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Denbies Delightful Dawdle
Wednesday 29th December 2021
10.30am for 10.45am start
Denbies Wine Estate
Dorking, Surrey, RH5 6AA

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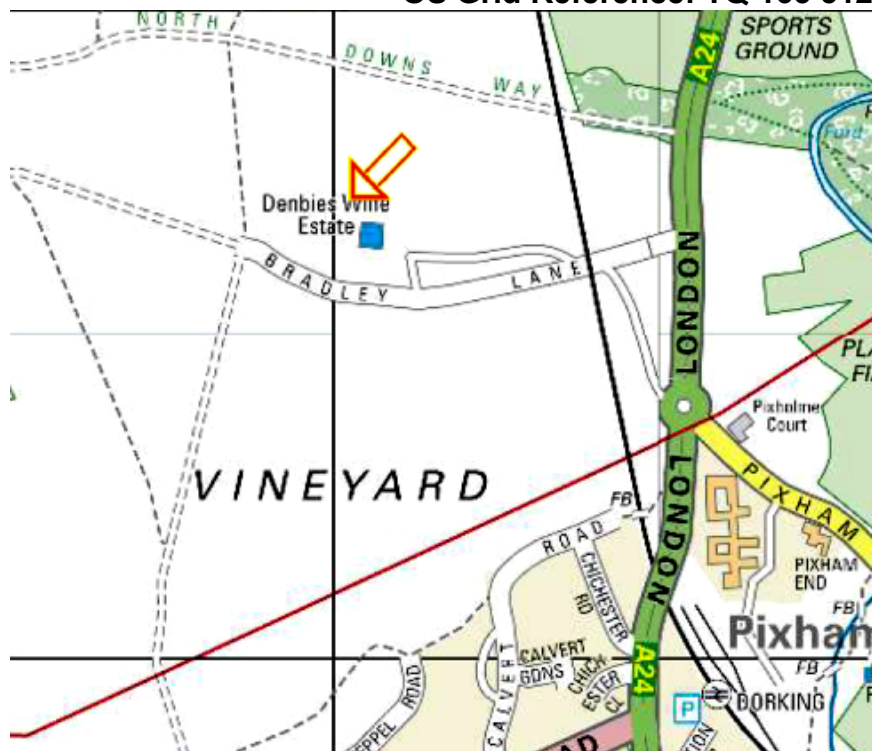


The Walk: Ours is a stile-free walk of 2.9 miles with varied scenery including light woodland, riverside and hillside. In the last third of our route a steady gradient gives way to a gentle and very scenic descent back to Denbies.

Meeting & Greeting; We will be standing immediately in front of the entrance doorway into the main building. We'll gather together from 10.30am and set off 10.45am. But please respect whatever official Covid-19 restrictions in place at the time.

The Venue: Denbies Wine Estate has developed into a very popular venue in the Dorking area. The facilities should be open at Denbies on the 29th including the wine and gift shop; and the Hatch, situated in the outside wall and serving food and drink on a takeaway basis. You can visit the Denbies website at www.denbies.co.uk The restaurant is very good, but you will need to book well in advance. NOTE at time of press the whole site was **CARD ONLY** (no cash payments).

OS Grid Reference: TQ 165 512



Directions (All distances approximate) - From Tadworth Roundabout take B2032 towards Headley. After 2.5 miles straight ahead down hill towards Betchworth and continue over level crossing to roundabout on A25. Right to Dorking. After 2.1 miles, just past the Watermill Inn on right, turn right into Pixham Lane. At end of Pixham Lane take second exit at roundabout to Denbies. See also [Denbies](http://www.denbies.co.uk) site.

Public Transport: Bus 21 (Epsom-Leatherhead-Dorking) and bus 465 (Kingston-Leatherhead-Dorking) both stop very near the roundabout at Pixham Lane.

Go to <https://www.metrobus.co.uk/services/MB/21> for Metrobus 21 timetable (details unavailable at press)

Go to <https://tfl.gov.uk/maps?Input=Denbies&InputGeolocation=51.244365%2C-0.324857> for bus 465 timetable.

The nearest station is Dorking. For train times go to www.nationalrail.co.uk Leaving station walk ahead to nearby dual carriageway (A24). **Do not cross over.** Instead turn right along pavement and continue for some way to roundabout at Pixham Lane. Cross over carefully and head along slip road to Denbies. Total distance walked 0.75 miles.

Walk Instructions:

Stage 1

With your back to the main entrance, ahead on roadway in front, passing between No Entry signs. Stay on right-hand side until another road merges from right. Turn left and follow road under railway bridge. At far side keep ahead on tarmac roadway in front, ignoring sweep of main road round to right. On reaching dual carriageway turn left along narrow tarmac path next to cycleway. At turning on left signposted "North Downs Way" continue ahead beside dual carriageway for about 50 yards until level with bus stop on far side. Cross dual carriageway with great care to the bus stop.

Stage 2

Veer right, then almost immediately turn left into "Stepping Stones Car Park". Soon at end of car park take curving track off to the left. Stay on track, eventually descending to wooden bridge over river. Ignoring bridge turn left on wide track with river and steep hillside over to right. Follow track for some distance. When large brick bridge appears on right follow track up slope to nearby dual carriageway.

Stage 3

Immediately left down to "subway". On exiting subway go up left-hand slope. At top cross over side road ("Westhumble Street") and turn right, immediately passing "Stepping Stones" pub. Keep ahead to "Box Hill and Westhumble Station" on left, switching to right side of road where necessary so as to stay on pavement.

Stage 4

Ahead over railway bridge, bearing left up "Chapel Lane". Keep to footway on left, soon reaching "Pilgrim's Way" roadway on left. Continue on main road for about 20 yards, then left along "Public Footpath" between fences. On meeting roadway at right angles turn right. End stage at junction ahead with "Adler's Lane" sign on left.

Stage 5

Straight over, still in "Adler's Lane". At next junction ignore "Burney Road" on left, continue past "The Twinings", then switch to right-hand side of main road. Eventually cross back over to "West Humble Chapel" sign on left.

Stage 6

Almost immediately turn left on uphill roadway, staying on it for some way as it winds upwards. Very near top follow roadway round left bend and continue to wooden gates at "Ashleigh Grange". Now veer off slightly left along wide track and continue for some way until reaching another wide track at right angles.

Stage 7

Veer diagonally right for a few feet, then left on "Public Footpath", passing through wooden kiss-gate. Ahead on the gently descending path in front. Soon, on meeting concreted footway at right angles, turn left down this footway and descend to the Denbies buildings visible in distance. At end of descent continue ahead passing buildings on left. Soon, not far past "Farm Shop" on left, turn left and return to main entrance and car parks.