

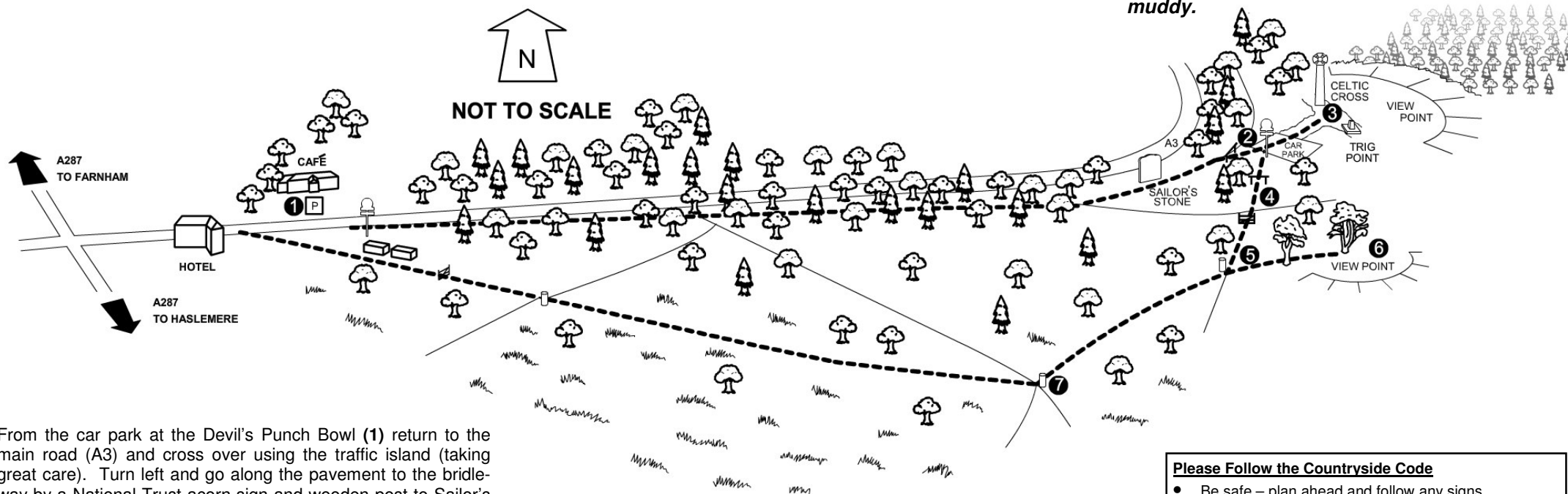
THE HASLEMERE INITIATIVE

SAILOR'S STONE AND GIBBET HILL WALK

An attractive and diverse short circular walk from Hindhead, through heath and wood, with magnificent views and historical interest.

This attractive short circular walk is 2.2km (1.4 miles) long and takes approximately 3/4+1 hour. It starts from the Devil's Punch Bowl Café (off the A3) where you can park for a small charge and get refreshments. The route takes you through heathland and woodland and is covered by OS Explorer map 133. There are very fine views of the North Downs and Sussex Weald and to the South Downs and towards London.

Much of the first part of the walk to the Stone, Cross and viewpoint is level and suitable for everyone. However, further parts of the walk go over uneven ground in places and there are a few gates to negotiate. This part is therefore not recommended for pushchairs, wheelchairs or anyone with walking difficulties. Please wear appropriate footwear and take care crossing the road. During and/or after wet weather some areas can become particularly muddy.



From the car park at the Devil's Punch Bowl (1) return to the main road (A3) and cross over using the traffic island (taking great care). Turn left and go along the pavement to the bridleway by a National Trust acorn sign and wooden post to Sailor's Stone, ignoring the first track into NT Estate Yard and a temporary 'Road Closed' sign. Follow the bridleway for some distance up to the Sailor's Stone (on your left), ignoring any tracks to the right.

Continue on the bridleway and take the next track on your right at a metal barrier into an old car park (2). Bear left past the NT acorn post and up to the brow of Gibbet Hill (3) and the white triangulation pillar. Ahead is a spectacular view looking north-east towards London, the North Downs and the Weald. A little way to your left is the Celtic Cross.

Return the same way to the old car park (2).

(For the shorter, level path retrace your steps to the Devil's Punch Bowl Café and car park by turning right and immediately left back along the track.)

Otherwise go straight ahead, bearing slightly left to another metal barrier. Follow the Greensand Way marker posts.

At a multi-way-junction (4) cross ahead and go through the wooden gates. Continue on the track for a short distance until a fork in the path (5). Here you will fork right, but

(for another magnificent view, this time looking south towards the South Downs, take the track on your left which bears slightly backwards passing a significant Scots Pine tree to another distinctly shaped Scots Pine (6) overlooking Coombeswell. Return the same way to your original track (5)(where you would have forked right); this time the route is straight ahead, crossing the track.)

Please Follow the Countryside Code

- Be safe – plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people

Continue, ignoring any side paths. At a multi-way-junction (7) go slightly right ahead, still following Greensand Way markers. At another junction continue ahead on the main track. Follow this path to a wooden gate, ignoring any side paths. Continue, passing through the NT Estate Yard, and eventually return to the main road (A3).