



# Farncombe 09a - Farncombe To Guildford

## ROUTE INFORMATION



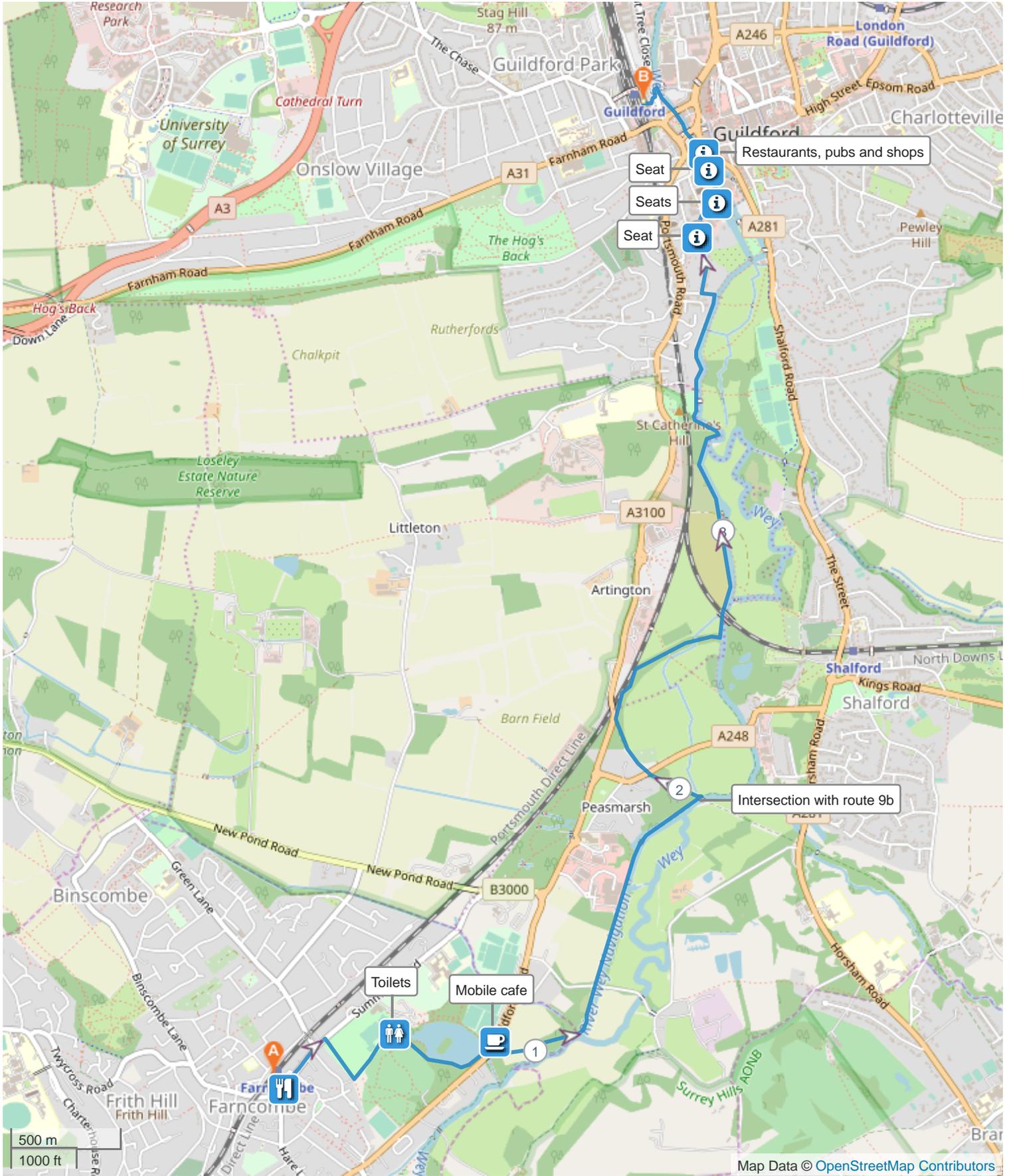
ROUTE LENGTH	4.574 miles
ASCENT	141 ft
DESCENT	160 ft
HILLS	↑ 30.9%   ↓ 38.3%   → 30.9%
TERRAIN	Mixed

## NOTES

Farncombe is a good starting point for a walk. It can be reached by bus and train. If you want refreshments before you start off, there is a good selection of cafes, shops and take-aways in Farncombe village and also many places of interest to visit at the end in Guildford.

This walk links Farncombe station to Guildford station. You have the option to return by train or follow walking route 9b to return to Farncombe. Routes 9a and 9b also intersect at the Peasemash river crossing so there is an alternative of a circular route based on Farncombe station, starting with the first half of route 9a and returning using the last half of route 9b.

