



06 SURREY NEWLANDS CORNER

▶ Distance: 8½ miles/13.3km ▶ Time: 4½ hours ▶ Grade: Moderate



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Fantastic views from
Albury Downs.



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On December 4th
1926, Agatha

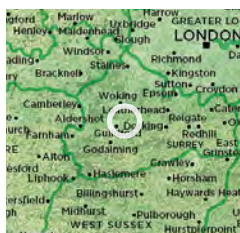
Christie's car was found abandoned at Newlands Corner, triggering an 11-day search for the missing author. Some feared she may have drowned in nearby Silent Pool, but eventually she was found in a hotel in Harrogate, after experiencing what has been described as a 'fugue state' due to severe emotional stress. It's a macabre chapter in her life, but there's no denying the alluring beauty of the backdrop. This walk winds through the Surrey Hills, starting from the less crowded end of Newlands Corner before passing through the

beauty spot, then visiting other exquisite locations such as Blackheath Forest, St Martha's Hill and the pretty village of Albury.

1 Start
Head east out of car park on main track, which soon opens out onto meadow. Continue ahead on grassy track over meadow. On far side, track passes through shrubbery to reach Newlands Corner. Turn L to car park/visitor centre/café.

2 ¾ mile/1.2km
Exit parking area and turn R opposite café. Cross main road and join woodland track heading east (North Downs Way - NDW). Continue ahead for 1 mile to reach junction R,

PLAN YOUR WALK



ROUTE

Start/parking Newlands Corner White Lane car park (free) off Guildford Lane, grid ref TQ032490

Is it for me? Mostly clear woodland and heathland paths with several ascents and descents. Blackheath Common is a maze of paths; careful nav needed

PLANNING

Nearest town Guildford

Refreshments Cafés at Newlands Corner; pubs in Albury village

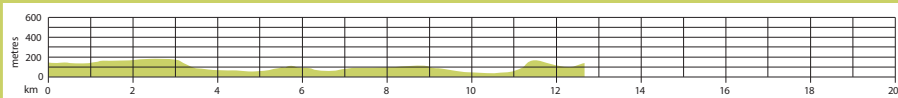
Public toilets At start

Public transport Bus 32 (Mon-Sat) from Guildford/Redhill to Albury. Trains to Chilworth near point 7.

Maps OS Explorer 145, Landranger 186 & 187

signed Silent Pool. Turn R and follow path downhill to Silent Pool L (slight detour). Continue on path to pass Sherbourne Pool and reach main road A25. ➔

GRADIENT PROFILE



06 SURREY
NEWLANDS CORNER► OS Explorer map 145 ► Buy maps at: ordnancesurvey.co.uk/shop**3** 2½ miles/4km

Cross. On far side, turn L to reach road branching R. Turn R and head SW with road, using footpath on far side. Follow road as it bends R. Pass church L, cross New Road and continue on raised path into Albury. Pass estate office L and pond R, and take first footpath L, uphill through twitten. At top, turn L on bridleway. Track veers R, becoming sunken lane. At fork as track enters woodland, take R fork. At track crossroad continue ahead towards plantation. Cross stile, turn L and cross open meadow, descending hillside to gate at railway line.

4 4 miles/6.5km

Cross, through gate on far side and descend towards Ford Farm. Through gate and follow farm track round L, skirting round pond. As track bends L, take track R, heading uphill. Stay in sunken path, climbing steadily, to emerge at junction of paths in Blackheath Forest.

5 4¼ miles/7.7km

Take path ahead, following blue waymarker. Continue through woods and over two clearings. Where path splits, take R-hand option heading back into woodland. At next major junction of paths, continue ahead on edge of open heathland. Turn R on bridleway, passing houses R. Cross lane, passing Blackheath Common sign and continue across heath to war memorial.



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6 5¼ miles/9.15km

Take path heading diagonally NE over heath to reconnect with lane. Continue downhill on enclosed path beside lane. At bottom, reconnect with lane, soon crossing railway bridge to reach junction with road. Cross and continue ahead on farm track making for St Martha's Hill. Pass Lockner Farm cottages R. As track crosses stream, take path L marked Chilworth Gunpowder Mills.

7 6½ miles/10.7km

Go through nature reserve, After picnic area, take first path R. Cross footbridge and follow path across small islet. Cross second stream and go through gate. Path bends R, becoming track. At top, cross bridleway and continue ahead, uphill.

Path climbs steeply through woodland to reach church atop St Martha's Hill.

8 7½ miles/12km

Turn R and follow broad path (NDW) heading E. At fork, take L path and descend. At bottom, emerge on White Lane beside Keepers Cottage. Turn L and follow path beside lane. Path climbs beside lane, then drops to lane via steps. Leave NDW by turning turn L on lane. Take next path R, climbing through woods to car park. **CW**

VIEW THE WALK ON OS MAPS ONLINE:
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