

Nuffield: Long Route



DIFFICULTY RATING: HIGH: Very hilly in places and quite challenging terrain. Take great care when crossing the A4130.

START POINT: Nuffield Church, RG9 55N

ROUTE

1. Start with the church on your right and then take the footpath which branches left across the golf course. Follow the waymarkers across the course, taking care. The path comes out onto the A4130. Carefully cross and continue to follow the path straight ahead. This is the Ridgeway. 2. Pass through a few path junctions, passing a large house and stables, with far reaching views to your left. Continue to follow the Ridgeway as the path bends right with Harcourt Hill to your right. (Red arrow) When you come to a fork in the path; keep left. Descend steeply through woodland (Jacob's Tent) eventually coming to a 'T' Junction. Turn right and this will take you up to St Bartolph's Church, Swyncombe. Go through the path on the right side of the church grounds and exit at the back of the church, then taking the left path which crosses the field rising gently into the woodland. 3. Continue to follow the path and look for a path to the right after about 350yds from the church. Turn right and keep on this path, continuing straight through Haycroft which then joins a lane and eventually meets the B481. Cross the road to the narrow footpath on the other side, walk to the right until you spot a footpath in the hedge on the other side of the road, just beyond the corner. Cross carefully, go through the hedge and turn left. At the next path junction turn right. 4. At the next path junction turn left and left again at the next path junction. You will come out onto Digberry Lane. Turn right at the at the end of the lane onto Huntercombe End. Follow this lane; pass Bushes Lane on your left and then take the next footpath on your left, keeping the hedge to your left. Follow this footpath straight on until you reach a crossroad of paths. Turn right. After about 250m take a path to your left across an open field and you will meet the A4130. Cross the A4130 and follow the footpath in front of you. Eventually you will come to a path junction after the path has bent left. 5. Go straight on, following the path which goes through a gap in the hedge. If the field has been sown with a crop (yellow arrow) walk left until the end of the crop, turn right to cross the field on the grassy path, and right again to walk round the edge of the field until you reach a path (see blue arrows on map). Turn right.

6. At the next junction of paths go straight on (the path is narrow and through woodland). Follow this path straight on until it meets a road (Timbers Lane), turn left and then right down Nuffield Hill to where you started at the church.

