

# INSPIRING VIEWS

## Denbies, North Downs Way and Dorking

3.2 miles scenic walk around a popular area on the North Downs Way

Enjoy this short walk to discover beautiful views over Surrey's largest vineyard, Denbies Wine Estate, visit Inspiring Views Bench 'Radius' and explore the pretty market town of Dorking's art galleries, boutiques and antique shops.

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ONE HOUR WALK FROM DENBIES ESTATE

NORTH DOWNS WAY  
NATIONAL TRAIL

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## Route

- 1 Facing the Denbies front entrance, go to the left of the building and follow the road past the hotel straight up the hillside between the grapevines. As the road bends right, take the path continuing straight up the hill.
- 2 At the crossway turn left onto the surfaced path (North Downs Way). After 500 metres you reach the site of the Inspiring Views bench called 'Radius' (shown on map with a yellow IV). Continue along the tarmac path for a further 800 metres.
- 3 At the top of the slope, where the North Downs Way turns right, take the narrower path to the left, going down the hillside. Bear left at the junction with the Leith Hill Greenway and continue to Ranmore Road. **CAUTION – take care when crossing.**
- 4 Cross over and go through the gate straight ahead into a field. Follow the path diagonally across the field to another metal gate at the bottom. Pass through and down to a T-junction. Turn left on to a broad track. Continue until the track reaches a white building straight ahead with a "Private" sign. Turn right down the slope marked with a blue NT arrow. At the next marker post continue straight on, this time following the NT yellow arrow. After 75 metres you reach a tarmac fenced drive. Turn right and continue down the hill. The footpath soon joins Ranmore Road. **CAUTION take care and keep to the verge.**
- 5 Veer right and after 20 metres turn left into Ashcombe Road. Turn left at the roundabout up Yew Tree Rd. (Alternatively, you can turn right at this roundabout, along Chalkpit Lane to reach Dorking town centre and then retrace your steps to return to Denbies).
- 6 As Yew Tree Road turns right, take the track to the left (signed Westhumble). Where the path splits, keep left on the Westhumble footpath. Vineyards will soon appear on your right and then you will pass through a kissing gate into the Denbies estate.
- 7 At the multiway junction, follow the wide track down the hill towards the Denbies building. At the end, turn right onto the road you started this walk on.

## Local Facts

Denbies Wine Estate near Dorking, is one of the largest vineyards in England, with over 265 acres under vines. Its visitor centre now attracts over 300,000 visitors annually.

Records show the farm, prior to 1734, was owned by John Denby - hence the name 'Denbies'. The estate then passed through several owners. During WW2 it became a commercial farm, with the mansion being demolished in 1953.

One famous owner was Thomas Cubitt, who bought Denbies in 1849. He was a master builder who worked on Queen Victoria's Osborne House on the Isle of Wight, and Buckingham Palace. He made his fortune building many of the Victorian mansions in London. His great-great-great granddaughter is Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall.

The now much smaller 635 acre farm was bought in 1984 by Sir Adrian White CBE DL – founder of British engineering company Biwater. He spotted its potential as a vineyard. It is now one of the biggest employers in the area and is an important tourist attraction for Surrey.

Denbies Hillside enjoys views over to Box Hill – named after the ancient box woodland that thrives on the chalky west facing slopes. It also gives a good vista over the pretty market town of Dorking, with its attractive St Martin's church spire.

**This walk follows public footpaths and bridleways which cross private and public land. Please respect people's privacy, keep dogs under control and remember the Countryside Code.**

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**Duration of walk**  
1 hour



**Distance of walk**  
3.2 miles (5.1kms)



**Starting point**  
Denbies Vineyard Car Park



**Grid reference**  
TQ165 512

**Postcode for Sat Nav**  
RH5 6AA

**What3words**  
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**Transport Links**  
Easy walk from Dorking  
Main or Deepdene  
Railway Stations



