9 Walks around Burgess Hill

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Burgess Hill grew out of the ancient parishes of Clayton and Keymer, both Saxon settlements. At first the whole area was focused on agriculture but the building of the railway saw the town expand and further develop during the Victorian period. The town steadily grew (development pausing only for the World Wars) and continues to this day.

Burgess Hill is situated in the heart of the beautiful Mid Sussex countryside next to the South Downs. The Burgess Hill Green Circle Network is a ring of wildlife sites around and within the town, connected to one another and protected from development. They are a sanctuary for wildlife and wildflowers, and are enjoyed by the whole community. These walks set out to help you explore the green spaces of Burgess Hill and spot some of our history along the way!
Spotter Guide
(for the younger ones—or young at heart!)

What can you see on your walk?

- Blue Tit
- Oak Tree
- Fern
- Robin
- Sparrow
- Kissing gate
- Red Admiral
- Cabbage White
- Chaffinch
- Blackbird
- Stile
- Bridleway or Footpath sign
Station Road Circular 2.2 miles
(not suitable for wheelchairs or pushchairs due to stiles / uneven paths)

1. Start at Burgess Hill Station on Keymer Road.
2. Cross over and walk uphill. At the roundabout turn left onto Junction Road.
3. Turn right onto Oakwood Road.
4. Continue on Oakwood Road, take footpath through the gap in the hedge and onto Churchill Way.
5. Continue straight then turn right onto Marlborough Drive.
6. Keep right at the fork to continue on Marlborough Drive.
7. Turn right onto Ferndale Road.
8. Turn right onto Alexandra Road.
9. Turn left onto Silverdale Road.
10. Turn left onto Glendale Road.
11. Turn right onto Ferndale Road.
12. Turn left onto Keymer Road (B2113) at the T junction.
13. After the roundabout with Folders Lane take the bridleway on the right past Simpson View. (Note: wild plum and blackberries in bridleway when in season).
14. Cross Oak Hall Park then continue straight.
15. Turn right at the junction of bridleway and public footpath. Cross stile and continue parallel with the railway.
16. Continue along footpath, arriving at Burgess Hill Railway Station carpark on the left.
17. Follow the path/road uphill and turn left back to the Station’s main entrance.
1. Start at The Triangle Leisure Centre entrance and turn left.
2. Go straight across the roundabout to The Acorns.
3. Turn left onto cycle / pedestrian footpath.
4. Continue along passing both a pond and children’s play area on the right.
5. Turn left onto Bluebell Way.
6. Continue straight and join the cycle / pedestrian footpath (cross over Bramble Gardens).
7. Turn left at T junction of path.
8. Continue past children’s play area and Tesco Express.
9. Turn left and cross Sussex Way.
10. Turn right onto Howard Avenue and go past the Woolpack Pub on the right.
11. Follow Howard Avenue and turn right onto The Brooks leading to The Brooks Pavilion.
12. Keep the pavilion ahead and follow path around the field to the right.
13. Bear left onto Cissbury Road.
14. Turn left onto Dunstall Avenue.
15. Follow Dunstall Avenue to the junction and traffic lights.
16. Turn left onto London Road.
17. Take the first left down a footpath with 2 concrete posts.
18. Turn left onto The Wickets by number 7.
19. Pass Lillywhite Close on the right, keep right to stay on The Wickets.
20. Turn left onto Wisden Avenue, passing West End Farm recreation space on the left.
21. Continue along Wisden Avenue and follow with numbers 5-21 on your left.
22. Stay on footpath, passing a children’s play area on the left and enter Breton.
23. Continue along Breton and turn right onto Howard Avenue.
24. Turn left onto Sussex Way.
25. Turn right onto Saxby Road.
26. Continue along Saxby Road and turn right to walk past the children’s play area in Chaffinch Close.
27. Continue along the footpath back to the Triangle Leisure Centre and start.
1. Start at the junction of Folders Lane and Keymer Road.

2. Pass Shearing Drive on your left and take the next cross over into the housing estate. Bear right through the gate into Folders Meadow play area. Note—try out the green gym!

3. Cross the green diagonally to the corner gate into Chilcomb. Walk along the footpath.


5. Turn right onto Kings Way.

6. Cross over Folders Lane, turn left and continue down the road.

7. Just after the pedestrian crossing sign and before Sycamore Drive cross over the road and go left down the public footpath.

8. Follow footpath round to the right, then turn left onto Coldwaltham Lane.
9. Continue along Coldwaltham Lane then turn right onto Burdocks Drive.

10. Turn right onto Kings Way.

11. Turn left onto The Holt.

12. Join footpath at the end of the road towards The Ridings.

13. Continue straight, across the stream keeping the children’s play area on your left.

14. Continue along footpath passing Birchwood Grove School and Woodlands Meed College on your left.

15. Continue straight onto Birchwood Grove Road. This is a narrow road with no pavements. The right hand side of this road is a conservation area. Note—mature Oak, Lime and Hornbeam trees.

