

Stoughton Down via Stoughton

5.5 miles

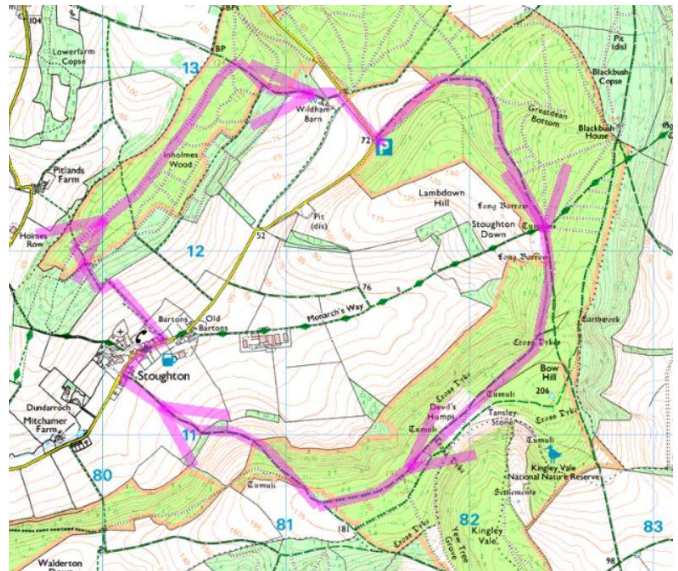
Ascent 850 ft.

We climb to the Devil's Humps on the top of the Kingley Vale Nature Reserve from where we get superb views over Chichester and Chichester Harbour in one direction, and the South Downs in the other. Then descend to Stoughton village, climb a short distance to Wildhams Wood through which we return to the car park.

Leave the Stoughton Down CP (SU 815126) alongside the metal gate and walk with the woods on your R for about 7 minutes, then follow the track as it curves to the R, keeping R at a fork. Keep ahead up the track at a crossing path – stay on this track rather than following the BW going off to the L. About 50 minutes after leaving the CP you reach the Devil's Humps on your L – leave the path to climb one of the humps to enjoy the view.

Return to the path you were on and continue through a gate to reach another path – bear R down the hill to Stoughton village. Near the bottom of the hill you pass a memorial to a Polish fighter pilot who crashed here in November 1940.

Turn R at the road through the village, then L on a path immediately after the pub. Go through a gate, then uphill into Wildhams Wood. Turn L for a few metres, then R up some steps with a handrail, and keep ahead up the hill through a gap in a fence, then slightly downhill to a track. Turn R and follow the track for about 18 minutes, then R at a crossing track. Follow this downhill to Wildhams Barn (the path can be slippery if it is wet), and turn R at the road and back to the car park.



Devil's Humps



Memorial for Polish pilot