

CASTLE IN THE AIR

Impulse Adventure



Riverside walking in the South Downs

ADVENTURE SUMMARY

Adventure type

Walk

Adventure location

Amberley, West Sussex

Getting there

London Victoria to Amberley Station

Getting home

Amberley Station to London Victoria

ADVENTURE STATISTICS

15 km4 hrsWalkingWalkingDistanceTime

345 m Total

Ascent

I 20 m Highest Point

ADVENTURE HIGHLIGHTS

STUNNING RIVERSIDE WALKING

ARUNDEL CASTLE



CURATOR'S VIEW

"This is the walk of the Unknown Curator. Alex and I met an old man on a bench outside The George at Burpham and we started chatting. He told us that he was doing his favourite walk, a route he'd been enjoying for 60 years, no less. We listened carefully after testing it out for ourselves, reproduced it now for your benefit. It's an absolute winner with all the elements necessary to make the grade. It's easily accessible by train from Amberley Station and there is also good parking. Picking up the Monarch's Way, the lungs get a decent work out shortly after entering the Arundel Estate. There are wonderful views to the South Downs before a short detour gives you a first glimpse of the magical Arundel Castle. Within a couple of hours of setting off, you have arrived in Arundel, a town well worth a linger. We enjoyed coffee and cake at the Motte & Bailey on the high street before heading on and across the Arun. The George at Burpham is the perfect place for a pint and perhaps more. We preferred a sandwich on the bench just around the corner. Each to one's own! Within an hour, we were back at the station and reflecting on a wonderful walk that we are very happy to bring to you."

WHEN TO GO

This is a walk that can be done at any time of the year. Be prepared for mud and whatever the elements might throw at you and pace yourself according to daylight hours. There's time to linger in Arundel and to visit the castle or the cathedral or to browse the shops. Alternatively, you could book a table for lunch at The George. Having said that, there's nothing wrong with a good old fashioned walk and picnic. Either way, take back control of your day out and enjoy good views, good company and fresh air.







ROUGH COSTS

£27.75 Per person £10.25 Return train (subject to timings) £15 Lunch £2.50 Coffee / Cake *We always recommend bringing a picnic, it keeps the costs down and heightens the sense of adventure.



AMBERLEY STATION

Welcome to Amberley, a quaint village on the banks of the ancient River Arun. Cross the bridge and pick up the riverside footpath on the left. Follow this path until you come to the iron gate.



ARUNDEL PARK GATE

You are now entering the park belonging to the Earl of Arundel. Notice the yellow way-marker, this marks 'The Monarch's Way; the route you now walk is the very same that King Charles II fled along following his defeat by republican forces in 1651 at The Battle of Worcester. Follow the path uphill and at the field, follow the edge of the trees along the top of the field.



VIEWS OF ARUNDEL CASTLE

Enjoy this slight detour, leading to a farming gate. From said gate you will be greeted by lovely views over Arundel, its fabulous castle and the surrounding countryside. After enjoying the view, head down the hill to the bowl and the footpath leading up to the left along a bridleway.



HIORNE TOWER

Built in the late 18th century by architect Frances Hiorne, said to be haunted and has featured in a 1988 Dr Who episode. This was Hiorne's effort to impress the 11th Duke of Norfolk, and gain his favour. Cross the field and follow the lane leading away from the tower. You'll soon be in Arundel, head down the high street, the cafe is on your right.



5.61 km

6.78 km

8.54 km

0 km

2.43 km

4.05 km

ARUNDEL CASTLE & THE MOTTE & BAILEY CAFE

Enjoy some refreshment at the Motte and Bailey cafe. One of the Great Castles of England, Arundel is one of the few to be privately owned. Parts of Arundel Castle have stood for a thousand years, though much of the castle was built by King Henry II (1133-89). The castle has changed hands over the centuries, between some of the most influential families in English history. The castle has been the ancestral home to The Dukes of Norfolk for the last 850 years.



RIVERSIDE WALKING & RAILWAY CROSSING

Having left Arundel the path hugs the banks of the River Arun and makes for some very beautiful walking. Leaving the river the path crosses the railway: Stop. Look. Listen.



LUNCH AT 'THE GEORGE'

Upon entering Burpham you will pass our recommended pub 'The George'. This outstanding country pub was earmarked for closure in 2013 but was saved by the community. The pub is run by the locals for the locals, and they're kind enough to let us enjoy their achievement too! Wonderful food and cosy atmosphere. Picnic spot can be found on the benches behind the church.



10.72 km

AMBERLEY STATION

Enjoy a cup of tea at The Riverside Tearooms overlooking the gently moving river before boarding your train returning via London Victoria.

14.71 km



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