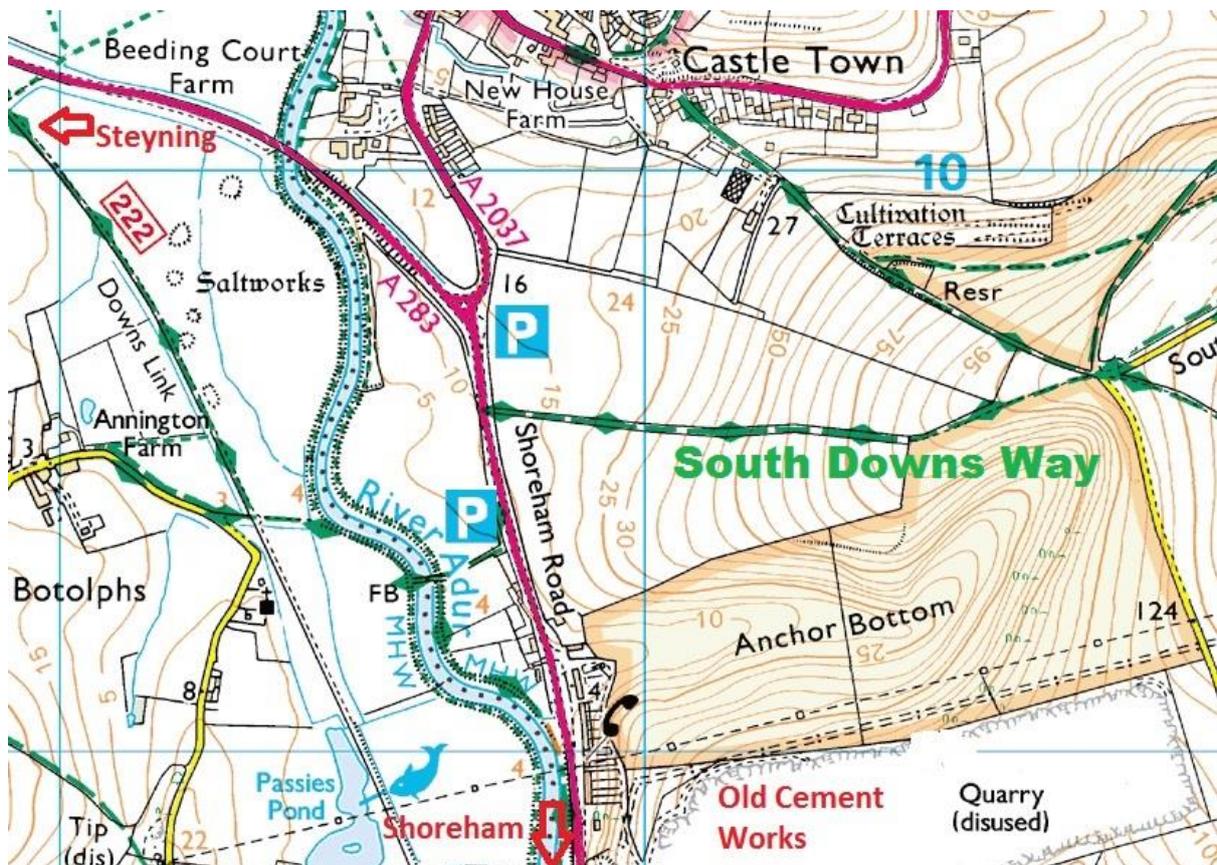


Walk 6 Transport: Upper Beeding to Ditchling Beacon

The walk starts on the A283 alongside the River Adur, where the South Downs Way crosses just north of the old cement works at Upper Beeding. There are two suitable car parks (see map below) but neither has any facilities other than parking. The postcode is **BN44 3TD**. A wide variety of refreshments are available nearby at Bramber and Steyning.



The walk ends at Ditchling Beacon, a mile or so south of the village of Ditchling and 4 miles north of Brighton. There are buses that run from Brighton to the start point but these are limited to summer weekends.

There is a National Trust car park on Ditchling Beacon but it is a popular viewpoint and the car park is often full at weekends, though weekdays it is unlikely to be so. There are no facilities at Ditchling Beacon other than an occasional ice cream van. The route up to Ditchling Beacon from the village of Ditchling is a steep and twisting narrow minor road. The Car Park Location: **OS TQ 333130**, Coordinates 50.9008406000, -0.1051855090. Charges £2 a day (pay by mobile phone) but free to National Trust Members.

Ditchling Beacon car park can also be reached from Brighton to the south from the other end of the same minor road, known as **Ditchling Road**. This can be accessed from the A27 Brighton by-pass.



Travelling east on the by-pass from the junction of the A27 & A23 London to Brighton road, take the next slip road signposted for **Hollingbury Industrial Estate** and Superstore on the green sign followed by **Coldean, Stanmer and Ditchling (6'6" width limit)** on the local black and white sign. At the roundabout at the end of the sliproad take the first exit up a steep hill for 200 yards. Just before the summit is a sharp awkward left turn for Ditchling (low gear required).

Travelling west from Falmer, after the universities the A27 climbs up past the woods of Stanmer Park on the right. Just before the summit marked by an elegant flyover bridge over the by-pass take the turning for **Hollingbury Industrial Estate and Ditchling (6'6" width limit)**. At the first roundabout (unless you want to visit ASDA) take the fourth exit towards Ditchling, crossing over the by-pass before climbing 200 yards up a steep hill to a sharp and awkward left turn (low gear required) onto Ditchling Road.



The quickest way to drive between the start and end points of the walk if you need to is usually to drive south from the Beacon to the A27 Brighton by-pass and 9 miles west to the Adur flyover near Shoreham where you can join the A283 for Steyning and Upper Beeding (or vice versa from Upper Beeding).

It is possible to follow minor roads north of the Downs for a slower more scenic route.