



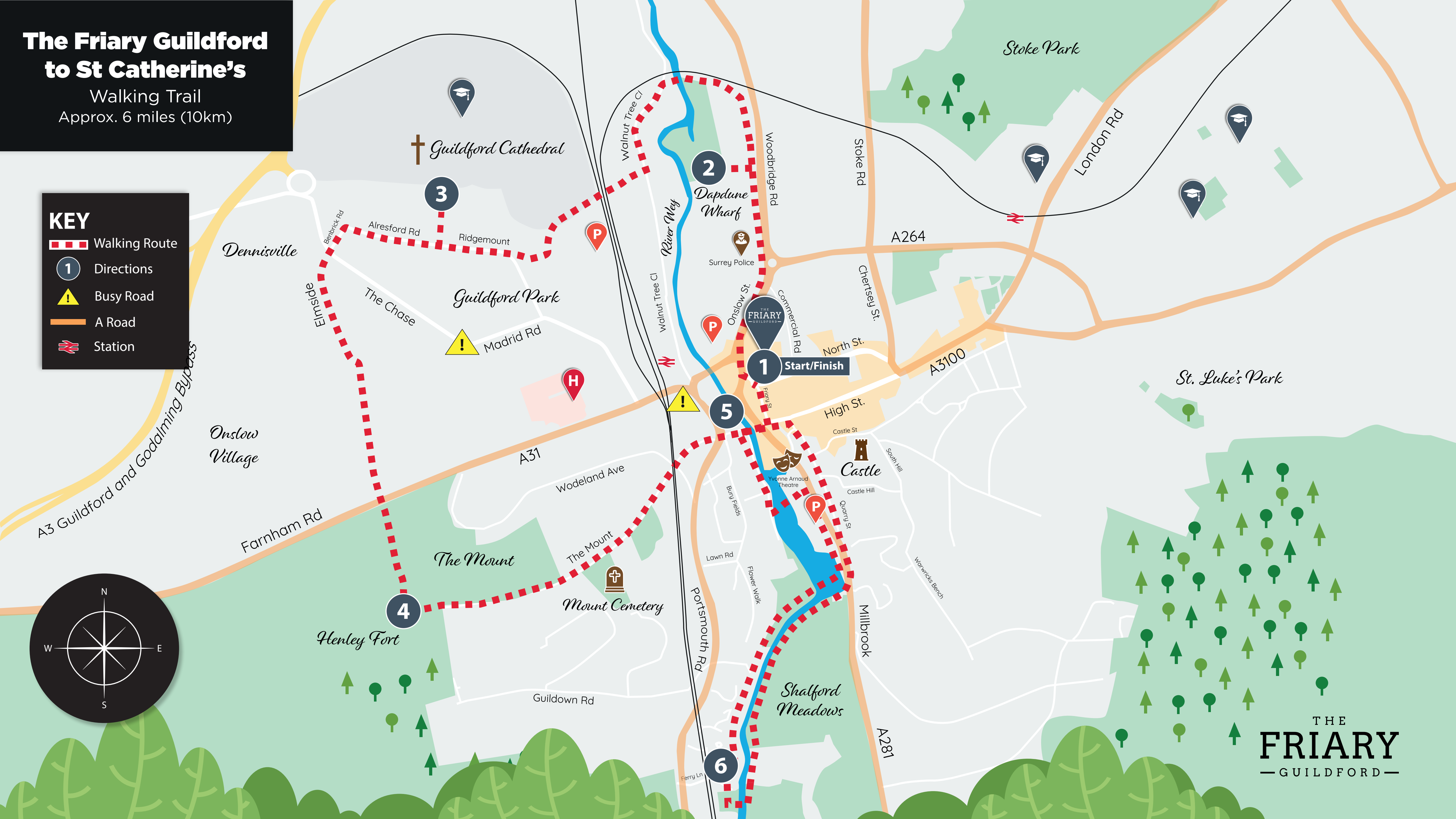


The Friary Guildford to St Catherine's

Walking Trail
Approx. 6 miles (10km)

KEY

-  Walking Route
-  Directions
-  Busy Road
-  A Road
-  Station



1.

From The Friary Guildford, walk north-east along Onslow Street (A322). At the roundabout, with the Surrey Police building on your left continue straight ahead onto Woodbridge Road. Turn left onto Wharf Road which is immediately before Guildford Cricket Ground and continue taking a slight right onto Dapdune Wharf.

2.

Return back to Wharf Road and turn left at the Cricket Ground onto Woodbridge Road. Turn left onto the public footpath just before Woodbridge Café, cross the footbridge over the River Wey and continue left onto Walnut Tree Close. Turn right opposite Addison Glass and continue for 150m and then turn left onto Scholars Walk. Turn right at the larger road Ridgemount and follow the road through a left curve. Ignore Cathedral Close on the right. Further along on the right is a pedestrian entrance to Guildford Cathedral up a long line of steps. You may wish to climb these steps and perhaps visit the Cathedral.

3.

Return to Ridgemount, turn right and continue ahead where this becomes Alresford Road, and at the end turn left into Benbrick Road. Cross The Chase and into Elmside. This area is part of Onslow Village. At a road junction go straight across heading for the Curling Vale road sign and take the enclosed footpath immediately to the left of this sign. With care cross the Farnham Road (A31) and take the footpath ahead climbing through trees. In a few yards emerge at the corner of a large open field, The Mount. Keep right to climb the field with trees nearby on the right. As you pause for breath, enjoy the views of Guildford to the left and the Cathedral behind you. At the far corner of the field pass through a line of trees to reach a narrow tarmac road that runs along the ridge of the North Downs. There are more views ahead through the trees.

4.

Turn left along the roadway (the old Farnham turnpike) and follow the historical approach to Guildford down the hill; passing Mount Cemetery on the right where Lewis Carroll is buried. At the bottom of the hill cross the Portsmouth Road (A3100) using the pedestrian crossing a few yards to the right. Continue ahead, passing St Nicholas Parish Church and the White House pub.

5.

Cross the pedestrianised Town Bridge over the River Wey. From the bridge look left to see Town Wharf. Cross the main road using the pedestrian crossing near Debenhams and go ahead for a short distance up the High Street as far as Quarry Street, the first road on your right. On Quarry Street, if you have time, you can visit the church, castle and museum. The far end of Quarry Street joins Millbrook (A281). Cross the road here and pass The Weyside pub. Just after Guildford Rowing Club take the path behind the clubhouse. Soon pass through a kissing gate to join the riverside path beside Shalford Meadows. You may glimpse St Catherine's Chapel on the hill in the distance ahead. When you come to the footbridge over the Navigation at Ferry Lane, cross over and turn right. After 20m, you can detour to St Catherine's Hill by turning left up Ferry Lane then just before the main road turn sharp left up the hill. After enjoying the chapel ruins and the views retrace your steps to the towpath and turn left.

6.

Follow the towpath back to Millbrook and turn left towards Guildford town centre. After 500m turn left towards the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre. Take the footpath to the left of the theatre building to reach Millmead Lock. At the lock, cross two footbridges and then turn right along the riverside to pass the Britannia Inn, with and the Yvonne Arnaud theatre on the opposite bank. On reaching Town Bridge, turn right and using the pedestrian crossing to head towards the High Street. Turn left onto Friary Street and you will then see The Friary Guildford directly ahead.