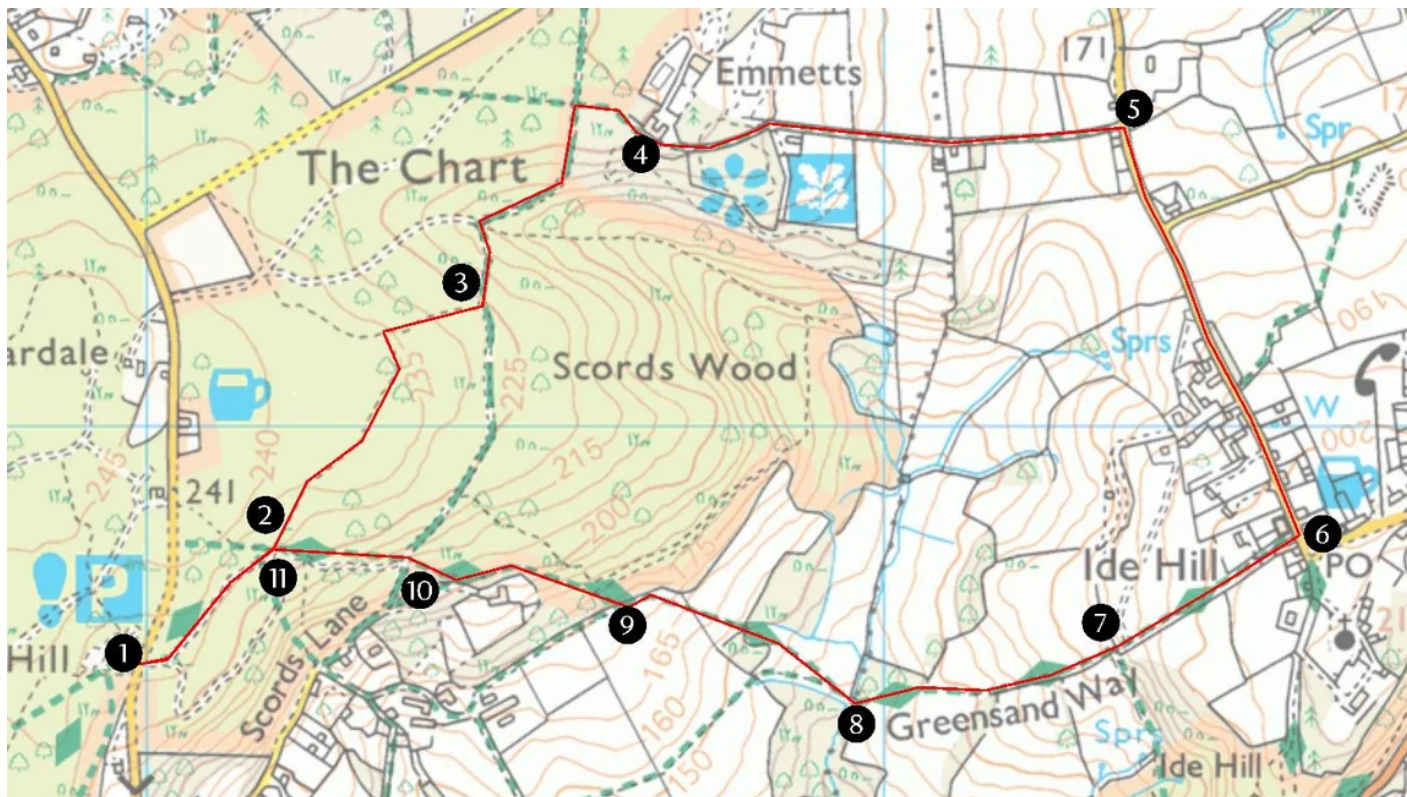


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## Toys Hill and Emmetts Garden circular walk

This 2.5-mile walk takes you along a public footpath through Emmetts Garden to the picturesque village of Ide Hill, where you'll find a seat commemorating the National Trust's founder, Octavia Hill.



### Information

Address: Toys Hill car park on Chart Lane, Brasted, Nr Westerham, Kent TN16 1QG.

OS map: Explorer 147; Landranger 188

Activity: Walking

Easy: Some rough paths and steep slopes. For further details, please see Terrain section.

Dog friendly: Dogs are welcome on the trail and need to be on a lead inside Emmetts Garden.

Full trail: Miles: 2.5 (km: 4)

Access: Challenging

Duration: 1 hour 30 mins

### Terrain

The terrain varies throughout the route; some areas are quite rough and have steep slopes and some steps, including rough paths through woodland. Some sections are on the road with busy traffic.

### Total steps: 11

Start point: Toys Hill car park on Chart Lane, grid ref: TQ470517

1. Head out of Toys Hill car park onto the road and cross to the path on the other side. Follow the path, bearing left until you reach a junction of five paths.
2. At the junction of five paths, continue straight ahead on the level, ignoring one path leading up on your left and two to the right. Continue along the wide path until you see a waymark. Turn left along the path and head down the hill, passing through a wooden gate, and on to the next waymark.
3. At the waymark, turn left and continue along the path. At a crossing track, continue straight onto a wide track. Turn right onto the footpath, past the waymark and through the gate. The footpath will take you out next to the Emmetts Garden tea-room.
4. Follow the public footpath to the left of the tea-room and down the wide road, with the north and south gardens on your left and right. As the view opens up over the wildflower meadow, turn right down a private drive and past South Lodge. Continue to a road.
5. Once you reach Ide Hill village, before you reach the roundabout, turn right onto a public footpath. Continue straight.
6. When you reach the road, turn right along it and follow it into Ide Hill village. Take care and watch out for traffic on this small country lane. Head up past the school until just before the village green.
7. If you chose to do the optional detour to Octavia Hill's memorial bench, turn left onto the main public footpath. If not, continue straight out of the woodland, passing between the woodland on your right and a field on the left.
8. Go through a metal kissing gate and continue along the dirt track. Head past a solitary oak tree and through another metal kissing gate. At the end of the dirt track, walk under the power cables and continue up the next field.

9. At the corner of the wood, bear slightly left to a gate and head up to a small footbridge over a stream. Follow the boundary of the wood then turn right, past a seat.
10. When the path forks, take the right-hand path and then go straight over the next crossroads. Continue onwards and you'll reach the five-path junction you crossed at the start of the route.
11. At the five-path junction, take the second exit, ignoring one on your left and two on your right, back towards the road. Cross the road back to Toys Hill car park to finish your walk.

End point: Toys Hill car park on Chart Lane, grid ref: TQ470517

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