**Parking**  
FREE



**Public Toilets**  
Inside Denbies building



**Food and Drink**  
Denbies café available for  
both indoor and outdoor  
food and drinks

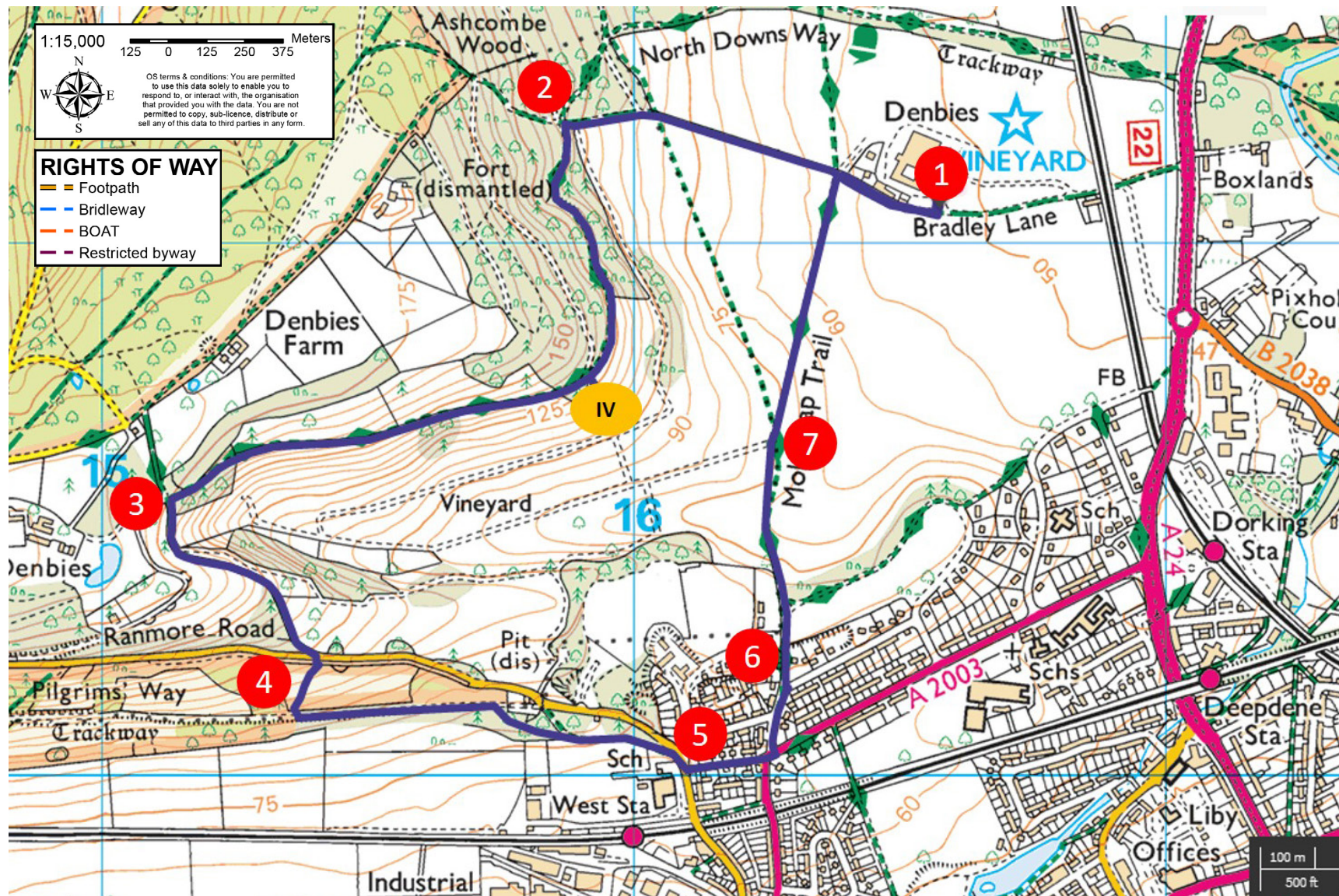


**Dogs on leads welcome**  
At Denbies. Owners are  
requested to clear up  
any dog mess.

## Points of interest

At Denbies Pop upstairs to see the latest art exhibition, take a wine tour or enjoy shopping in the Gift shop.

Visit the Farm shop or Surrey Hills Brewery also based at Denbies.



## VISIT RADIUS, a new Inspiring View

At Denbies Vineyard Estate. Made from locally sourced Oak by artist James Tunnard this sculptural seat reflects the shapes of the surrounding hills and valleys.



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