



Loyd Grossman's 'Ambling in Amberley' walk

Always follow current UK Government guidelines for COVID-19 (www.gov.uk/coronavirus) while enjoying this walk and check the most up to date advice before setting off.



Loyd Grossman said: 'This is one of my favourite walks which takes in a beautiful medieval church and one of the prettiest villages in West Sussex. All in all, the walk is around 4 miles long.'

Start

Start your journey at Amberley station (*Houghton Bridge, Arundel BN18 9LR*) and left under the bridge then left again onto Stoke Road (following the signpost for North Stoke). Walk for approximately half a mile until you reach the village.

Turn right at the telephone and post boxes and you'll have your first sighting of the church, St Mary the Virgin.

Church 1 - St Mary the Virgin (*North Stoke, Arundel, West Sussex, BN18 9LS*)

St Mary's beautifully combines rustic charm and fine architecture with an atmosphere of centuries of prayer.

Until recently the church was known as North Stoke Church. But in 2007 a letter dated 1275 from a bishop to King Edward I was discovered in the archives at Kew which named the church as St Mary.

After exploring this peaceful place, there is a pleasant alternative walk back to Amberley. Re-trace your steps out of the village until you see a 'Public Footpath' sign on your left, which will take you along a footpath bordered by trees on both sides which takes you through fields to the river.

Turn right when you reach the river and follow this back to Amberley. You'll be rewarded with some magnificent views over the South Downs. Just be aware that the path can get very muddy in inclement weather!

Retrace your steps to return to the station.

End of Route (or continue for optional extra walk)

If you have time it's well worth continuing on to the beautiful village of Amberley, full of thatched cottages and pretty gardens. The walk is a further 15 minutes along the main road (there is however a separate path alongside the road).

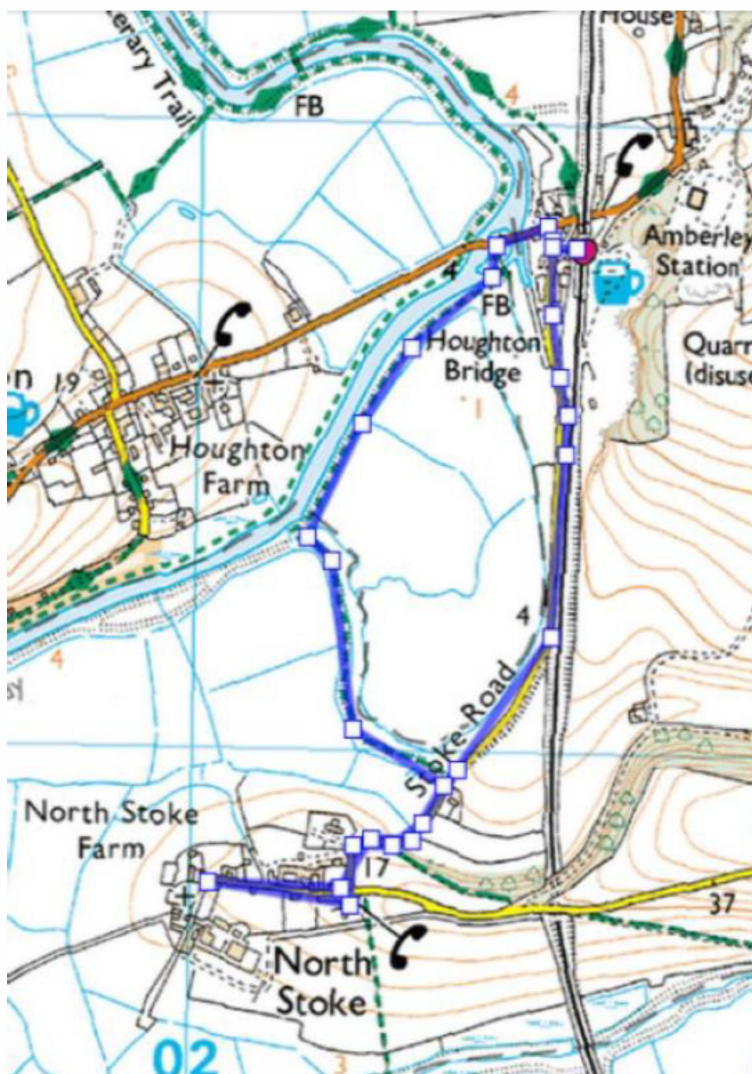
Church 2 - St Michael's Church

Whilst in Amberley village, be sure to stop outside St Michael's Church, a stunning building dating from the 12th-century.

Retrace your steps to return to the station.

Route end.

Map



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