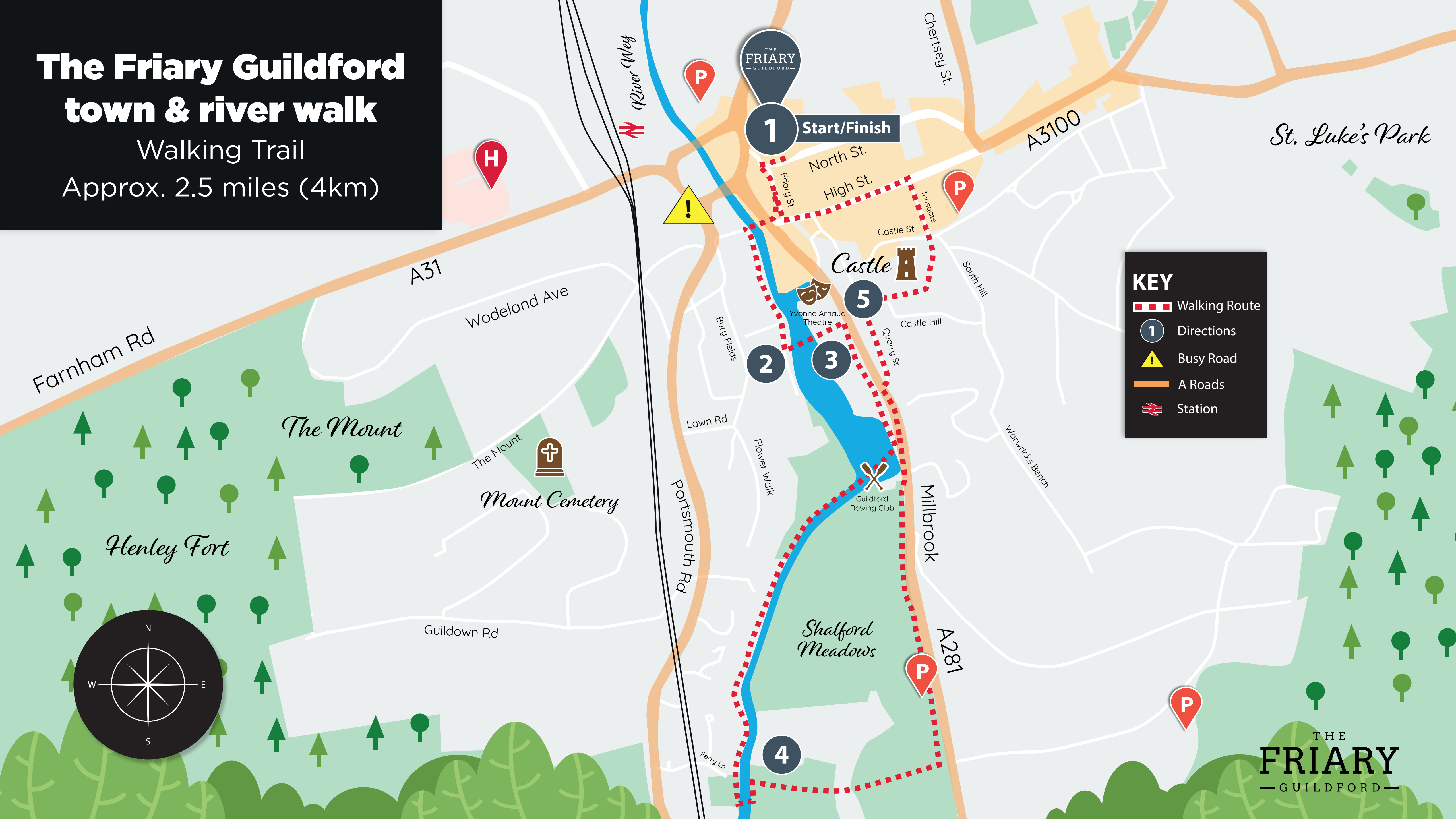


The Friary Guildford town & river walk

Walking Trail
Approx. 2.5 miles (4km)



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1.

Starting from The Friary Guildford on North Street, cross the road and walk south to join Friary Street. At the end of Friary Street cross over the road and turn right. Using the pedestrian crossing, cross over the main road (Millbrook A281) and proceed to the Town Bridge, over the River Wey. The Town Bridge is built on the site of the Golden Ford which gave the town its name.

Cross over the bridge and turn immediately left before the White House pub to reach the towpath, turn right and head upstream. Follow the river until you reach the end of the car park and you will see a footbridge on your left.

2.

Cross over onto Millmead island and cross a second bridge with Millmead Lock immediately on your right. The lock was constructed in 1762 when the navigation was extended to Godalming and it was refurbished in 2000.

Take the footpath straight ahead, keeping the Yvonne Arnaud theatre on your left until you reach the main road (Millbrook A281).

3.

At Millbrook (A281) turn right and walk for approximately 0.3 miles, passing The Weyside pub until you reach Guildford Rowing Club. Using the footbridge, cross the river and follow the towpath.

Continue along the towpath until you reach the bottom of Ferry Lane, named after the ferry that used to shuttle pilgrims across the River. There is a memorial poem on a plaque at the bottom of Ferry Lane. Cross over the river to continue the walk.

4.

Follow the North Downs Way Signs, taking the path that leads away from the river through Shalford Water Meadow as far as the main road.

Turn left at the footpath that runs parallel with the road as far as the Rowing Club. Continue past the Rowing Club and take the first road on your right, Quarry Street using the pedestrian crossing to cross safely.

5.

Turn right under the castle arch onto Castle Hill. Castle Cliffe Gardens are on your right. Leave the gardens behind you and cross the road diagonally towards a gate that leads you into Guildford Castle grounds. Bear right following the path keeping the castle on your left. The Castle was built soon after the Norman Conquest and is now dominated by the 12th Century Keep on its motte or mound. Guildford Castle flourished in the 13th century but was then largely abandoned and fell into ruins.

Leaving the castle behind you, turn right up Castle Street. The first turning on your left is Tunsgate and there is a clear marker of the cornmarket Portico at the bottom of the road. To head back to The Friary Guildford, turn left at the Tunsgate arch onto High Street. Follow the cobbled street down the hill and turn right into Friary Street. Continue and you will be back where you started.