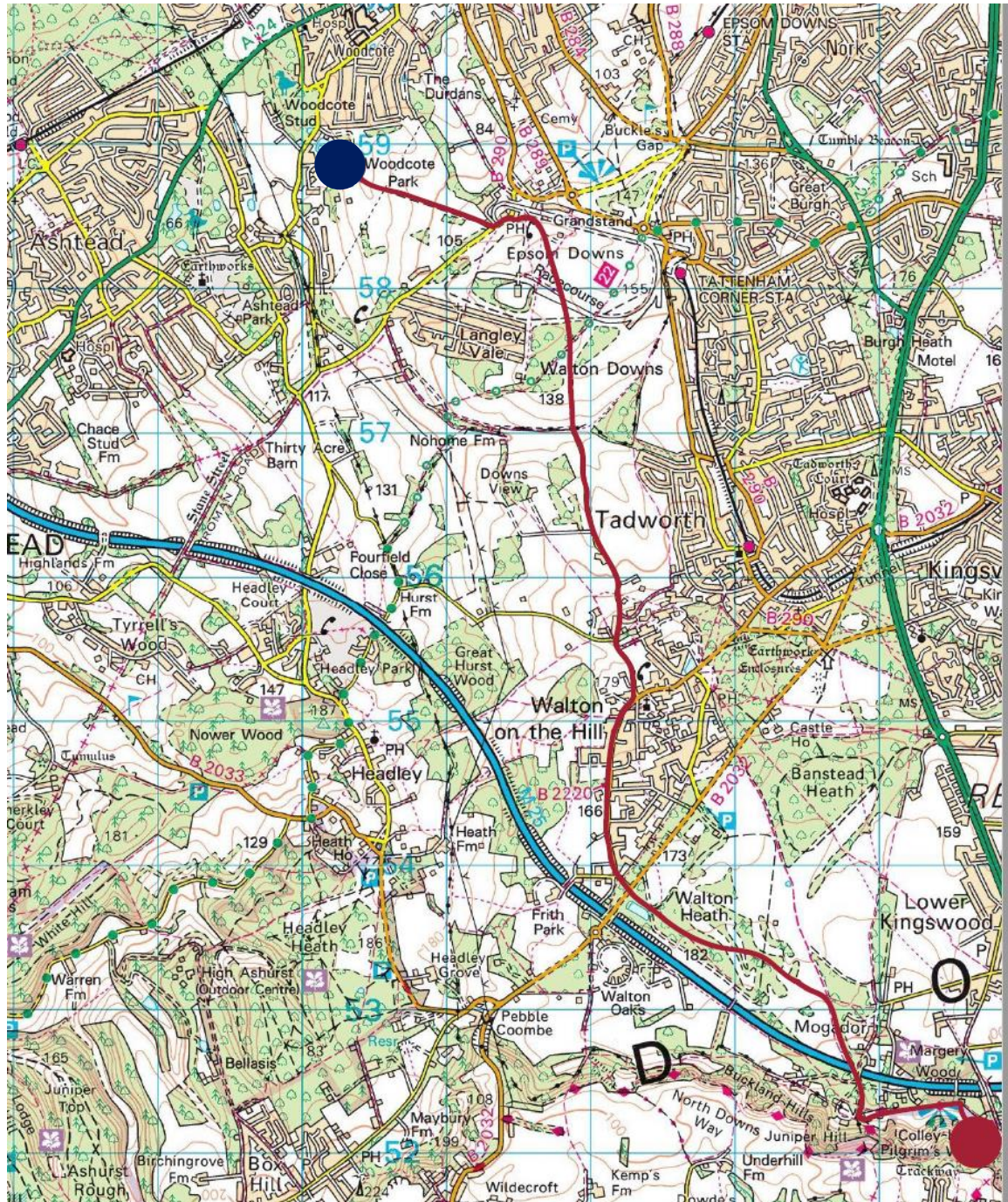


Walking and Cycling from Woodcote Park

Cycling Route 4

An off-road route to Colley Hill and back

11 miles



- Start at the foot of the Captain's Drive. Continue to the top of the Drive to the pedestrian exit gate.
- Go through the gate. Turn left, across Langley Vale Road (onto the pavement is safest if there are no pedestrians) and go approximately 200 m towards the grandstand.

