

PITCH HILL

4.5k CIRCULAR ROUTE 1HR GU5 9QW

Pitch Hill is a narrow sandstone spur that rises from Peaslake to a dramatic summit towering over Ewhurst, with fabulous views to the South Downs. George Harrison's famous song Here Comes the Sun was inspired by this view. Pitch Hill is a favourite spot for mountain biking so avoid weekends when the car park is jampacked and watch out for bikes using steep narrow tracks that cross major paths.



Start at Walking Bottom car park in Peaslake, GU5 9QW. With your back to the road, take the wide path past the Hurtwood Information Board. 1



Continue for about 100m until you come to a wide track leading diagonally up the hill on your left. This is a steep climb. 3



At the top it merges with a track coming from the left. After a few yards you will come across a cairn of piled stones where the track forks. Take the left hand fork. 4



This long wide track takes you just below the summit of the hill. Keep straight on the path. It starts off in heathland and the final section is in woodland. Go past the barrier onto the metalled drive of a house called Magalee. 5



After a few yards on the drive turn right up a narrow rooty and stony track marked with a blue bridlemway sign. The path goes along the edge of a steep hillside. Keep to the right hand side of the tree in the path to avoid the edge and take care up the stony climb to the first viewpoint. It is worth the climb! **6**



Keep straight on the bridlepath, down the dip and up through the trees until you emerge on the second viewpoint with even better views! **7**



Take a breather and enjoy the glorious panorama overlooking the Weald and the South Downs. This viewpoint looks more towards Cranleigh. The first looks towards Ewhurst.



Turning your back on the view, retrace your steps down the track through the trees on the right, **8** until you are almost back at the first view point. Take the path on the left, heading down the hill through silver birch and rowan trees. Keep going down until the path merges with a fire road (very wide track) that ends at a T junction with the Walking Bottom track. **9** (Turn left to get to Pitch Hill Windmill car park.)



Turn right to return to Walking Bottom car park. This is a long path along the forest valley and it goes straight back to the car park at Peaslake. **10**