16. Continue straight until you meet the junction of Keymer Road and Folders Lane.
An optional detour...If you have extra time keep on Chanctonbury Road, walk through Wingle Tye Road and visit beautiful Nightingale Meadows and Batchelor’s Farm. NB significant portions are unformed paths so this route is not recommended for wheelchair or pushchair users.
1. Start out going west / downhill on Wolstonbury Way, just below Burgess Hill Railway Station.
2. Pass Wolstonbury Court on the right then turn left onto Queen’s Crescent.
3. Pass an Adventure Playground on your left and turn a slight left onto Chanctonbury Road.
4. After passing a green open space with mature Oak trees, continue past Holmesdale Road then turn right into Holmesdale Wood.
5. Proceed west along footpath through Holmesdale Wood.
6. Turn left onto a tarmac footpath heading south.
7. Entering Priory Road, bear slightly right and continue to Chanctonbury Road.
8. Turn right into Chantonbury Road.
9. Turn right onto Oakmead Road.
10. Oakmeed Road becomes Meadow Lane.
11. Head east on Meadow Lane towards Potters Lane.
12. Turn left onto Potters Lane.
13. At T junction turn right onto Station passing the Potters Pub on right.
14. Just after St Wilfrids Roman Catholic Church on the left take the footpath on the left leading to Queen Elizabeth Avenue.
15. Cross over Queen Elizabeth Avenue, bear left then right onto The Brow.
16. Turn left onto the footpath just before The Brow Medical Centre.
17. Continue straight, cross over School Close and proceed along footpath to London Road.
18. Turn right onto London Road and continue just past BP garage.
19. Turn right onto Norman Road and continue heading east towards St John’s Church.
20. At the end of the road cross over in front of the church and enjoy a view of the 150 years old St John’s Church.
21. Cross over onto Church Walk and enjoy the Memorial Garden on the left.
22. Continue along Church Walk, past the bandstand and onto Church Road.
23. At Barclays Bank, turn right into Station Road.
24. Turn left onto Queen’s Crescent and left back onto Wolstonbury Way.
1. Start out at Burgess Hill Station and walk up hill through Keymer Parade and cross at the roundabout to walk down Silverdale Road opposite. Two red brick pillars mark the road entrance.

2. Walk down Silverdale Road and turn right at the end of the road.

3. Walk down Marlborough Drive and turn left up into One O’Clock Lane, you will immediately see a footpath on your right, follow it round and then when the path divides (at a 3 way signpost) take the left hand fork.

4. You will emerge from the path into Badgers Walk, turn right and follow the road to the right, you are now on The Holt,

5. Continue straight ahead and at the end turn left to join Kings Way.

6. Follow Kings Way as it weaves left and cross the bridge

7. Cross Kings Way at the crossing and continue to walk up the road.

8. Before Rolfe Drive turn right into the footpath, walk down the path, please note this can be muddy.

9. As you continue straight down the path you will reach a 3 finger post, take the right path follow it all the way to the farm track passing Hope Farm on your left.

10. Stay on the narrow road / track and follow the road round to the left and walk uphill.

11. When you reach the road, cross over with care, and continue up the path opposite going through a large gate. You will see some care
homes ahead. Turn right and follow the path through another gate marked with a green arrow and red animal.

12. Walk straight ahead and when you reach the stile cross over to reach the open countryside of Ditchling Common.

13. Walk across the common and take the right hand path down towards the large copse of trees—enjoy the variety of ferns and noise of crickets! Look out for butterflies! Spend time exploring.

14. You will see a den made of large branches on your right.

15. After the den follow the left of the 2 downward paths and go through the kissing gate. Turn right to walk round the pond and spot the resident swans. In summer this is a haven for dragonflies.

16. As you walk away from the pond you will see a grass path straight ahead, the path winds diagonally towards the road.

17. Keep following it and you will see the pavement ahead.

18. Turn right on the pavement and cross at the crossing to the right side of the roundabout.

19. Walk up Folders Lane crossing the bridge. After the bridge use the crossing to walk on the left hand payment.

20. Continue up Folders Lane.

21. Cross at the top into Keymer Road.

22. Walk up Keymer Road all the way back to Burgess Hill Station.
1. Start at Burgess Hill Town Football Club’s car park (Bedelands Nature Reserve car park off Maple Drive).

2. Keep the BHTFC club house on the immediate right and walk past a kissing gate to the board for Bedelands Farm Local Nature Reserve.

3. Go through stile, down steps and cross the bridge over a stream. Bear right.

4. Continue straight. Note: bracket fungi on a large dead tree trunk on the left.

5. Bear left into an open meadow and cross ‘Big Field’ heading for the top right diagonal corner.

6. Keep right and pass a large green container on the right. Walk straight ahead until you reach the stile by the railway line.

