

# Black Down & Hindhead Supporters of the National Trust

## Four Walking Trails Starting at The Devil's Punchbowl Car Park

### 2) Sailor's Stroll

This is an easy and well sign-posted walk mainly on a prepared road. Ideal for young children; push-chair and wheel-chair friendly. This a road that is open to all traffic and thus be aware you may encounter the occasional motor vehicle and cyclists.

**This walk is through rare ground-nesting bird habitat. Please keep dogs on a short lead during the nesting season (March to September)**

**Easy**

**Good footwear recommended**

**20 minutes each way**

**1.0 Miles (1.6 km)**

**OS Explorer OL 33**

**Start: Devil's Punchbowl Car Park GR 890357**

1. From the car park proceed north towards the white trig-point identifying the **dark-blue** disc signage (*Sailor's Stroll*).
2. Follow these signs crossing the old A3 (now grassed over) to reach a paved road where you turn left and follow this in an easterly direction. En route discover the *Sailor's Stone* and admire the views north across the Punchbowl.

#### ***Sailor's Stone***

*In 1786 a sailor was brutally murdered by three men whilst walking between London and Portsmouth. The stone was erected to mark the spot where this poor sailor met his death.*

3. Continue along the paved road to reach a gateway on your right. Pass through the gateway following the path over open ground to reach the summit of Gibbett Hill. Take a rest and enjoy the views; hopefully, weather permitting, it should be possible to spot the arch at Wembley Stadium and the towers buildings of Canary Wharf.

#### ***Gibbett Hill***

4. The Celtic Cross marks the spot where three rogues were hanged for the murder of a sailor on the old Portsmouth Road. Gibbett Hill (272 m) located above the Devil's Punchbowl is the second highest point in Surrey.
5. For your return retrace your outward stroll emerging back at the car park and, perhaps, enjoy some refreshment at the Punchbowl Cafe.

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Solid black line shows route of Sailor's Stroll

