

40. Black Down

Distance **7 miles/11km**

Ascent **365 metres**

Start/finish **Tennyson Lane car park, GU27 3BJ**

Follow the waymarked Serpent Trail R from the car park and north along the road to a L turn after about ½ mile. Follow this bridleway north-west past High Barn Farm and across the B2131 into Haslemere (2.4 miles/3.9km). Turn L off the Serpent Trail back to the B2131, turning L and then R after a short distance, heading south to another road. Turn L then R onto a byway uphill past Stedlands Farm. Turn L into Chase Wood heading south-east to the Sussex Border Path onto Black Down. Turn R onto the Serpents Trail to reach the viewpoint called the Temple of the Winds (5.6 miles/9km). Turn around and head north along the main trail back to the start.

Miles	Km	Directions
0.0	0.0	Follow the Serpent Trail R from the car park and north along the road to a left turn onto a bridleway.
0.5	0.8	Turn left still on the Serpent Trail following the bridleway north across fields and then curving left past High Barn Farm and through woodland to the B2131 just outside Haslemere.
1.9	3	Cross and follow the Serpent Trail north to a path junction, turn left here and follow this to another path junction where you turn left leaving the Serpent Trail and heading south back to the B2131.
2.6	4.2	Turn left onto the B2131 then after a short distance turn right heading south on a footpath following a lane through Haslemere and past the school to a larger road at SU905321.
3	4.8	Turn left onto the road and then almost immediately right onto a byway heading south-west to the end of a road at Stedlands Farm.
3.4	5.4	Turn left following the bridleway down a track and past Valewood Farm House to a track junction. Turn left and head east uphill then right up the ridge to a left turn past a pond into Chase wood.
3.9	6.2	Follow the path south-east along the edge of the wood bearing left at the fork and following the track to a junction with the Sussex Boarder Path. Turn left onto this and follow it uphill to a path junction on Black Down.
4.9	7.9	Turn right onto the Serpent Trail heading south and slightly left (east) to the Temple of the Winds view point.
5.6	9	Turn left following the main trail north through woodland and trending right back to the start.