7. Cross railway with extreme care.

8. Continue on footpath towards Valebridge Road, cross over and turn right.

9. Walk down the road and take left onto Theobalds Road and continue straight.

10. When road bends left, continue straight through stile.

11. Bear right with hedge on your left towards gap ahead.

12. Walk through gap and take footpath on immediate left going

Please note this walk does involve crossing a live railway line.
13. Go through the large gap in the hedge, over a wooden plank bridge and turn left towards buildings.

14. Join a tarmac driveway and continue straight passing houses on the right. You will pass the entrance to Great Ote Hall’s driveway.

15. Continue along the road passing farm buildings on the left.

16. Turn right onto Janes Lane and continue passing Worlds End recreation ground.

17. Just after the Bus Stop on the right and before the garage turn right along footpath.

18. Turn right at top of footpath and follow road round to left.

19. Turn left on footpath between house numbers 30 & 32.

20. At the end of footpath cross Valebridge Road, turn left and then immediately right you will see a bridge ahead.

21. Continue straight under bridge and bear left on footpath.

22. Pass through metal gates into Maple Close, at the end of the close cross over road into Maple Drive.

23. Turn left onto Maple Drive and continue until the sign on the right indicating Bedelands Nature Reserve.

24. Back to BHTFC car park and the start.
1. Start at The Woolpack pub and turn left along Howard Way (note the landscaped pond).
2. Turn left onto Sussex Way.
3. At the roundabout take the first exit right into Gatehouse Lane passing Tesco Express on the right.
5. After crossing, continue straight along Gatehouse Lane passing the allotments on the left.
6. Just before Gatehouse Farm on the right, take a sharp left and continue through woods (note this can be muddy).
7. At the 3 finger post, turn left onto an open meadow.
8. Continue across meadow, before Malthouse Lane turn left along a thin (often overgrown) footpath.
10. Turn right into Coulstock Road and walk along.
11. Turn left onto footpath after numbers 54—56 (by the Town Council noticeboard).
12. Continue along footpath, passing children’s play area on right, then passing West Park Reserve on the left.
13. Turn right and go behind Burgess Hill Rugby Club and cross field to an exit middle left.
14. Exit the field onto a tarmac cycle/footpath, turn left and follow path round.
15. Keep left on the path and come out on Southway (there is no road sign immediately but you should see a house called ‘Windmills’ on the right). Follow the road round passing a care home on your left and Southway Junior School.
16. Continue onto Southway until its junction with Royal George Road.
17. Cross over Royal George Road and into the footpath straight ahead walking along the Recreation Ground path.
18. Continue straight passing Burgess Hill Youth Club on left. Follow path round to Fairfield Recreation Ground. Turn left and cross the grass with the children’s play area and green gym straight ahead.
19. Walk past with the children’s play area on your left towards West Street, entering Downs Road.
20. Turn left onto West Street and continue to roundabout.
21. Take the exit right onto Sussex Way. Turn right onto Howard Avenue back to start.
1. Start at the junction of Marlborough Drive and Ferndale Road.
2. Walk down Marlborough Drive and turn left up into One O’Clock Lane, you will immediately see a footpath on your right, follow it round and then when the path divides (at a 3 way signpost) take the left hand fork.
3. You will emerge from the path into Badgers Walk, turn right and follow the road to the right, you are now on The Holt,
4. Continue straight ahead and at the end turn left to join Kings Way.
5. Follow Kings Way as it weaves left and cross the bridge.
6. You will see a children’s play area to your left, walk through the play park to rejoin a twitten path ahead.
7. Follow the path and cross the road to pick up a new footpath straight ahead, once on the footpath turn right.
8. Walk along path, when you reach the road, cross diagonally across Kings way and continue (north east) along footpath.
9. Continue on footpath and at the T junction turn left onto public bridleway.
10. At the second junction (Y) bear left along the public bridleway, continue straight (ignore the path on the far left).

11. Follow the path and keep walking straight ahead, enjoy lovely views across the fields on your right.

12. Keep walking straight and follow the path as it weaves round.

13. At the end of the path turn left into Manor Road, cross over the road, walk along and turn right into St Andrews Road.

14. Walk straight ahead following St Andrews Road.

15. Turn right at the junction past The Hallands and walk up Cants Lane.

16. At the end of the road turn left into Junction Road and continue along passing St Andrew’s Church.

17. Turn left onto Ravenswood Road after the level crossing.

18. Continue along Ravenswood Road and turn left onto Inholmes Park Road.

19. As you follow the road to the right Inholmes Park Road becomes Marlborough Drive.

20. Continue along Marlborough Drive back to the start.
Green Circle  7.1 miles
(Not accessible by pushchair or wheelchair as significant portions are unpaved)

1. Start at Bedelands Nature Reserve car park (brown signs from Leylands Road and London Road).
2. Leave car park heading south and turn left onto Maple Drive.
3. Head left on Maple Drive towards Leylands Park.
4. Turn left to stay on Maple Drive.

