

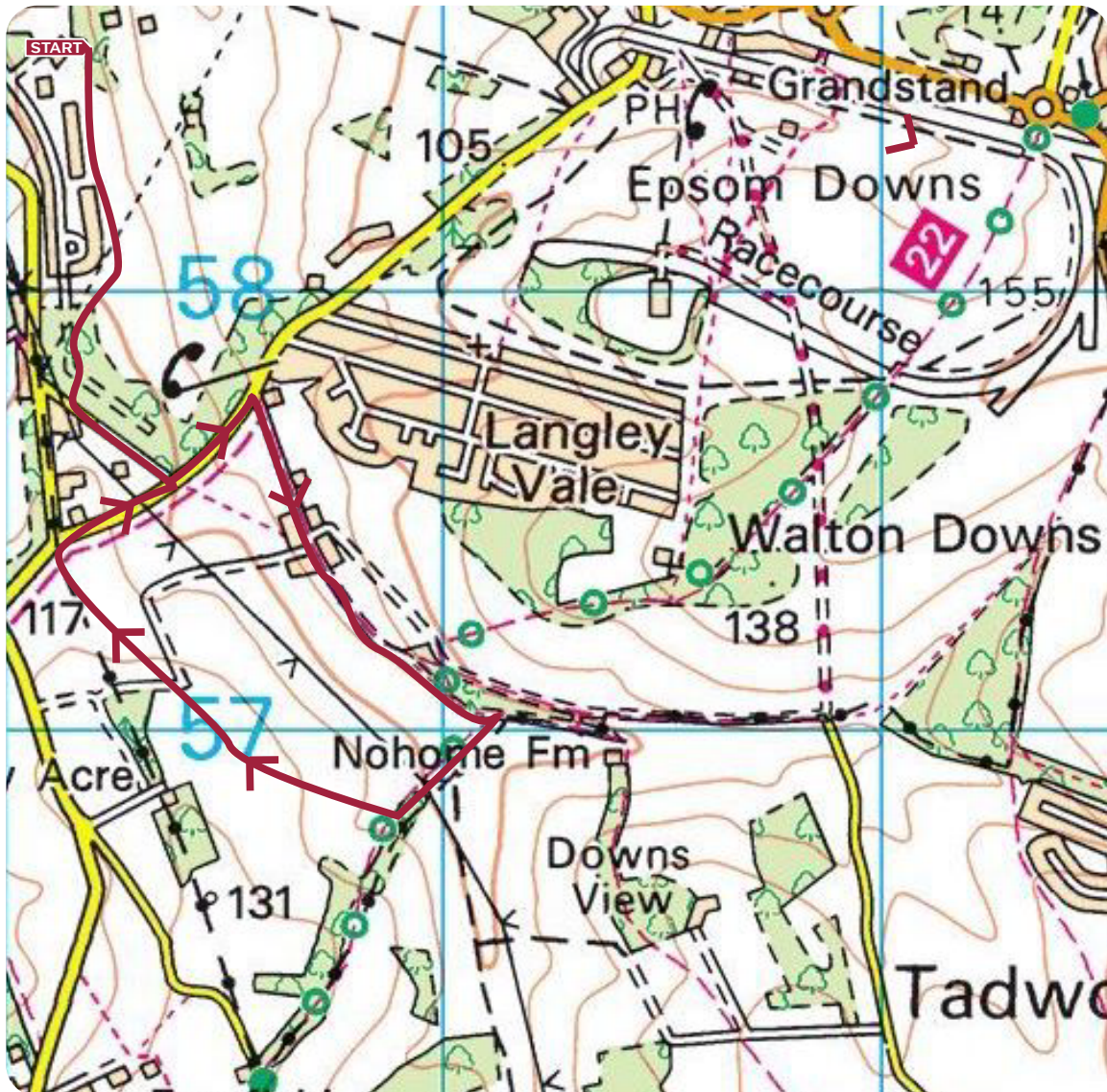
# Walking and Cycling

## AT WOODCOTE PARK

Walking Route 5

**Centenary Wood via The Downs Trail**

4 miles



- Starting in the Woodland behind the clubhouse, follow the signposted Downs Trail walk. This walk runs along the perimeter of the estate, passing by the 13th and 14th holes of the Coronation Course and the reservoir.
- At the end of the trail, there is a gate which allows you to leave the estate and join the bridleway. Turn left and head down the bridleway towards Langley Vale Wood.

- Cross at the traffic lights and then turn left, using the path which runs parallel to the road.
- On your right will be a road which leads to Langley Bottom Farm. To the right of the road is a path. Follow the path towards Langley Bottom Farm. As the farm approaches, there is a gap in the path barrier. Cross the road and continue using the bridleway which runs to the left of the farm.
- Walk along the bridleway until you come to a split in the road with various paths. Take the second path on your right which walks at a 90 degree angle to the bridleway, into the woods. Once you reach the end of this path, turn left and walk along the footpath.
- You will reach an information board on your left-hand side which will show you where you are as well as all the possible walking routes across Langley Vale Wood. On your right hand side is a gate. Walk through the gate and you will be surrounded by Centenary trees.
- Use the pathway which goes up a slight hill in the middle of the trees. At the top of this hill you will see 'Cherry Avenue'. This is a collection of cherry trees that are protected from deer by wooden crates. On the crates, you can read the stories of soldiers who died in World War I, the role that the Woodcote Park estate played in the war and what used to be on that very ground.
- At the end of the avenue, follow the bend to the left up to the top of the field.
- Turn right and walk along the fields. On your right is the Sainsburys Community Orchard.
- Just ahead of you, you will see a large wooden sculpture. This is 'Witness' by sculptor John Merrill. It is approximately six metres tall and it is carved with words taken from seven poems written during the First World War. His inspiration for this sculpture was the desolate landscapes and desecrated trees seen in the paintings of Paul Nash, a war artist.
- To the left of the sculpture, is the Regiment of Trees. Sculptors of WWI soldiers carved from sandstone. These figures commemorate Lord Kitchener's inspection of troops on 22 January 1915.
- Walk through the Regiment of Trees and head back onto the path on the right.
- Walk down this path, back towards the road. At the end of this path, turn right and continue to follow it until you see the traffic lights. On your left is a gate, go through the gate.
- Cross the road, walk back up the bridleway until you see the gate on your right which brings you back onto the estate.
- Follow the signposted route back down The Downs Trail and to the clubhouse.

*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.*