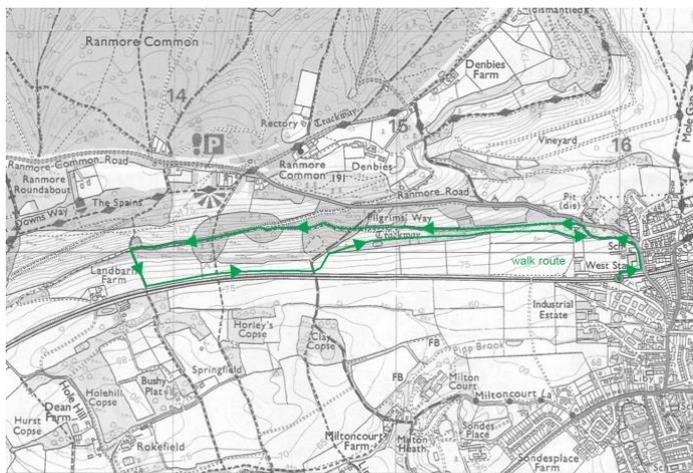


Sounds from a Shallow Sea

An audio walk by Alison Carlier

Distance: Approx 3 miles

Easy walking



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1. Park in approach road to West Dorking Station off Ranmore Road.

Walk back to Ranmore Road and turn left and walk past St. Martin's School.

2. On the bend take left path by school fence marked "Walk the Chalk".

3. At next junction fork left onto path marked NT Denbies Hillside.

At NT marked post on junction keep right past house and onto the start of trackway.



Now take out your mobile device, put on your headphones and go to:

<https://soundcloud.com/user-128836706/sounds-from-a-shallow-sea> Press play to hear the 'Sounds from a Shallow Sea' Audio Walk Podcast by Alison Carlier (approx. 30 minutes).

Immersing the listener across time and space, this audio walk flows between the geological language of chalk, local peoples' reminiscences of chalk used in the classroom, regionally sourced historical folk song, observations of the landscape from local poets combined with ambient recordings of the sea.

4. Follow the Trackway (Pilgrims' Way) for 1km admiring the views to the south towards the railway in the valley and over to the Surrey Hills beyond.

See how the chalk layer sits under the tree roots along the route to your right.

5. At trackway T junction turn left following slightly downhill. At the 2nd path junction just before a wooden 'butterfly' marker post turn left through gate and down steps into the field.



Go through gate to bottom of field and turn left to follow beside the railway through the fields.

At kissing gate go through, across path and enter field by 2nd gate. The 'Fossil Ocean Floor' text installation will be on your right in the field beyond the railway line.



Immediately turn left uphill across the field and through an open gate onto small path.

Follow the path along the slope and through the meadows, admiring the chalk hill blue butterflies and many insects which thrive here. At end of meadows go through kissing gate into woods.



Then shortly after, turn right onto small path into woods by NT post. Follow path through wood and arrive back at NT marked post. Take right path back past the school and back to station.