

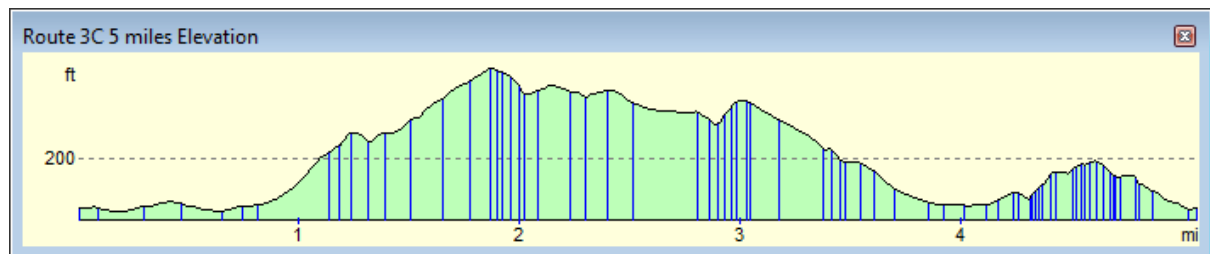
Route 3C – Bognor Common and Riverhill

5 miles



This route takes the Fittleworth 5 course to the top of the hill; then branches off to Bognor Common and Riverhill, returning via Little Bognor and Hesworth Common.





It is mixed terrain, about 50/50 road and paths.







Profile












Route






1. Start from Fittleworth Village Hall.		Miles
2. Turn right on A283 towards Pulborough.		
3. Turn left down Limbourne Lane.		0.3
4. After 200 yards, follow the lane round to the left.		






<p>5. Continue into the woods, and climb the hill.</p>		
<p>6. At the brow of the hill (where the Fittleworth 5 course turns right) turn left on the footpath. This is signed for the Serpent Way.</p>		<p>1.2</p>
<p>7. After 100 yards, turn right onto the road.</p>		<p>1.3</p>
<p>8. Continue up the hill on the road for ½ mile.</p>		
<p>9. 30 yards before the post box, turn left onto a footpath over a stile. This is the highest point on this route. Follow the path for 250 yards.</p>		<p>1.85</p>
<p>10. Turn right at the fork in the footpath; then after 15 yards, keep left at the next fork, down the hill. After 50 yards you pass a small pond on your right.</p>		<p>2</p>



		
<p>then</p> <p>11. When a track joins from the left, continue ahead and slightly right, heading west on a grassy track with open fields to your right, trees on your left.</p>		
<p>12. You come to a crossroads in the track. Continue ahead and slightly right, still signed Public Footpath.</p>		2.24
<p>13. Leave the wood into open fields, with views to the South Downs on your left. Continue straight ahead.</p>		2.3
<p>14. At the end of the field, go through the gap in the hedge, signed Public Footpath, continue straight on through the woods.</p>		2.4

<p>15. After 220 yards, you cross another large track. Continue ahead and slightly right. This is the start of Bognor Common.</p>		<p>2.53</p>
<p>16. Keep straight ahead on this track heading WNW across Bognor Common. It may be muddy across this section for the next ¼ mile.</p>		
<p>17. Pass the Sand Pit on your right, works buildings on your left.</p>		<p>2.7</p>
<p>18. Turn right on the road. Follow the winding road for 0.2 miles.</p>		<p>2.8</p>
<p>19. After 350 yards you pass Riverhill Lodge on your left.</p>		<p>3</p>
<p>20. After the beech hedge at Riverhill Lodge, turn left on the public footpath.</p>		
<p>21. After 30 yards, cross the stile into the field.</p>		

<p>22. Follow the footpath directly south across the field.</p> <p>(Note: The footpath actually goes to the three trees in the middle of the field; then follows the line of the telegraph poles to the south end of the field. But the farmer may change this with crops.)</p>		
<p>23. Fabulous views of the downs from up here!</p>		
<p>24. At the end of the field go straight ahead over the stile, and immediately through a wooden 5-bar gate.</p>		<p>3.37</p>
<p>25. Continue down the small field, keeping to the hedgerow on the left.</p>		
<p>26. Bear round to the left through another wooden 5-bar gate.</p>		
<p>27. Turn right on the road. This is Little Bognor.</p>		<p>3.45</p>
<p>28. Follow the road all the way down to the A283 for 0.67 miles.</p>		

<p>29. With <u>EXTREME CAUTION</u> cross the A283 and turn left towards Fittleworth, then after 50 yards turn right into the lane.</p>	<p>4.1</p>	
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<p>30. Continue up the lane for 230 yards, over the brow of the hill.</p>		
<p>31. Turn left onto the common through the wooden archway. The Hesworth Common sign is straight ahead.</p>		<p>4.2</p>
<p>32. Continue straight ahead through the row of wooden posts.</p>		
<p>33. Bear slightly round to the left. There is a large silver birch tree in the middle of the track.</p>		
<p>34. Almost immediately you come to a small clearing where 5 tracks meet. Continue ahead and slightly right on the footpath, keeping the footpath post close on your right. Continue up the hill.</p>		

<p>35. After 50 yards, you pass another footpath post on your right, then bear round to the right and slightly uphill.</p>		
<p>36. Follow the path along, being careful of tree roots.</p>		
<p>37. Pass another footpath post on your left, signed straight on or right. Continue straight ahead.</p>		<p>4.42</p>
<p>38. After 30 yards the path forks (rather vaguely). Take the lower wider track, between the ravine on your left and the ridge on your right, keeping the big beech trees just to your left.</p>		
<p>39. Follow the path down through the holly trees.</p>		
<p>40. You come to the car park.</p>		<p>4.57</p>
<p>41. Turn right out of the car park on the path between the big sycamore tree and the two wooden posts, heading SSE parallel with the road.</p>		

<p>42. After 200 yards, turn left as you come to Woodmans cottage.</p>		
<p>43. Cross the road (B2138) to join the footpath just slightly downhill.</p>		<p>4.76</p>
<p>44. Keep left after joining the footpath. Continue for 100 yards to the end of the path.</p>		
<p>45. Turn left on School Lane to return to the Village Hall.</p>	<p>5</p>	