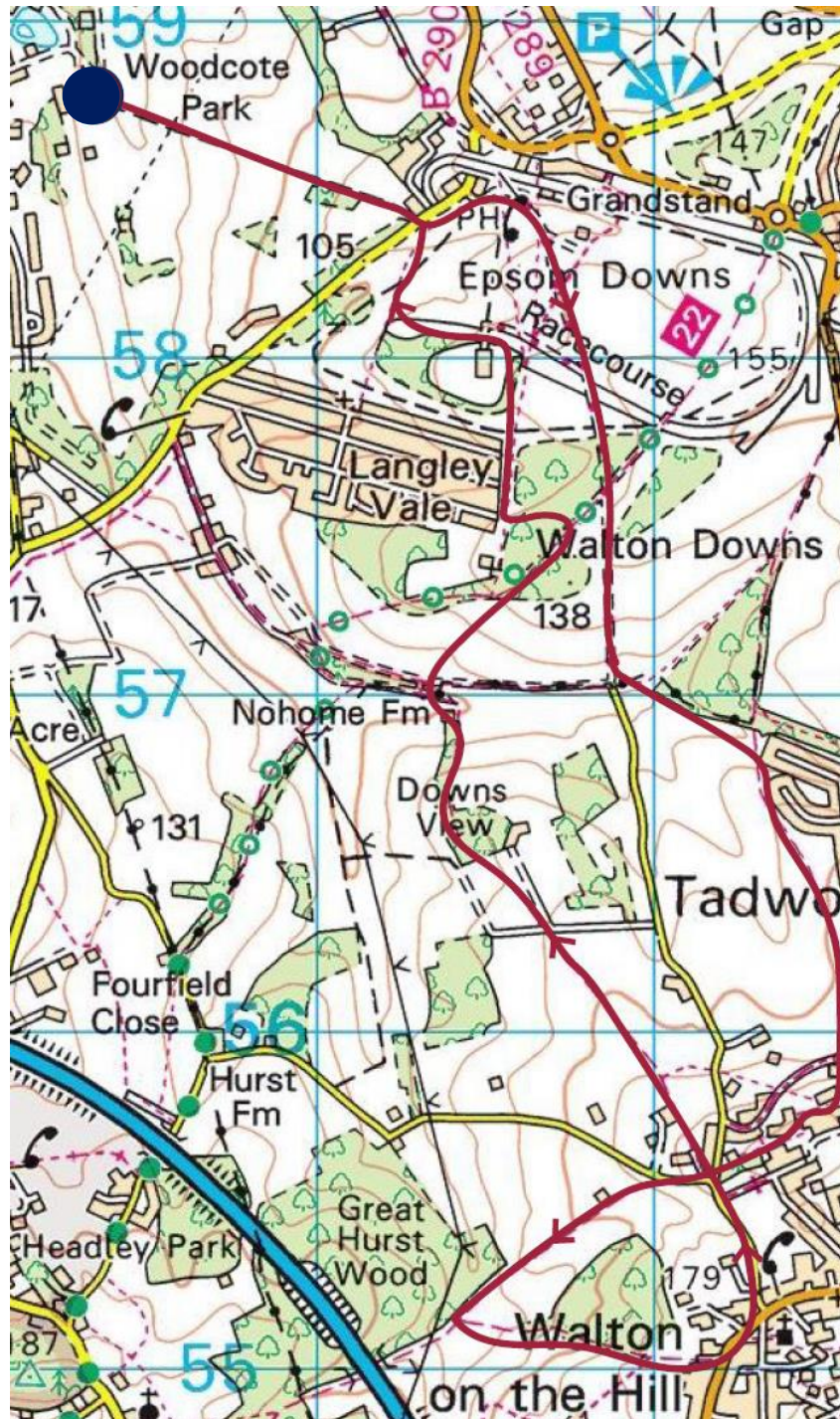


Walking and Cycling from Woodcote Park

Walking Route 3

A moderate to strenuous route via Walton on the Hill

7 miles



- Walk up the Captain's Drive and leave Woodcote Park through the pedestrian gate.
- Cross Langley Vale Road and turn left towards the Epsom Downs sign, with the Holiday Inn on your left.
- Walk about two hundred yards until you get to the Rubbing House signs. On the way look to your right for views of the racecourse and the Downs themselves. At the signs turn right and follow the road. The Rubbing House pub will be on your left.
- As the road ends, take the first right onto the main track, past a barrier with a display map sign on your right and the stands on your left. Continue down to the bottom then bear right to go up with the stands behind you.
- When you reach the white barrier, turn to view the stands and, to your left, sights of London. On a clear day you may see Wembley Stadium. The stand to the left is known as the Grandstand, and to the right the Queen's Stand. In front of these stands there is a small statue of Lester Piggott (who won the Epsom Derby nine times).
- Cross the racecourse but, as you do, imagine the racehorses galloping from your right on their journey to Tattenham Corner on your left. They finish in front of the stands behind you.
- Continue straight ahead, crossing the crossroads and ignoring the paths to your left and right.
- Continue down to the next barriers, crossing the sand lane and continuing straight ahead ignoring paths to your left and right.
- Go through the barriers at the top and cross over another sand lane. Take in the views to your right which also includes the spire of Headley Church. Continue straight on along the track, passing more barriers and crossing over the black sand lane.
- Turn immediately left at the sign and take the public bridleway.
- After about one hundred metres take a right fork (do not continue on the bridleway as signposted).
- Ignore the path to your left and continue bearing right passing signs on your left.
- At the bottom turn right, passing small white posts on your left and fields on your right. Continue walking up this narrow path with houses on your left and fields on your right.
- After about three quarters of a mile you will reach a junction. Turn right at the sign to follow a restricted byway.
- Follow the byway (with Derry Stables on your left). Continue your walk, ignoring paths to your left and right. At the junction turn left onto Ebbisham Lane.
- After about one hundred metres turn right onto Hurst Road. Continue on this road for a short distance, ignoring the bridleway on your right.
- When you reach a horse sign turn left down a bridleway as signposted, with the Mid Surrey Pony Club on your right.

