

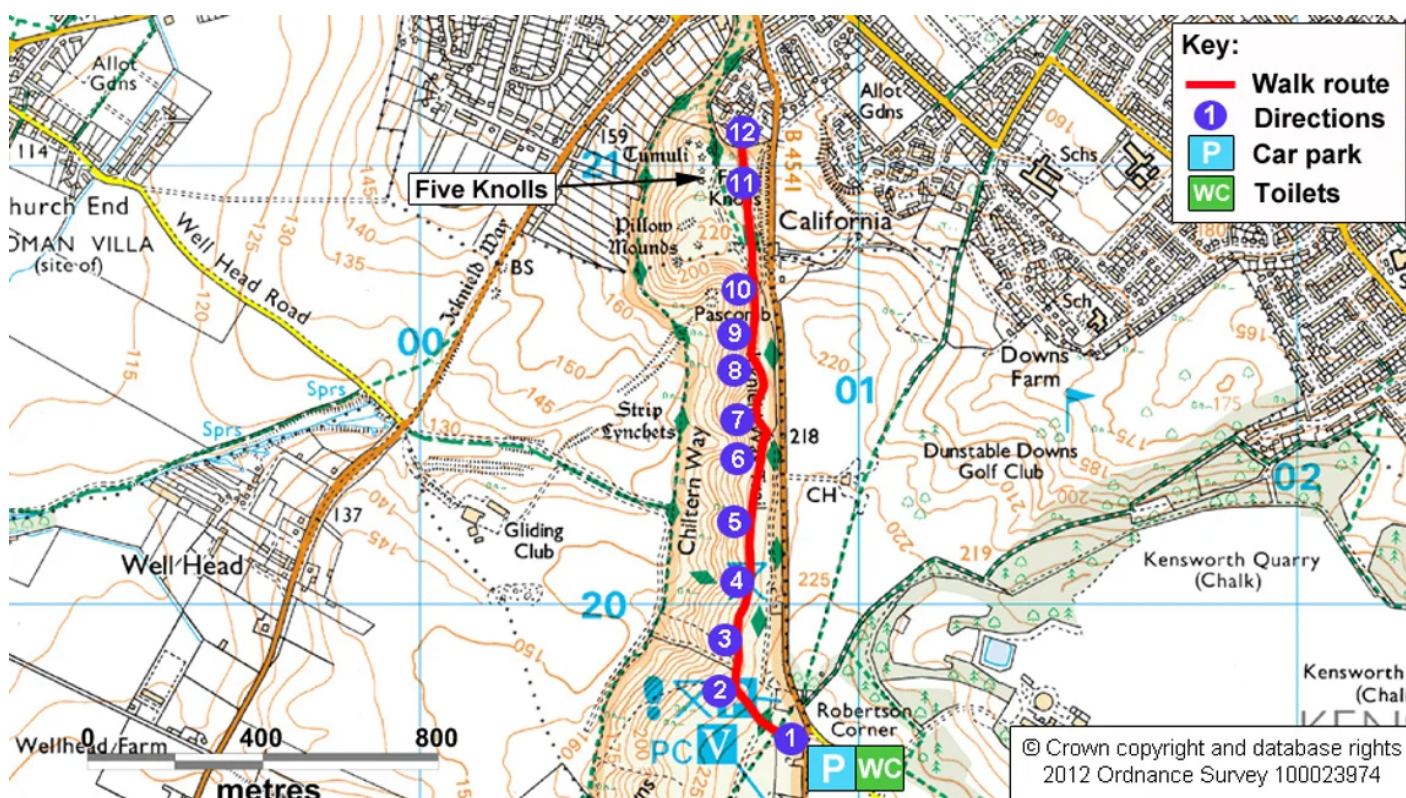
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Dunstable Downs Five Knolls wildlife and heritage walk

Walk up on the downs on this all-weather out-and-back pathway that's ideal for families. Enjoy the views from this site, which has been an important vantage point to people for over 1,000 years. And keep an eye out for the rich variety of birds, insects and plants that make their home here on the chalk downs.

Accessibility

This is a great walk to do on wheels, suitable for buggies, motorised scooters and wheelchairs. Numbered and lettered waymarkers mark the route.



Information

Address: Chilterns Gateway Centre visitor car park, Whipsnade Road, Dunstable, Bedfordshire LU6 2GY. Grid ref: TL008195.

OS map: Landranger 166, Explorer 181 and 193

Activity: Walking

Easy: All-weather, purpose-built path. For further details, please see Terrain section.

Dog friendly: Dogs welcome on the downs, on leads inside the visitor centre, café and shop.

Full trail: Miles: 1.9 (km: 3.04)

Access: Easy

Duration: 45 mins

Terrain

An all-weather, purpose-built pathway takes you across the top of the downs to the Five Knolls and back to the Chilterns Gateway Centre.

Total steps: 12

Start point: Chilterns Gateway Centre visitor car park, LU6 2GY. Grid ref: TL008195.

1. Find the first waymarker in the courtyard facing the car park.
2. Take the path to the windcatcher and follow the surfaced path to your right. Follow the footpath as it winds downhill over the grass area towards Pascombe and Five Knolls.
3. Continue along the footpath.
4. Look out for the London Gliding Club below.
5. As you walk past the lower car park, look out for waymarker B a bird.
6. Continue along the path.
7. Follow the footpath.
8. Follow the path as it descends slightly.
9. You'll see how the footpath runs along the top of the downs.
10. Keep walking along the footpath towards Pascombe Hill.
11. Keep to the footpath as it descends through a gateway. An information panel highlights the Saxon execution site at the 5 knolls burial site.
12. Turn round and walk back along the footpath you've followed, all the way to the Chilterns Gateway Centre.

End point: Chilterns Gateway Centre visitor car park, LU6 2GY. Grid ref: TL008195.
