

To find out more

Information about the local area and overnight accommodation is available from the Visitor Information Centre at the Dorking Halls on **01306 879327** or Email:

visitor.information@molevalley.gov.uk

Or visit the following websites:

www.visitsurrey.com

www.visitdorking.com

www.visitleatherhead.com

www.nationalrail.co.uk/northdowns

www.countryside-management.org.uk

For more information about the Mole Gap Trail or to report any problems please contact the Lower Mole Countryside Management Project on **01372 743783**

The Ordnance Survey Explorer Map 146 covers the route.

Remember to prepare well for your walk. Wear suitable clothing and stout footwear and take extra care when crossing or using roads. Riverside paths can be muddy in wet weather.

On the rare occasions that the path is flooded at Thorncroft or Young Street, the rest of the route will also be difficult. It is therefore advisable to turn back and return on another day.

The Surrey Hills Partnership

The Surrey Hills Partnership aims to protect the special environment of the Surrey Hills for the safe use and pleasure of all.

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Travel Information

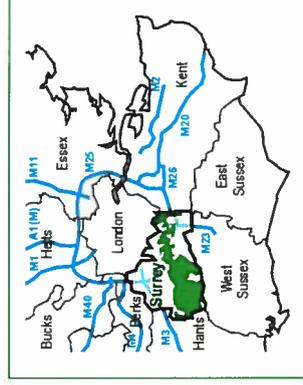
There is a frequent train service from London Victoria (Southern) and London Waterloo (South West Trains) to Horsham, which stops at Leatherhead and Dorking, and occasionally at Box Hill Station. Dorking Deepdene Station provides train connections to Reigate and Guildford on the Great Western Link, Reading to Gatwick Airport service.

National Rail Enquiries

08457 48 49 50

For train times, fares and general rail information. Available 24 hours a day. Calls are charged at local rate and may be recorded.

www.nationalrail.co.uk



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A Day Out in the Surrey Hills

Take the train for a wonderful day out in some of the most beautiful countryside in the south east.

The Mole Gap Trail offers the opportunity to visit two historic market towns and the outstanding countryside of the Mole Gap including England's largest vineyard.

Catch the train to Leatherhead and follow the trail to Dorking; the silver arrows will show you the way.

Within ten minutes you will have escaped from the crowds and be relaxing beside the delightful River Mole. Consider stocking up on supplies in Leatherhead for a snack or picnic beside the river, or aim to reach Westhumble in time for a pub lunch.

Leatherhead War Memorial



St Martin's Church, Dorking

There should be time left to appreciate the internationally renowned antique shops and other attractions of Dorking before catching the train home.

You can even plan to stay overnight and visit more of the many attractions the Surrey Hills has to offer.

Along the walk you will find

- A river that has carved a route through the chalk of the North Downs
- Some of the best ancient yew and box woodlands in Europe
- The peace and tranquillity of Norbury Park, historic parkland that has inspired famous writers and artists through the centuries
- A national trail which can take you along part of the pilgrims' route from Winchester to Canterbury



The Running Horse Pub, Leatherhead

The Stepping Stones Pub, 01306 889932

Serves bar snacks and meals on Mondays to Saturdays between 12 and 2.30pm, and Sunday roasts between 12 and 3pm. Walkers are welcome but you are asked to leave muddy boots outside.

Denbies Wine Estate, 01306 876616

Light lunches are served in the tropical conservatory restaurant and panoramic wine bar. Vineyard train and wine tasting tours available, open all year, call for details.
www.denbiesvineyard.co.uk

The White Horse Hotel, 0870 400 8282

Why not treat yourself to lunch or afternoon tea at this coaching inn, in the centre of Dorking High Street. Special weekend rates available.

The White Horse Hotel, Dorking



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View to Box Hill from Denbies Vineyard

Mole Gap Trail

Step off the train at Leatherhead Station and you will soon see the silver arrows which will guide you along this delightful 10 kilometre (6 mile) walk to Dorking. Walking time is approximately 3 hours but do allow much longer to appreciate all there is to see, and to stop for refreshment along the route.

