

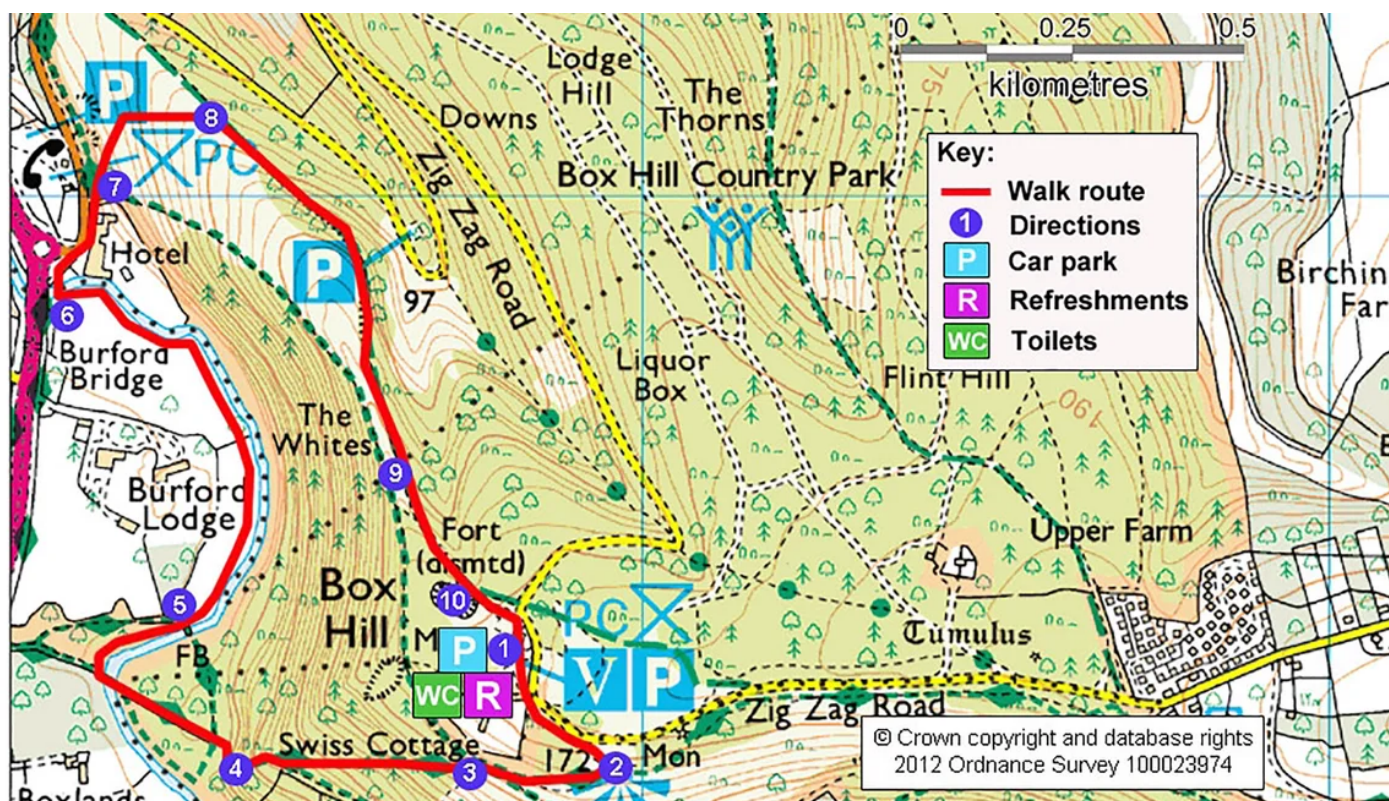
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Box Hill Stepping Stones walk

The Stepping Stones are an iconic landmark in this part of Surrey and they're a perfect spot to stop and watch the river flow by. This trail takes in some glorious views of the Surrey Hills and passes by one of Box Hill's oldest buildings, the Fort.

! Paths in winter

The paths are well maintained but may become slippery in wet or wintry weather. Please take care with your footing and wear suitable footwear for the conditions.



Information

Address: National Trust Visitor Centre, The Old Fort,
Box Hill Road, Tadworth, Surrey KT20 7LB

OS map: Landranger 187; Explorer 146

Activity: Walking

Moderate: Pathways can get slippery when wet. For further details, please see Terrain section.

Dog friendly: Dogs are welcome but please keep them on leads when livestock are grazing.

Full trail: Miles: 2 (km: 3.2)

Access: Challenging

Duration: 1 hour 30 mins

Terrain

Walking boots or sturdy shoes are recommended for this walk. There is a steep descent from the top of Box Hill down to the River Mole with 275 steps before the bottom. The pathways can get slippery when wet. You can cross the river by bridge or over the stepping stones and there is a long but not very steep ascent back to the top of Box Hill.

Total steps: 10

Start point: National Trust Visitor Centre at the top of Box Hill, grid ref: TQ178513

1. From the visitor centre at the top of Box Hill, follow the surfaced path away from the visitor centre. Ignore the track going off to your right and continue along the surfaced path running parallel to the road and you'll see the view opening out in front of you.
2. Once you've admired the view from Salomons Memorial, walk down the sloped path which runs below the viewpoint. Take a right and continue along this path.
3. You'll see some steps cut into the ground on your left. Follow these downhill through the Yew woods. There are 275 steps to the bottom – take care as they can be slippery sometimes. Continue along this path, on the left you'll catch glimpses of the River Mole.
4. Continue downhill. As the path flattens you'll reach a fork in the path. Take the left fork signed to the Stepping Stones. The River Mole and Stepping Stones are in front of you. You have a choice here. Either take a right at the rivers' edge and follow the riverside path (you can cross the river at the bridge a little further along), or cross the Stepping Stones and follow the path running parallel to the river on the other side.
5. Once you've reached the footbridge, go through the gate next to it. This brings you out into a large open space called Burford Meadow. Continue through the meadow. On the opposite bank of the river there are wooded chalk cliffs. These are known as the Whites.
6. At the far end of Burford Meadow there will be a road bridge in front of you. Follow the path upwards just to the left of the bridge and you'll come out on the pavement next to

the A24. Take a right and cross the river and walk past the hotel on your right hand side. Continue along the pavement.

7. Take the right hand path immediately after the hotel. At the fork, take the left hand grassy track and continue heading directly uphill.
8. Join the wide grassy path on the ridge of the hill. The grassy slope becomes a white chalk path, follow it uphill.
9. Take the pathway on your left. As it joins the stony path, take a right and continue as it heads uphill.
10. You'll pass an old building on your right. This is Box Hill Fort. You can walk all around the outside but not inside as there are bats living in it. Continue up the stony track and turn right at the road to return to the visitor centre.

End point: National Trust Visitor Centre at the top of Box Hill, grid ref: TQ178513
