

The Deepdene Trail

Wednesday, 15th May 2019

10 am to approx. 2 pm, with optional extended walk to 4 pm

The Deepdene Trail explores a fascinating landscape full of history, nature and hidden treasures. Shaped over hundreds of years by influential owners the estate has been repaired, reawakened and reconnected by Mole Valley District Council. The project has been possible thanks to a generous grant of £1 million from the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Friends of Deepdene volunteers and a range of other partners including our Society.



We are very fortunate to have a member of the original Deepdene Trail project team to give us a guided tour of the heart of the Deepdene Estate. We will explore the enchanting garden with its hidden historic features, then climb through the woodland to the Terrace for some stunning views of this Grade II* registered landscape. Dropping back down past the Golf Club we will take a final trip out to the newly restored Hope Mausoleum with an exclusive look inside this 200 year old tomb. It is then a short walk back to the Golf Club for lunch and great views across Chart Park. The story of the Deepdene Trail follows over 300 years of the rise and fall of the estate with a focus on famous owner Thomas Hope but we will also touch on the work that has been done over the last few years to get the Trail open and what the plans are as the project continues to unfold.

Starting with coffee/tea at the Dorking Golf Club clubhouse, where we will pre-book our lunch choices (not included in price), the walk should take 1 ½ to 2 hours at a leisurely pace with plenty of stops to explore the story of Deepdene. It does contain steep and uneven ground and some short flights of steps (it is possible to walk on the slopes instead but it is reasonably steep). The total distance is approximately 2 miles. Sturdy footwear is recommended, particularly if there has been rain.

After lunch, there is an option to walk the longer part of the trail which leads to Betchworth Castle taking approximately 2 hours. This route includes steep and uneven ground, short sections walking on residential roads and Punchbowl Lane (no pavement) and stiles to climb. The distance is in the region of 5 miles for the round trip. Please indicate on the booking form if you are interested in this extended tour.

The cost of the event will be £14 for members, and £16 for non-members which will include coffee/tea on arrival, and a donation to the Deepdene Trail project. Please note that if you are joining us for lunch at the clubhouse, this will be an additional cost paid direct to the clubhouse by yourself. Lunch choices should be ordered on arrival, before we start the tour in the morning.

If you would like to join us, please book online at the bottom of this page or complete and return the downloadable slip here below before Monday 6th May 2017. Children may come on this visit if they can manage the walk, but the event is not specifically designed for them. Well behaved dogs on leads would be welcome, but would not be allowed into the golf club.

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*Please detach and return this slip with your e-mail address or a stamped addressed envelope to:
SHS – Deepdene Trail, Warren Farm Barns, Headley Lane, Mickleham, Dorking, RH5 6DG*

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I wish to book _____ member places at £10 per person and/or _____ non-members at £12.

I enclose my cheque for £ payable to "Surrey Hills Society".

NAME MEMBERSHIP NO.....

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If more than three applicants, please continue below.

Telephone E-mail

Signed..... Date.....

We **will/will not** be joining the afternoon extension to Betchworth Castle (please delete as appropriate)