Leave station via platform 2 exit, turn right and follow footway to main road. Cross road at pelican crossing, and enter park opposite. After a few steps, bear left and take diagonal path through centre of park. At next path junction keep ahead into corner of park to road. Cross road using pelican crossing. Turn left and walk uphill towards town centre with Wesley House on top of hill to left.

Bear right towards town centre passing War Memorial on left. Continue round to right and down towards river, passing The Running Horse on right.

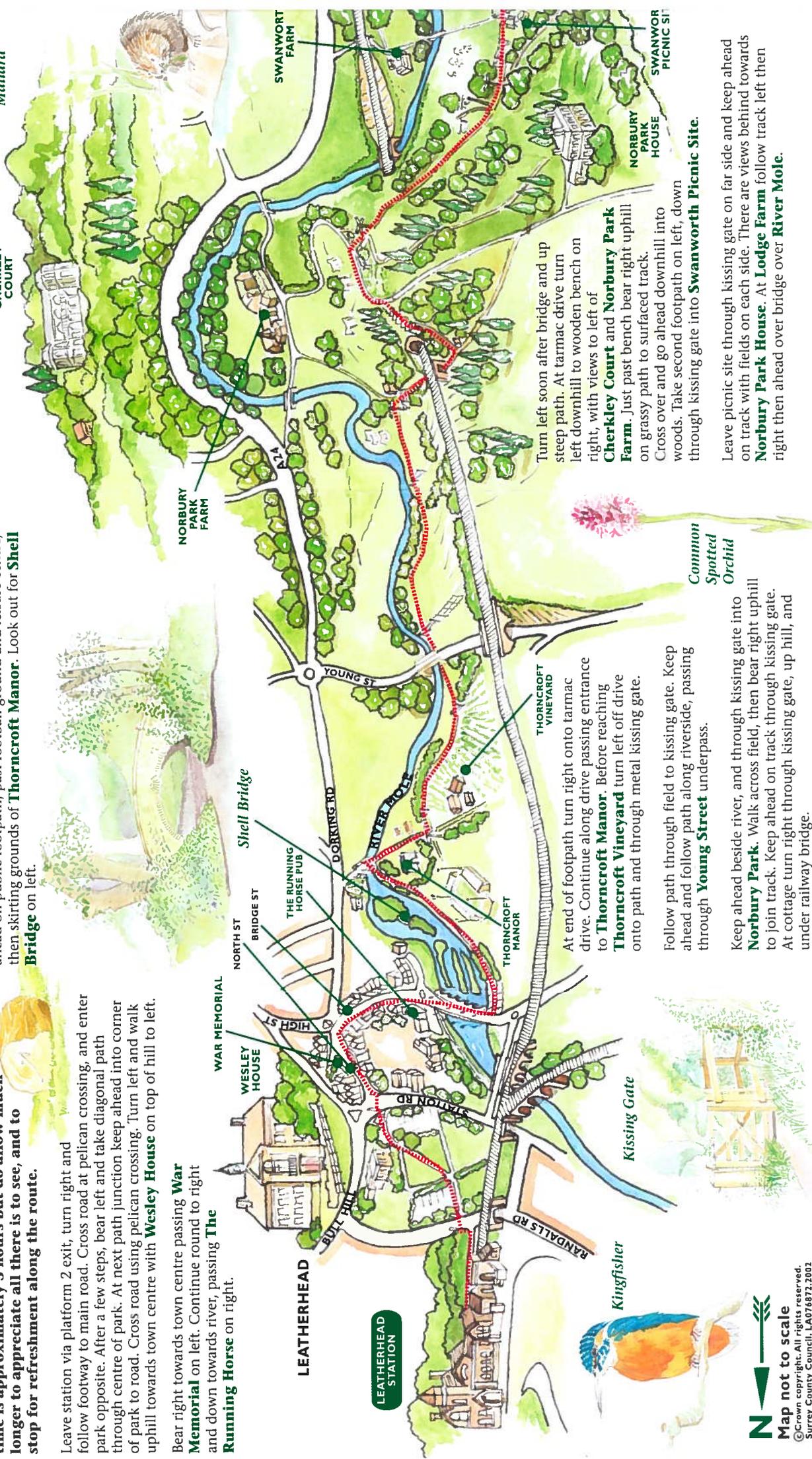
Cross road on far side of mini-roundabout just before the elegant eighteenth century arched Town Bridge, and walk over bridge. Turn left immediately and follow path alongside River Mole. Keep straight ahead on public footpath, past football ground and leisure centre, then skirting grounds of Thorncroft Manor. Look out for Shell Bridge on left.



