

The Greensand Way

map 3

Hambledon Common (SU963384)
to Gatestreet Farm (Grafham)
(TQ011419) 5 miles, allow 2½ hours

A

Turn left along Malthouse Lane. Go past Woodlands Road on the right and after 100 yards bear right up some steps behind cottages. Bear right through kissing gates over fields to turn right past Hambledon Church.

B

Bear right through the car park along a broad track. After 930 yards turn right at a T junction. In 30 yards turn left up a narrow path.

C

Walk beside the wood edge, then bear right down hill through woods along a broad path for 220 yards. Fork left and continue below the woods of Burgate Hangar for almost half a mile to Markwick Lane.

D

Turn left along road for 80 yards, then turn right up steeply banked track. When you reach level ground continue along broad track for just over half a mile, ignoring all side tracks. Just after the path starts to descend turn right at path junction, then in 20 yards turn sharp left onto descending path that gradually broadens through beech hanger. In 190 yards, as the track starts to turn right, bear left onto steeply descending footpath to reach gate at bottom. Walk along edge of field to reach bridleway. Cross bridleway and go ahead over stile and cross field to reach gateway and stile on main road opposite the White Horse Inn in Hascombe village. Cross road and take side road to the left of the Inn.



Approaching Hambledon Church

E

Follow the road past St Peter's Church and the pond. Bear left and continue to the road end. Go ahead through the gateway and walk up a drive. Go through a smaller gate onto a sandy track uphill. Keep ahead to go past a barn into woodland. Ignore a left fork and continue to cross tracks.

F

Turn left along a broad path, then turn right after 300 yards down a deeply sunken path. Turn left at a T-junction to follow the track to the road. Turn right and walk along the road for 45 yards.

G

Turn left, 110 yards before the barn of Scotland Farm, along a footpath between hedges. Continue through coppiced woodland and follow the path left into a field. Go ahead onto a farm track out of the field in the far left-hand corner.

H

Follow the track downhill through the Wintershall Estate, then go ahead up a grassy track between firs. Cross a gravel track, then head downhill, leaving tennis courts to your right towards a concrete farm track by a right-hand fence. Turn left along the farm track, past farm buildings and continue along a broad track, with woods on your right, to Gatestreet. Turn left at the road.

Interesting features

16 Hambledon Village Shop

Purchased by the Hambledon Village Trust in 2003, this shop is now run by the people of the village as a Post Office, grocers and small tea-shop.

17 Malthouse Lane, Hambledon

In the process known as galleting, pieces of ironstone used to be inserted into the mortar in local houses. Said to keep the Devil away, it really saved mortar and added strength.

18 Court Farm

The farm was first built in the 17th century. The granary, also with hung tiles, dates from the 18th century.

19 Lime Kiln

The lime kiln, long disused, was first built in the 18th century. Before the lime kiln was constructed, local people used to dig marl from the ground to spread on the fields as fertiliser.

20 Burgate Hangar

The slopes of Burgate Hangar have been made steeper by landslips. They now provide a spectacular setting for hanging beeches.

21 Marwick Lane

Old lanes leading from the clay valley

to the north, over the high ground of the Greensand ridge and down to the Weald were frequently cut deeply into the sandstone of the Hythe Beds.

22 St Peter's Church, Hascombe

In this church, rebuilt by Henry Woodyer in 1864, the chancel roof is designed as an upturned fishing boat. A stained glass window depicting the patron saint continues the fishing theme.

23 Hascombe Village

The village pond has served as both fish pond and millpond in its time. Shown on maps as marshy land at the beginning of the 20th century, it is now fully restored.

24 Hascombe Hill

Iron Age Celts built a fortified camp here towards the end of the 1st century BC. It had a single ditch and rampart across a narrow neck of land and just one entrance.