The walk instructions continue overleaf.
5. Head northeast on Maple Drive towards The Blackthorns.
6. Turn right onto The Blackthorns.
7. Turn left onto footpath and continue under the railway (Lucy’s Bridge).
8. At the end of the footpath turn left onto Valebridge Road.

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Green Circle can be cycled in dry conditions.
9. Cross Valebridge Road and take footpath almost opposite.
10. At the end of this short footpath turn right onto Valebridge Drive.
11. Bear right then turn left onto footpath between no.s 56 & 58.
12. At the end of the footpath by the garage cross over Janes Lane.
13. Go diagonally left across Worlds End Recreation Ground to far corner on Manor Road (cyclists can turn left on Janes Lane then right onto Manor Road).
14. Continue along Manor Road, just after a bridge over a stream (and after Eastdale Road) turn left onto the bridlepath.
15. Walk along the path, following the route straight, ignoring paths to left and right (this section can be very muddy).
16. Turn right at T-junction on bridleway.
17. At next T-junction on bridleway turn right again.
18. Continue straight until Kings Way.
19. Cross over Kings Way and enter footpath opposite One O’Clock level crossing.
20. Cross the railway track with extreme care and then turn left towards One O’Clock Lane.
21. Continue onto One O’Clock Lane heading south west (past Burdocks Farmhouse).
22. At a signpost junction, bear right, cross the bridge over the stream and continue along the footpath passing a children’s play area on the right.
23. This path leads into Birchwood Grove Road.
24. Continue along Birchwood Grove until the junction with Keymer Road and Folders Lane.
25. Cross over Keymer Road and turn left. Turn right onto footpath and continue to Oak Hall Park.
26. Cross over Oak Hall Park, continue on path towards railway.
27. Bear left at railway fence, continue straight and turn right to cross over railway bridge.
28. Follow path (often muddy) heading west towards London Road.
29. Turn right along path through the woods just before London Road.
30. Go through the gate ahead and cross over London Road joining bridleway opposite.
31. Continue along this path running parallel with Jane Murray Way.
32. After an open meadow continue along path.
33. Soon you will pass a roundabout and Tesco on the right.
34. Continue on path (right fork) passing Burgess Hill Burial Ground and car park.
35. The path continue passing Eastlands Farm building on the left.
36. Keep on the path, bearing right to cross over a stream with a water hole on the left.
37. Just before Malthouse Lane the path bears to the left of a majestic Oak tree. Cross the stile, then cross over Malthouse Lane. (Cyclists can turn right on Malthouse Lane and cross Jane Murray Way).
38. Turn right on a thin path towards Jane Murray Way.
39. Cross Jane Murray Way then go ahead onto a short section of Malthouse Lane.
40. Turn right onto Coulstock Road (numbers 49 and 93).
41. Continue on Coulstock Road taking the footpath on the left after numbers 54-56.
42. Continue straight passing West Park Nature Reserve on the left.
43. After passing the allotments on your right, turn right and go behind the Rugby Club, crossing over the green to the footpath/cycle path.
44. Join the path and head left.
45. Turn left and continue into Southway until junction with Royal George Road.
46. Cross over Royal George Road onto the footpath opposite.
47. Continue along the path, cross over the green aiming for the gap in the hedge near the children’s play area keeping the Youth Club on the right.
48. Go around the children’s play area and onto Downs Road.
49. Cross over West Street then turn right onto Dunstall Avenue.
50. Continue along Dunstall Ave until the junction with London Road traffic lights.
51. Cross over London Road and into Maple Drive.
52. Continue along Maple Drive on the adjacent footpath, heading east until Freeks Lane. (If cycling, continue on Maple Drive until the brown signs indicate Bedelands Nature Reserve on the left). You will cross over Stonefield Way, Blackstone Way, Faulkners Way and Berry Close on the route.
53. Turn left onto Freeks Lane (can be muddy).
54. Turn right through the kissing gate and continue across the meadow heading towards the goal posts. (Note the new BMX track).
55. After passing the goal posts continue to the gate into Bedelands Farm Nature Reserve. Follow the path through to the car park and start.
Enjoy 9 walks around the countryside and town of Burgess Hill. Discover old and new favourite locations in Burgess Hill’s varied landscape and look out for amazing wildlife. These twitten paths link up across the town and out into the surrounding countryside. The walk lengths vary allowing you to choose the route that best suits you. Some routes can be cycled too. We hope you have a lot of fun exploring the town!

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