

Route 9A2 – Springhead Hill, Wepham Down, Michelgrove, Lee Farm and Chantry Post.

9.6 miles


This route starts from Kithurst Hill car park, and follows an anti-clockwise loop including Springhead Hill, the Burgh, Wepham Down and Michelgrove, returning via Lee Farm to Chantry Post, then west back to the car park.






It is nearly all off-road, a mixture of tracks, paths and grass. There is ½ mile of tarmac/concrete at Michelgrove.






Profile












Route





1. Start from Kithurst Hill Car Park on the South Downs Way, grid reference TQ 06983 12500, lat/long 50°54'07"N 0°28'47"W.		Miles
2. Head west along the South Downs way.		
3. After ½ mile, take the left, downhill fork signed Restricted Byway, heading SW.		0.57

<p>4. Continue straight ahead on the restricted byway, still heading SW, ignoring bridleways turning off to either side.</p>		<p>0.95</p>
<p>5. At the fork, continue straight ahead (left fork) still heading SW, signed Public Bridleway. (If you prefer, turn right here and follow the 9B route around the Burgh. This adds 0.6 miles.)</p>		<p>1.68</p>
<p>6. Turn left on the public bridleway, heading ESE, with the stock fencing on your left and open farmland on either side.</p>		<p>1.87</p>
<p>7. After 1 mile, as you come up to the hedgerow, follow the track round to the right and through a gate. Then continue straight ahead heading S with the fence on your left. This is Wepham Down.</p>		<p>2.85</p>
<p>8. After ¼ mile, go through some old iron farm gates, and continue straight ahead onto the concrete track.</p>		<p>3.1</p>

<p>9. After 30 yards, follow the concrete track round to the left.</p>		
<p>10. After 100 yards, turn right through the 5-bar gate. Follow the path ahead and slightly left, heading SE towards the highest point of the hill.</p> <p>Routes 9B and 9C continue straight ahead to Lee Farm here.</p>		<p>3.2</p>
<p>11. At the top of the hill, go through the gate and follow the track ahead and slightly right across an open field, heading SSE.</p>		<p>3.54</p>
<p>12. After ¼ mile, continue ahead onto the gravel track, and pass the trig point which is about 50 yards to your right. You can see the sea directly ahead.</p>		<p>3.75</p>
<p>13. After 300 yards, go through the pedestrian gate, and continue downhill to the crossroads in the track.</p>		<p>3.94</p>

<p>14. Cross the bridleway diagonally left, then bear right around the end of the scrubby trees.</p>		
<p>15. Go through the gate, and follow the path along the top of the escarpment, heading SE.</p>		<p>4</p>
<p>16. After ½ mile, continue straight ahead through the gate.</p>		<p>4.56</p>
<p>17. After 1/3 mile, turn left on the Public Bridleway, heading ESE.</p>		<p>4.88</p>
<p>18. At the end of the log stacks, continue straight ahead.</p>		<p>4.93</p>

<p>19. After 250 yards, at the crossroads in the track, continue straight ahead, heading SE, signed with a yellow Public Footpath arrow.</p>		<p>5.08</p>
<p>20. After ¼ mile, bear left where three tracks cross, heading E.</p>		<p>5.34</p>
<p>21. After 200 yards, at the crossroads in the track, continue straight ahead and down the hill, heading NNE/N.</p>		<p>5.45</p>
<p>22. After 1/3 mile, turn left onto the lane, heading NW then N.</p>		<p>5.74</p>
<p>23. Follow the lane uphill for 2/3 mile to its highest point, where it turns round to the left.</p>		

<p>24. Turn right off the lane through the gate into the field, signed Public Bridleway. Follow the path diagonally left across the field heading NW (indicated by red line).</p> <p>You can stay on the lane if you prefer, it is a bit longer but flatter. This path just cuts off the corner.</p>		<p>6.44</p>
<p>25. Follow the path through 3 gates, following the Public Bridleway arrows, gradually bearing round to the right, heading N.</p>		
<p>26. After the third gate, cross the field diagonally, to meet the lane at the very end of the field.</p>		<p>7.04</p>
<p>27. Exit the field by the gate. The large barn is just ahead of you. Immediately turn right into the next field, signed with a blue arrow, heading E.</p>		<p>7.25</p>
<p>28. Once in the field, follow the track around to the left, initially heading E then NE. Follow this track for 1.2 miles back to the South Downs Way.</p>		
<p>29. After 1.2 miles, at the Chantry Post, turn left on the South Downs Way, signed Amberley, heading WNW.</p>		<p>8.44</p>

<p>30. Follow the South Downs Way for 1.2 miles back to Kithurst Hill car park.</p>			
<p>31. You arrive back at Kithurst Hill car park.</p>			<p>9.6</p>