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## ROUTE DIRECTIONS

No	Miles	Turn	Directions
1	0.004	↑	Leave the station via the Portsmouth bound, platform 2 and walk forward along the station access road.
2	0.035	←	At the end of the station access road, turn left onto Summers Road. (If you want some refreshment before starting your walk, Farncombe cafes and shops are close by on your right.) 
3	0.164	↑	 Keep forward on Summers Road (ignoring the turn to the level-crossing on your left.)
4	0.221	→	 Look out for the entrance to the park on your right and turn in here and go through the car-park next to the cricket club. Continue forward keeping the boundary of the park on your right.
5	0.360	←	 At the small car park, turn left and follow the surfaced path across the park.

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6	0.533	↗	 <p>Pass the children's play park and the public conveniences. Then bear right along the short path towards the lake.</p> <p> <b>Toilets</b></p>
7	0.564	↘	At the lake, turn sharp right and follow the path around the lake.
8	0.849	→	 <p>Go about half-way round the lake and, just before the footbridge over the lake outfall, turn right to cross the road at the reservation. Take care, the road can be busy, especially during peak periods. Turn left along the roadside path for a few yards to the gate just past the National Trust sign. (If you want refreshments at this point, a mobile cafe regularly parks up in the car park just across the lake outflow.)</p>
9	0.879	➔	Pass to the left of the gate and on to the footpath.
10	1.012	↖	Keep bearing left through the woodland.
11	1.119	←	When you reach the river, turn left to follow the towpath alongside the River Wey Navigation.
12	1.279	↑	At the first bridge over the river, go through the gate and up the short slope to the road. Take care at the top; you come onto a road quite suddenly. Although the road is relatively quiet, some vehicles travel too fast. Cross the road and continue along the towpath.
13	1.574	↑	At Unstead Lock, continue forward along the towpath and, a little further on, cross over a side tributary via the wooden footbridge.

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14	1.909	←	 <p>When you reach the next bridge over the river, bear left up the steps and then turn left along the surfaced path. Don't cross the bridge. (Just under the bridge, there is a slope up if you prefer this to the steep steps.) This route intersects with route 9b at this point so you could return to Farncombe using the second half of 9b.</p> <p><b>Intersection with route 9b</b></p>
15	2.089	↑	 <p>Continue forward under the disused railway bridge.</p>
16	2.528	↑	At the cross-paths, continue forward up the bank and follow the path ahead.
17	2.663	↑	Skirt the disused World War Two 'Pill Box' and drop down the steps on the other side to the navigation.
18	2.691	←	Turn left along the navigation tow path and continue forward to go under the bridges that carry a pipe and then the railway over the river.
19	3.039	↑	At St Catherine's Lock, continue forward, following the navigation tow path.
20	3.441	↑	Continue forward, going under the bridge that carries a footpath over the river.

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21	3.769	←	 <p>At the time of writing (November 2020), a weir in Millmead Meadow had collapsed taking the tow path with it. For the time being, you will need to use this short diversion. Look for the point where the wall along the left-hand side of the tow path changes from stone to wooden sleepers. At this point turn left up the steps.</p>
22	3.813	→	At the end of the path, turn immediately right along a residential road (Flower Walk.)
23	3.984	↗	 <p>At the end of Flower Walk, bear very slightly right along Bury Fields. (Do not turn sharp right into the carpark.)</p> <p> <b>Seat</b></p>
24	4.046	→	Pass in front of the surgery and, at the post box, turn right into Porridge Pot Alley.
25	4.100	←	At the bottom of Porridge Pot Alley, turn left to re-join the original route.
			 <b>Seats</b>

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26	4.204	↗	 <p>Just before the White House pub, bear right to follow the tow path between the pub and the navigation.</p> <p> <b>Seat</b></p>
27	4.257		<p>At the town bridge, follow the path around to the left and then right to cross the road and continue along the riverside path. (Don't cross the bridge unless you wish to visit Guildford town. If you do go exploring - you can see the High Street over the bridge - simply retrace your steps to this point afterwards.)</p> <p> <b>Restaurants, pubs and shops</b></p>
28	4.336	↑	<p>Pass under two road bridges and continue along the riverside path for a further 130 yards to the footbridge that crosses the river.</p>
29	4.495	←	 <p>Immediately under the footbridge, turn left and up the steps to the road.</p>
30	4.501	←	<p>Cross the road and turn left up the ramped footway.</p>
31	4.530	↗	<p>Follow the marked path across the carpark to the station entrance.</p>
32	4.574		