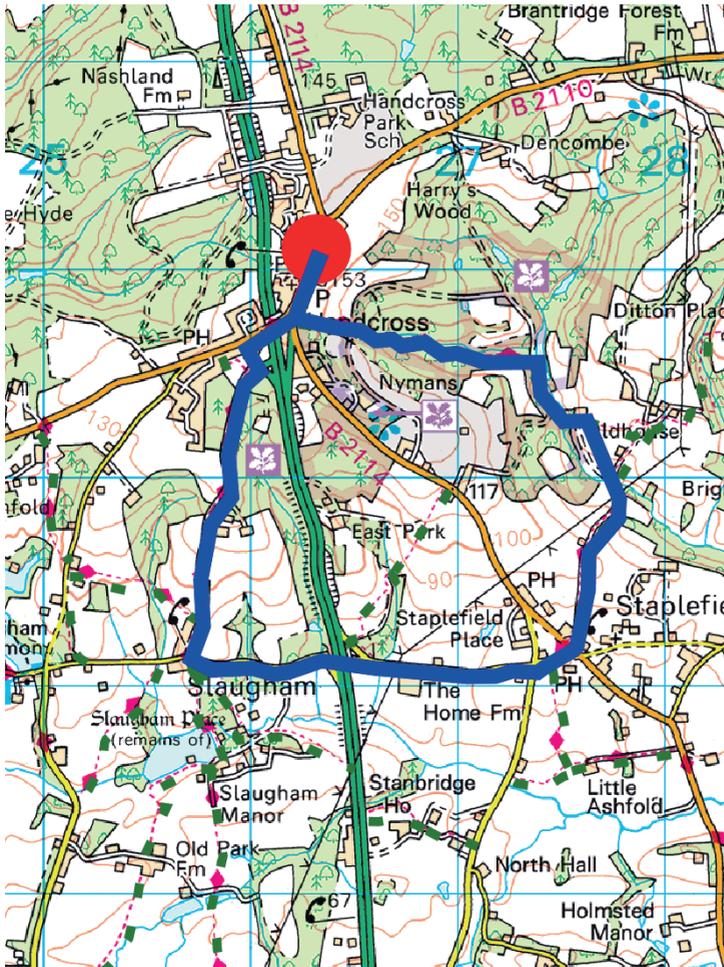


Walk 10

Handcross Circular
(5 miles / 8km)
Grading = Moderate

Explorer OL34 Crawley & Horsham



Start point:

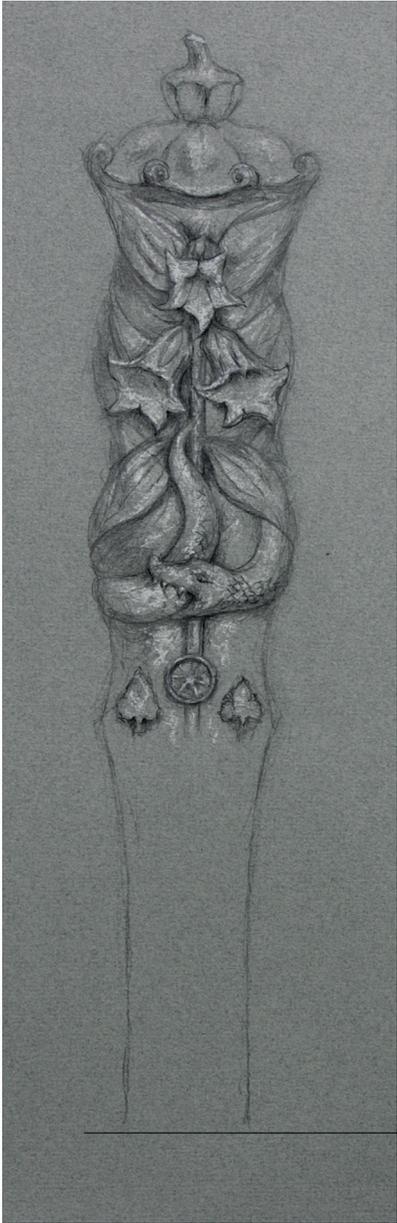
Handcross Recreation Ground (car park),
High Street RH17 6DU

1. Exit the car park (WAYMARKER 3) and turn right along Handcross High Street. At the Red Lion pub turn right along the pavement on the B2110 (signposted Cowfold and Horsham) which takes you over the A23. At the mini roundabout, turn left and cross over the road using the island.
2. Keep to the pavement on the right hand side until you see a public bridleway sign directing you right through a gate onto a road that looks like a private drive.
3. Ignore the paths to your left and right and continue straight on down, go past some grand metal gates and keep walking until you reach a big white gate just before you come to Slaugham village.
4. Walk on toward the church and then turn left to follow Staplefield Road for just over one mile. It is a quiet country road but there is no pavement so take care and keep to the right-hand side to face the oncoming traffic.
5. Walk past the Church Covert Woodland Trust nature reserve (14 acres of public meadows and woodland habitat) and the Slaugham Place housing development on the right-hand side, then walk on under the A23 road bridges.
6. Continue on the road until you reach Staplefield Lane and the cricket clubhouse on Staplefield Common. Cross the common toward the war memorial, cross over the road, turn left and then right by the red phone and post box to follow the public footpath sign. There are two pubs in Staplefield if you are in need of refreshments.
7. Follow the path uphill, then downhill and over a stream, then when the path divides take the left-hand turn through a gate by a cattle grid. When you reach a house ahead with a little red post box, turn left and follow the public footpath sign through a gate, down some steep wooden steps.

8. Go over a wooden bridge over a stream with a dam on the right and then go up the hill into Nymans Woodland National Trust land with a big lake to your right. Follow the wide public footpath and keep left and uphill through the woods, getting increasingly steep as you reach the top (follow the public footpath signs and orange route arrows).

9. At the Nymans car park go straight across and continue on the path which comes out opposite the Red Lion where you need to turn right to go up the High Street, back toward the recreation ground (WAYMARKER 3).

Refreshments available at the Red Lion or Jo.Co Coffee shop in the High Street



Waymarker 3
Handcross