

## 05 WEST SUSSEX CHATTRI MEMORIAL

Distance: 8½ miles/13.8km Time: 4½ hours Grade: Moderate







# CHOSEN BY... NICK HALLISSEY The Chattri honours the 53 Sikh and Hindu

soldiers who died after being shipped back to Brighton with injuries sustained in the battlefields of the First World War, and whose bodies were burned in a funeral pyre on a hillside on the South Downs. The walk to reach this sombre but beautiful monument is a real treasure, also taking in the famous Jack and Jill windmills and the little-frequented valley of Standean Bottom.

#### Start

Emerge from car park entrance and turn L on farm track, passing R of two windmills. Where track splits, take R fork through gate and descend towards farm. Pass through farm then, at crossroads of paths, continue ahead with signpost for Chattri. Pyecombe golf course now appears R. Continue through combe at top edge of golf course and over brow of hill to reach junction of paths.

### **1** mile/1.6km

Turn L towards line of trees on field boundary. At boundary, turn R through gate and continue on track with hedges L and R. At end, go through gate and turn L. Continue on R edge of field with hedge R. Halfway across field turn R though gate (sign for Chattri) following path across ridgeline ahead (Sussex Border Path). At

#### **PLAN YOUR WALK**



#### ROUTE

Start/parking Free car park at Jack and Jill windmills, grid ref TQ302133

Is it for me? Easy paths, mostly along field boundaries/waymarked trails. One longish stretch on quiet lane. Careful navigation needed at Lower Standean Stiles None

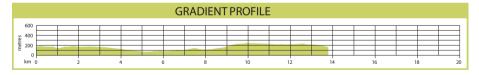
#### **PLANNING**

Nearest town Brighton. Refreshments None, but frequent ice cream van at Ditchling Beacon Public toilets None Public transport None Maps OS Explorer OL11, Landrander 198

crest of ridge, go through gate and turn L down bank. Through gate L to enter Chattri site.

2 miles/3.1km

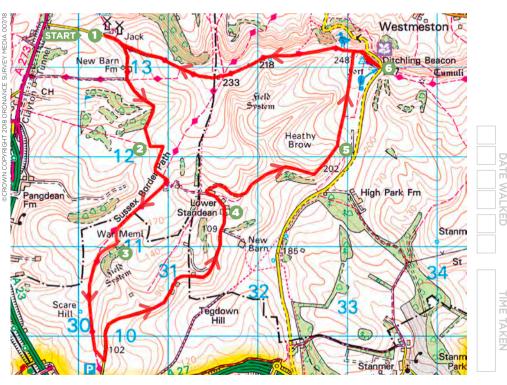
Leave Chattri by same gate and follow southward path



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climbing diagonally back to the ridgeline. Rejoin path and continue over Ewebottom Hill. Take first footpath branching L and descend to gate. Go through gate to join lane. Turn L and follow lane through valley for 1½ miles, passing Alpha Cottage and Beta Cottage and eventually arriving at hamlet of Lower Standean.

41/3 miles/7km Pass Standean Farm. Continue past grev barn, then take branching track R. Follow track around flank of hillside

(permissive access), through gate and descend into North Bottom, Descend to fenceline and locate gate with prominent footpath sign. Go through gate, turn L and follow path leading uphill into combe. Climb steadily, passing through a gate, to top left edge of combe.

52/3 miles/9km Enter enclosed farm track heading north. Continue over brow of hill, descending to pass through gate and join South Downs Way (SDW). Detour R to summit of Ditchling Beacon.

61/2 miles/10.4km Retrace steps along SDW. Continue on trail along edge of downs, through series of gates. Eventually reach an enclosed track which descends to gate and joins outbound path. Pass windmills R to finish. W

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