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Key - Round the Borough Hike & Bike South East

-  Hike & Bike Route
-  Caution Road Crossing
-  Car Park
-  Toilet
-  Refreshments
-  Information (see reverse)
-  Mile Marker
-  Bike Only Route
-  0 ← 500m

i18 Welcome to Alexandra Recreation Ground the oldest park in the Borough. It was purchased on 16th December 1898 for £3,197.

i19 As you turn right in to College Road you can see the playing fields of Epsom College. The College was opened in 1855 to provide support for poor members of the medical profession. After a national fund raising campaign the college was opened by Prince Albert, the husband of Queen Victoria who had consented to be patron, as has each succeeding monarch, including our current Queen.

i20 Turn left in to Randolph Road.

i21 You are now travelling up a path known as 'Rifle Butts Alley' so named because during the nineteenth century until the building of Grandstand Road the area was used for shooting practice. A short climb now to the top of Epsom Downs and a choice of two pubs the Derby Arms or Rubbing House.

i22 Welcome to Epsom Downs, home of the Derby the worlds most famous horse race and some stunning views! The Derby was first run in 1780 and organised by Lord Derby who wanted to test young (3 year old) horses whose abilities were not yet known, making the betting more exciting! The race grew in popularity to become London's day out with hundreds of thousands attending. The Derby is held every year on the first Saturday in June and remains one of Britain's most popular sporting events.



i23 The famous race course and the Queen's and Duchess's Stands are on your left as you travel towards the Downs Keepers Hut. Across the road there are toilets and also a hut selling refreshments, everything you need for a well earned rest. Take care crossing the road.

i24 You are now at the foot of Walton Downs with Juniper hill on your left.

i25 On your left is a woodland called the Warren and remnants of a large red brick wall which used to enclose a Hare Warren. Today the wall is listed and in recent years local volunteers and students have been restoring sections of the wall and have re-introduced coppicing to the woodland which was declared 'Ancient Woodland' in 2011 meaning that it is known to have existed before 1600.

i26 Before crossing the race course again, on your left is the Rubbing House Pub and beyond views to the North Downs and Surrey Hills, Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. As you cross the hallowed turf of the race course, the finish line is just to your right opposite the Royal Box in the Queen's Stand. Turn left and head off the Downs along Chalk Lane.

The route now moves on to the south west map