- Turn right onto the small road (just before the underpass) which leads round to the Rubbing House pub.
- Facing the grandstand, take the track to the right, past the barrier at the top, down through the dip and up to the other side of the Downs. Make sure, generally, when on the Downs that you are aware of horse riders, both professional and amateur, and look out for the signs warning of the horse gallops and training tracks.
- Continuing on the track, cross over the racetrack at the crossing point. Then continue on the path to the woods at the edge of the racecourse. You will cross a sand training track just before reaching the woods. Look to the right and make sure there are no horses around.
- Continue straight through the woods, following the path.
- At the end of track you will reach an open grass area, with the main track running along the edge, to your left and right. On the opposite side of the main track, take the footpath which runs diagonally to the right towards the edge of the grass area.
- Go approximately 200m. to the edge of the grass area, where the path leads out onto the open gallops at the side of the hill.
- Your path then continues straight on, across and down the gallops. You will see, at the top of your path, danger signs for the gallops and racehorse training area. The path carries on, with the white rails on your left. Cross the sandy training track.
- Carry on down to the bottom of the hill, over another sandy training track. Again, be aware of horses.
- Cross the track at the edge of the gallops, which runs immediately parallel to the sand training track, and follow your path onwards, around a barrier preventing vehicle access.
- A few metres on you will pass a small waste tip on your left. Immediately past this it can get very muddy and wet as it is the bottom of the hill. If it is very wet, there is a small detour path just off to the left, immediately past the tip, which avoids the wet spot and comes back onto the track.
- Carry straight on and the track then becomes a very rough but hard surfaced lane as it starts to rise up the hill.
- The road will gradually improve in quality as you go up the hill but watch out on the lower sections for branches and potholes as it can be quite rough. Also, do look out for cyclists coming down the hill and for horse riders. Approximately two-thirds of the way up the hill you will pass Wildwoods Riding Centre on your left.
- Just over the brow of the hill, you will reach a road junction. Keep to the left and carry on the lane towards Walton on the Hill.
- After about 500m, you will reach the crossroads in Walton on the Hill village, with the church opposite. Turn left, towards Sutton, and follow the road through the centre of the village, until you reach the pond, on your left.
- At the pond, turn right into Deans Lane. Follow the lane all the way to the end, approximately 1km.
- At the bottom of Deans Lane, you will pass the entrance to Walton Golf Club, on your right and, about 200m after that, you will reach the end of the lane.
- Opposite, slightly to the right, you will see a small car park. You will need to cross over the main road at this point, into the car park. Be careful: cars can come along here very fast.

- Carry on straight through the car park entrance and onto the track opposite. There is a vehicle barrier across the track itself. The golf course will be on your left.
- Carry on along this track, passing around the corner of the large grey-green shed on your right. Follow the sign 'This way to the 11th Tee'.
- Carry on along the track with the main golf course on your left. You will see an open area on your right, which is the golf course practice ground. The track curves around to the right, skirting the practice ground. Almost at the end of the practice ground, take the track to the left, into the woods. There is a wooden post with a yellow arrow at the beginning of this track, pointing along it.
- A few yards into the track, you join another track and keep on, to the left. There is a bridleway sign at this point. Follow the direction for Mogador.
- Just after this junction you'll see a pond on the right which can be quite pretty, depending on the weather. You will pass another signpost for the bridleway on your right and carry on in the direction of Mogador. Follow the track right through woods, to the golf course. This track seems to be reasonably well drained even on a very wet and muddy day.
- The bridleway carries on across the golf course but please pay attention: there are golfers here. You'll see the sign at the edge of the golf course, warning of golfers playing up from the left.
- Follow the bridleway across the golf course to the woods the far side.
- A few metres into the woods on the other side of the golf course, there is a crossroads of the bridleways. You will see the old white boundary marker on your left. Take the track to the right. There is a signpost: follow the sign for the M25 crossing. Stay on this bridleway to that point.
- You will come out onto a small lane, right by the bridge over the M25. Turn right, over the motorway, and carry on along the lane on the other side until you reach a house boundary on your left. The track narrows at this point, heading straight down the hill. Do not go there. Shortly before the house, take the track to the left, signposted North Downs Way.
- Follow the track onwards, with the fence on your right, until you reach a horse gate. Pass through and you will be in the National Trust area. There is an NT sign at this point showing this is Colley Hill.
- Follow the track straight on along the ridge of the hill. There are huge views to your right and you will be able to see the weather coming! Watch out for the Belted Galloway cows who graze here.
- Continue along the track, gradually rising in a gentle slope, until you reach the Inglis Memorial at the top of Colley Hill, the end of the ride.
- The memorial was donated to the Borough in 1909 by Lieutenant Colonel Sir Robert William Inglis. Originally a drinking fountain for horses at the top of the original main route over Reigate Hill, it is now a scenic place for ramblers to rest.
- It is well worth carrying on for another ten minutes or so along the main track, which will take you past the Victorian Reigate Fort and on to the car park and open-air café at Reigate Hill.
- Return the same way.