**Route information**

A short walk of 0.7 miles (1.1km) through Kent County Council’s newest country park. A longer walk can be completed of 0.9 miles (1.4km) if viewing Thurnham Castle. There are frequent rest areas and outstanding views.

**Route Map**

- **Gate**
- **Restpoint**
- **Car park, 4 designated spaces**
- **View point and bench**
- **Picnic site**
- **Downhill gradient**
- **Uphill gradient**
- **Hazard**
- **Thurnham Castle**

**Hard surface - fine**

(Occasional stones up to 20mm. Occasional potholes up to 10mm.)

**Concrete/tarmac**

**Road**

**Other Paths**

**Start/Finish**

A249

To M20

To M2
How to get to White Horse Wood Country Park:

Road: From the M20 junction 7 take the turning sign posted Sittingbourne A249. Continue on A249 to roundabout. Circle the roundabout to retrace route along the A249 to find White Horse Wood on the left. From the M2 junction 5 take the A249 to find White Horse Wood on the left.

Road Map: www.streetmap.co.uk
Enter TQ809587 in the address toolbar.

Route description:

Start: From the car park take the path sign posted Woodland Walk. Follow the path round to the left until you reach a junction.

A At the Junction turn to the left past the view point until the path splits ahead.

B Take the left hand path through two accessible gates to return to the car park.

⚠️ Caution, farm vehicles

Finish.

To visit Thurnham Castle turn right at B through the gates to reach a small road. Cross the road and enter through the gate to explore the castle remains.

⚠️ Caution, traffic.

Points of interest:

1 From this highpoint on the North Downs there are exceptional views of the surrounding countryside.

2 Beneath the grass is a late Bronze Age/early Iron Age enclosure of approximately 3,000 years old.

3 The medieval ruins of Thurnham Castle built on top of the Downs. There are panoramic views over the surrounding Kent Downs which is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Additional information
Please note the park is open from 8.30am until dusk. Pay and display is in operation. For more information about the park please call 01622 817623.
Height restriction barrier 2 metres.
For further information about walking please visit www.kent.gov.uk/explorekent