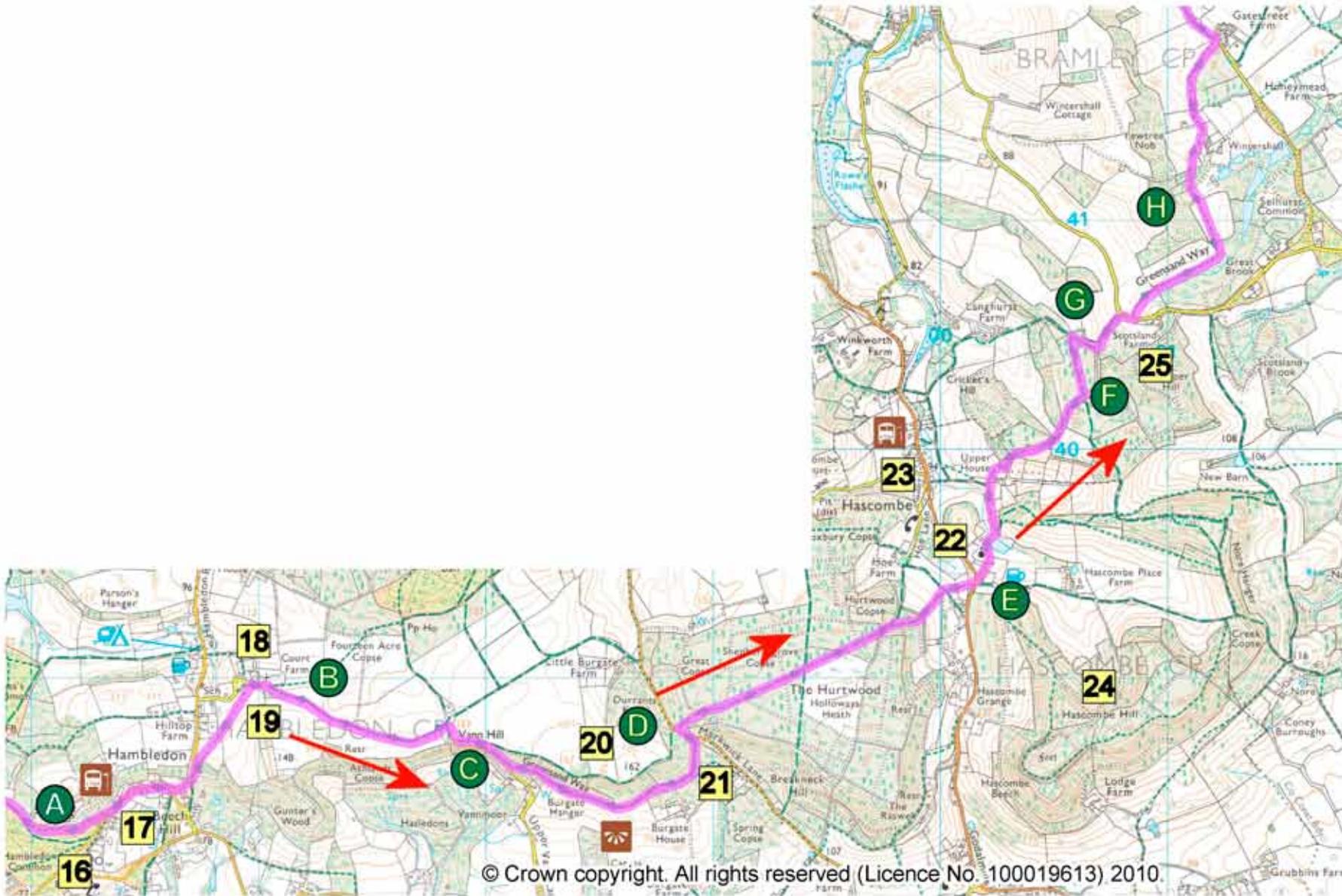
The White Horse pub, Hascombe



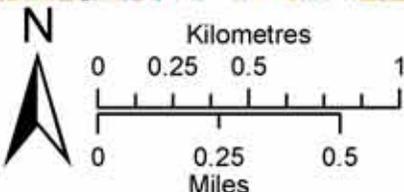
25 Scotland Farm

The catslide roof of the 17th century barn is one of the most prominent of its kind. Picturesquely named, the catslide provided an economic way of covering an extension used to house animals.

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