- Continue down this bridleway and at the bottom (after about a half a mile) turn left up another bridleway (no signpost) with a horse training field with jump fences on your left and old electric green tape on fences on your right.
- Follow the bridleway (quite steep) ignoring the metal gate on your left. With Sandhill Wood on your left, continue until you reach a road (Queen's Close). You will pass Walton Manor Farm on your right and arrive in Walton on the Hill.
- Continue until you reach a junction. Turn right onto Chequers Lane and you will see the Chequers Pub on your left.
- As if you were leaving the pub by the front entrance, turn right onto Chequers Lane. After about seventy metres turn left down Ebbisham Lane with the village church on your right.
- After a short distance ignore the right fork to Ebbisham Lane and head for Hurst Road. Immediately turn right onto a public bridleway as signposted (with The Cotton Mills sign on your left). Follow this bridleway for about a mile.
- At the bottom turn left onto a track with a small red letter box on your left.
- Continue for about fifty metres and then turn right, crossing the black sand lane, ignoring paths to your left and right and taking the grassy path upwards (ignoring a minor forked path to your left).
- Cross over another sand lane and continue towards the signpost in front of you. At this point turn right onto a public bridleway. Follow this round to the left ignoring paths to your left and right.
- On reaching a small post on your left bear right. You will now see the white barriers of the racecourse on the horizon.
- After about one hundred and fifty metres turn left down a path (no signpost). Continue on this path until you reach a junction.
- Turn right (so Langley Vale village in on your left). Go down and then up towards the barriers. Cross over the sand lane and follow the path towards the thickets.
- Pass the thickets on your left and follow the path round to your left until you reach the racecourse. Cross the racecourse (often muddy, so be careful).
- On the other side of the racecourse turn immediately left onto a minor slip road. Continue on this road with the racecourse on your left and the stands on your right. When you near the end of the racecourse bear right to take a grassy path towards Langley Vale Road.
- At this point, you will see the gates at the top of the Captain's Drive in front of you.

Racehorses are exercised on Epsom Downs until noon (9.30am on Sundays) so please watch out for them and take care, particularly while crossing the racecourse. Dogs are welcome on the Downs but they should be kept on a lead while the racehorses are being exercised.