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LEATHERHEAD STATION

Kingfisher

Kissing Gate

At end of footpath turn right onto tarmac drive. Continue along drive passing entrance to **Thorncroft Manor**. Before reaching **Thorncroft Vineyard** turn left off drive onto path and through metal kissing gate.

Follow path through field to kissing gate. Keep ahead and follow path along riverside, passing through **Young Street** underpass.

Keep ahead beside river, and through kissing gate into **Norbury Park**. Walk across field, then bear right uphill to join track. Keep ahead on track through kissing gate. At cottage turn right through kissing gate, up hill, and under railway bridge.

Common Spotted Orchid

Turn left soon after bridge and up steep path. At tarmac drive turn left downhill to wooden bench on right, with views to left of **Cherkley Court** and **Norbury Park Farm**. Just past bench bear right uphill on grassy path to surfaced track.

Cross over and go ahead downhill into woods. Take second footpath on left, down through kissing gate into **Swanworth Picnic Site**.

Leave picnic site through kissing gate on far side and keep ahead on track with fields on each side. There are views behind towards **Norbury Park House**. At **Lodge Farm** follow track left then right then ahead over bridge over **River Mole**.

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Gatekeeper Butterfly

Continue along track to farm buildings then turn right along track and past cottage. Continue ahead along path and through three kissing gates to footbridge over River Mole. Cross river and follow path ahead to kissing gate and to Westhumble with **St Michael's Chapel** and **Arch** on right.

For a pub lunch or drink at The Stepping Stones turn left here.

Water Vole

To continue towards Dorking, cross over **Chapel Lane** and turn right along footway. Continue along footway where it separates from road, for 25 metres then turn left down narrow path between fences and hedges. Continue ahead crossing over road and on to kissing gate into field. Continue ahead across field and through kissing gate to stone track that carries the **North Downs Way** National Trail. Continue ahead through gate into **Vineyard**. Keep ahead on wide track through vines, crossing over drive to **Denbies Wine Estate**.

Bitebeil



Keep ahead uphill. Where main track turns right keep ahead on grassy track. Go through metal kissing gate and ahead uphill with trees on right.

At path junction turn left along track (or continue ahead for town centre). Follow track towards road. Just before road turn left along narrow path and through kissing gate to road. Cross road and keep ahead on footway then turn right along **Chichester Road**. At end of road follow the footway to turn right beside dual carriageway. Keep straight on, crossing over three side roads to subway. Go through subway and up ramp exit. Keep ahead to **Dorking Station**.



Bird's-foot Trefoil



For Dorking town centre keep ahead to road. Continue along road to **Ashcombe Road**. Turn left along footway. Look out for narrow path between houses on right. Cross road to path and continue ahead between gardens, playing fields and over railway to **Meadowbank Recreation Ground**. Follow path ahead along edge of Meadowbank with views towards **St Martin's Church**. Cross Pippbrook to **Mill Lane** and keep ahead to High Street opposite **The White Horse Hotel**.



Surrey Hills
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

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