

Introduction

This is one of a series of routes that may be enjoyed by all including wheelchair users, families with pushchairs, those wanting a more gentle walk and walkers who are less mobile. The route has been selected as it has no barriers, such as stiles or steps. Detailed information on the route is provided - it is up to the user to decide what is suitable for them. Every effort has been made to ensure the information is correct at the time of publication, however things change over time. West Sussex County Council would like to thank John and Jenifer Fox for providing the inspiration to publish easy countryside trail information.

Other routes can be found on the West Sussex County Council website: www.westsussex.gov.uk



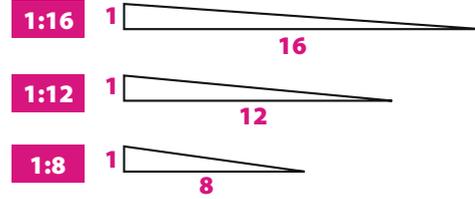
Public Travel



Some of the routes are accessible by public transport, for further information please visit www.westsussex.gov.uk or contact Travel line on 0871 200 22 33



Gradients



Gradients of slopes have been shown to help you decide if a route is suitable. To help you relate to these gradients we have attempted to describe them below assuming an average wheelchair user with an averagely strong pusher.

1:16
Gentle slope. Extra effort may be required over long distances. Gradients less than 1:16 have not been measured as they are considered easy going.

1:16 - 1:13
Fairly gentle slope, extra effort will be noticeable over longer distances.

1:12
Slope noticeable but not particularly steep, extra effort will be required over medium to long distances.

1:11 - 1:8
Steeper slopes, will require extra effort even over short distances. Only short sections of gradients of this steepness are found on any of the routes in this booklet.

> 1:8
Steep slope - nothing of this steepness will be encountered on these walks.

Please follow the Countryside Code and respect the local area you are visiting.



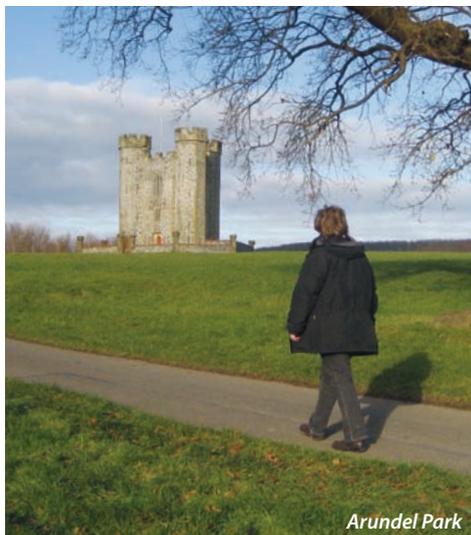
Key to maps Please note that some symbols may not be used on this walk.

- Easy Access Trail
- Extension to Easy Access Trail
- Public Footpath or Bridleway
- Permissive Path
- River/Stream/Canal
- Waterway/Water Channel
- Parkland/Wooded Area
- Urban/Built-up Area
- Parking
- Gradient Information
- Seating or Picnic Area
- Refreshments
- Church
- Caravan Park
- Gate
- Marshland



<i>Distance</i>	1.1km (0.7 miles) return trip
<i>Terrain</i>	Tarmac, this route has a sustained climb from the disabled parking places up to Hiorne Tower and beyond (height difference between the two is 25m/80ft) Maximum gradient: 1:10
<i>Start/finish</i>	Blue Badge holders: car park at the gates to the Park Entrance. Others: On street car parking on the High Street or the pay and display car parks in the town Grid reference: TQ 013 075 Post code: BN18 9AU
<i>Directions</i>	From the A284, which runs up the western edge of the town, take the road signed to Arundel. 250m along this road (London Road) is the entrance to Arundel Park. Alternatively, from the town centre follow signs to Pulborough and London. Arundel Park is 250m after the Cathedral. Blue Badge holders can go into Arundel Park and park 200m up the hill, others should seek on-street parking near the school
<i>O.S. Maps</i>	Explorer 121, Landranger 197
<i>Public Transport</i>	Bus stop: London Road, Arundel (0.5km/0.3 miles)
<i>Points of interest</i>	Parkland, downland views, Hiorne Tower
<i>Facilities</i>	Various shops and refreshment outlets in Arundel. The nearest disabled toilets are in Crown Yard and Mill Lane (1km/0.6 miles)
<i>Other</i>	Dogs are not allowed in the park other than on the signed rights of way, when they should be on a lead. Dogs are not permitted on the section beyond Hiorne Tower

Thanks to the Arundel Estate who have kindly given their permission to allow a length of their access road to be used for this route.



Arundel Park

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The Park was laid out in 1787, by the 11th Duke of Norfolk when he started the grandiose reconstruction of the castle, which was to continue for one and a half centuries. To enclose the Park it was necessary to divert three miles of the London Road, so this route would originally have been the main route into Arundel.

This walk is all on tarmac road with little traffic, except for when the Cricket Ground is in use. There are racing stables here so you may encounter horses being exercised.

Near the start of the walk, after passing through the gates of the park and having negotiated the steepest part of the route, there are some interesting lime trees with huge twiggy structures around the trunk.

As you walk on up the hill you will see the Hiorne Tower on the right. This folly is a



rather splendid triangular gothic prospect tower, with attractive chequered flint work walls. Built in 1787, but in the style of the 14th century, it is named after its architect, Francis Hiorne. Just in front of the tower is a Greek 'altar' or plinth brought back from the Crimean War by Lord Lyons, the grandfather of the 15th Duke of Norfolk. During spells of good weather there are plenty of places where the ground is firm enough to get on to the grass for a picnic. The official walk finishes near the tower, from where you retrace your steps back

the way you came. However, if you are able, it is worth taking the footpath on the right just before the tower across the rough grass to enjoy the views across the South Downs. You can also continue for a further 3 km (1.9 miles), initially on tarmac and then on compacted stone, as far as the gate at Whiteways. The higher you climb the more you will be rewarded with views on your return trip, with the Downs to the left, the Arun Valley to the right and the sea in the distance.