



The grid squares are 1km

**A** From Liss station turn left and then fork right at the mini roundabout. Follow Hill Brow Road uphill to Stodham Lane on the right. Take this for 200 metres then take the track on the left steeply uphill through the chestnut coppice for 750 metres to a road. Turn left along a wide lane with large houses and gardens to a road junction and turn right.

**B** Cross the B2070 and follow the road past the Jolly Drover PH to the entrance of the National Trust car park on your right. Take care along the last 200 metres of this road.

**C** Within the car park there is a small path on the left leading through woods. Take this path, do not go through the gate downhill or across the grassy area. Follow the path up through woods. At a fork in the path keep to the left until a track is reached. Go between the gateposts and turn right onto the gravel road.

**D** On reaching a small car parking area, cross this and follow the marked bridleway for 250 metres. At the 3 way junction take the middle route - bridleway (blue arrow). After 300 metres turn right keeping to the bridleway. Follow this, ignoring all side paths. At open field stay on bridleway (blue arrow). At the edge of the woodland turn right and follow gravelled road to a road T junction.

**E** Turn left and then right keeping to the marked lane. Just after the entrance drive to Vicarage Farm on the right look for a signed path up the bank on the left (30 metres). This is not obvious. Cross the field towards Rogate arriving at the A272. Turn left to the village and arrive at the crossroads.

**F** The return starts by taking the left turn at the crossroads, keep to the right hand side of the road. After passing the village hall and at the last house on the right a path leaves the road and crosses a field. Follow the path to the other side of the field and climb over the stile to a path T junction. Turn right. After 150 metres take the left fork. Follow this path to T junction and follow bridleway sign to right. Stay on the bridleway to the road ignoring all side paths and tracks.

*The Sussex Border Path which passes through the car park is 241 km (150 miles) from Rye to Thorney Island. Do not follow this route !*



*The path passes through coniferous then mixed woodland. There is a great variety of plants and birds to see and hear. There are excellent views of the South Downs.*

*At Rogate there is a shop, a pub and church to visit., and a bus can be caught to Petersfield or Durleighmarsh Farm shop.*

*Observe the magnificent Plane tree. You are now ascending the sand ridge called Hythe and Folkestone Beds, the sand eventually reaches the sea in Kent. Along the ridge of poor soils there are many conifers, and Sweet Chestnut coppice is grown for fence posts.*



**G** Cross the road and descend steeply to a path crossing. Turn right and follow the signed Serpent Trail down a steep sunken lane. At track junction turn left keeping to the Serpent Trail. After 600 metres turn left following the marked trail uphill to the road.



**H** Cross the road and after a short distance up the slope turn right onto a wide track. Follow this track along the hillside, called Combe Hill. The track will eventually come to a road. Turn left along the road. It becomes steep and narrow - take care and keep on the right side. At the top of the hill there is a road junction.

*There is a challenging mountain bike circuit here (in 2012). There is an excellent view to the north across the vale towards Milland. Combe - means valley or hollow on the side of a hill. It is derived from the Anglo-Saxon 'Cumb', as in Cumberland.*



**J** If you started at Durford Wood turn left for 100 metres back to the car park. If you started at the Jolly Drover PH or Liss station turn right and retrace your route.



## 8. LISS CIRCULAR WALK VIA ROGATE AND COMBE HILL



**PLEASE NOTE:**  
*You are asked to keep dogs under control at all times to avoid disturbance to animals. Leave gates and property as you find them and follow the Countryside Code.*

### About the walk:-

**START:** Grid Reference: SU 777278. Begin the walk at Liss Railway Station.

**DISTANCE:** 12.1 km (7.5 miles) allow 3 hrs. Alternatives can decrease the length of the walk. Starting from the National Trust car park at Durford Wood makes the walk 7 km (4.4 miles) or from the Jolly Drover PH 8 km (5 miles).

**TERRAIN:** Fairly strenuous walk (ascent 320 metres) with steep climbs and descents a few stiles and tracks which may be muddy in winter.

**PUBLIC TRANSPORT:** South West Trains (Portsmouth - Waterloo line with trains every hour).

Start - train Train to Liss station # It is possible to catch a bus from Liss village hall to the Jolly Drover PH.

Start - bus # 38 bus to Jolly Drover (Hill Brow) from Liss or Petersfield.

Start - car Park at the National Trust car park at Durford Wood

Finish - bus # 91 & 92 travel from Midhurst to Petersfield, via Rogate and Durleighmarsh Farm.

A section of return walking may be saved by getting off at Durleighmarsh farm and following the Sussex Border Path back to Durford Wood.

**# Buses (Stagecoach 38, Countryliner 91 & 92) run Monday to Saturday only, excluding evenings and public holidays. Check timetables before starting.**

**FACILITIES:** Local shop and White Horse PH in Rogate & the Jolly Drover PH at Hillbrow. Liss village centre has a wide range of cafés and a pub to reward yourself at the end of the walk.