

## 10 Leisure Walks of Discovery A Boot Up THE SURREY HILLS

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The Surrey Hills was one of the first areas in England to be designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) in 1958. It stretches across a quarter of the county and includes the chalk slopes of the North Downs, which run from Farnham to Oxted, and the deeply-forested Greensand Hills.

The North Downs sweep into Surrey from the east and terminate at the end of the Hog's Back. They have a distinctive topography with a steep, south-facing scarp slope and a shallow, north-facing dip slope with the valleys of the Wey and Mole being important corridors through them.

Of the ten selected walks in this book, seven of the routes are along the North Downs Way between Compton and Reigate, and the remaining three are at prominent locations along the Greensand ridge, including Leith Hill, the highest point in south-east England. They range from 3 ¾ - 7 ½ miles and suit the needs of families, groups of friends or individuals looking for a gentle stroll or a longer walk, and reflect the many varied facets of the area – its people, its history, and its landscape and will help first time visitors to experience some of the great scenery the area has to offer. Many of the walks feature a pub along the route.

Halsgrove's new-format guidebook, containing maps, photographs and useful information will ensure a great walking experience. Packed with colour, the book is an ideal reminder of a visit to the Surrey Hills.



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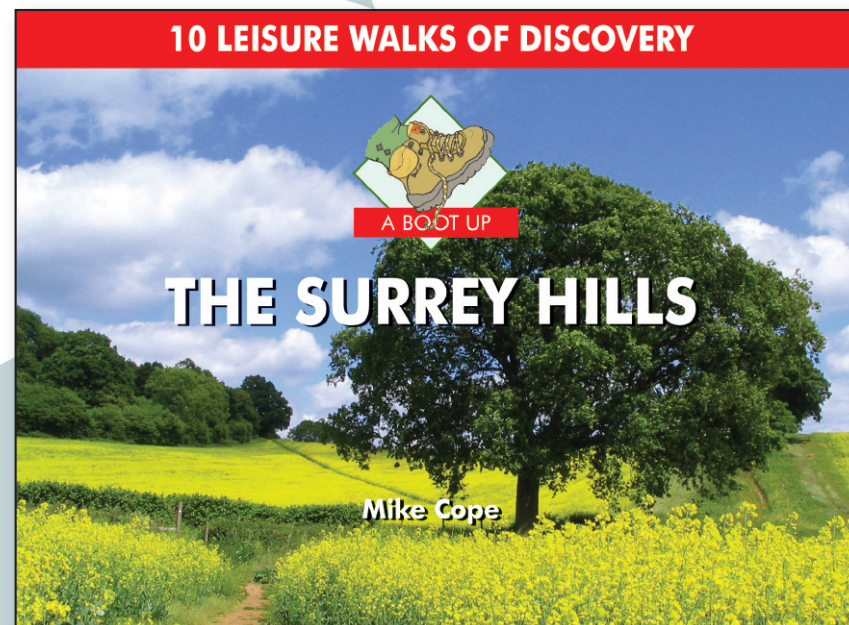
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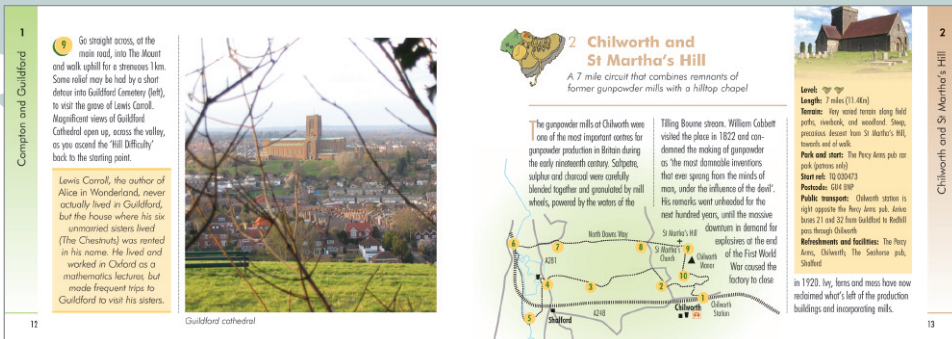
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The view south from Pitch Hill



Right: Crossing the River Mole at the Stepping Stones



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Leith Hill tower