

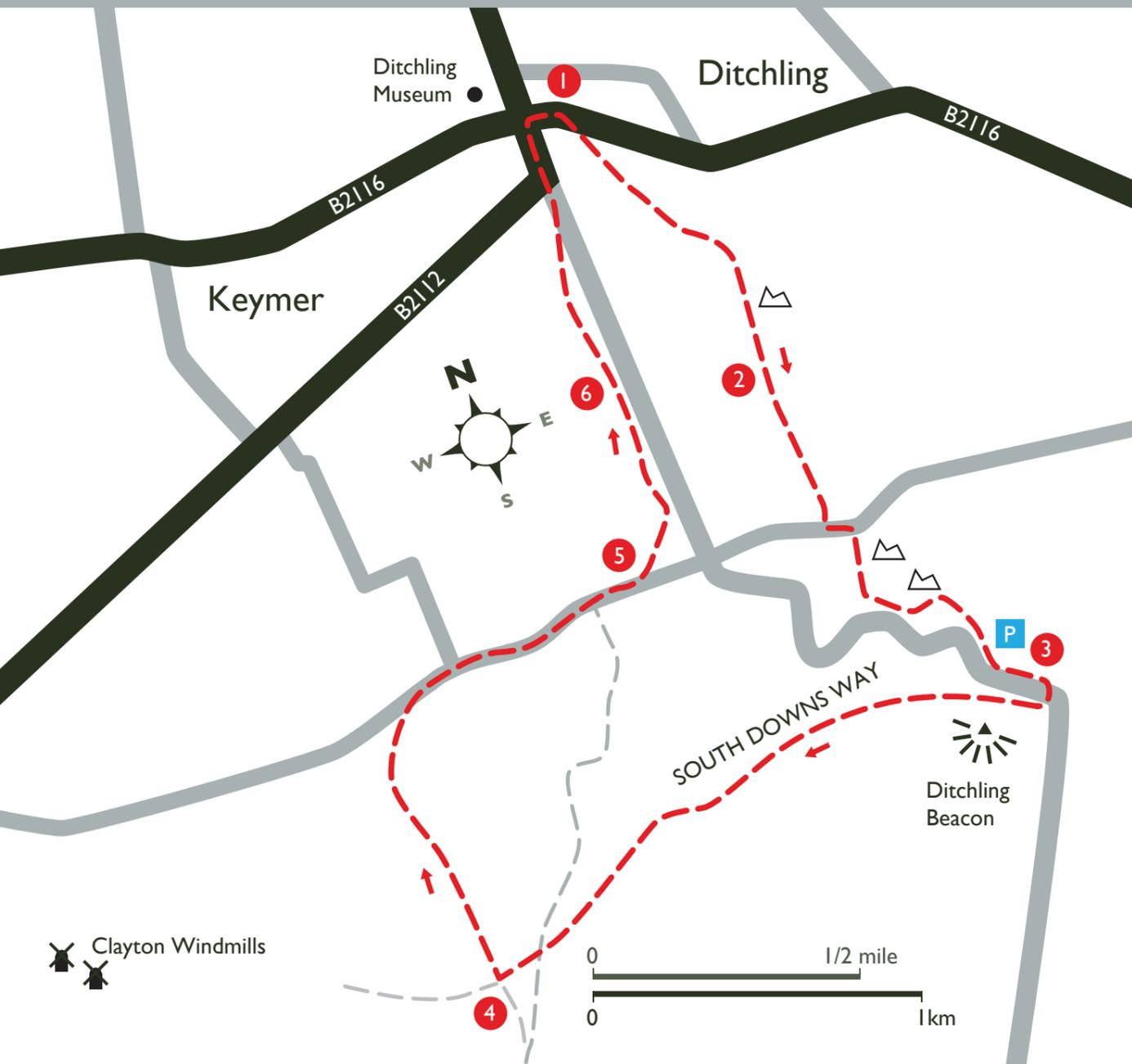
THE WALK

Delightful Downs at Ditchling

THE BULL

— DITCHLING —

A GLORIOUSLY WOODED, HIGH-LEVEL WALK EXPLORING THE SOUTH DOWNS



WALK DETAILS

LENGTH:
5.5 miles (8.8km)

TIME:
2hrs 30min

ASCENT:
600ft (183m)

PATHS:
Field paths, bridleways and a stretch of road, 11 stiles

PARKING:
Free car park at rear of village in Ditchling

- 1 Turn right out of the car park, follow the B2116. Pass Charlton Garden, bear right, joining path (Downs). Cross 3 pastures via 5 stiles, follow the broad path through woodland. Keep right at the fork by the bridleway waymark post; pass by the house. Keep ahead alongside the beech hedge where the concrete track runs off right.
- 2 Pass Claycroft House. Follow the path between the trees and houses. At the road, turn left and proceed to the bridleway on the right, pointing towards South Downs Way. Follow path, swing left at the junction; climb the steep escarpment. Keep view of Weald on left and, further up, path runs by road. Look for South Downs Way sign ahead. Turn right.
- 3 Pass by the car park and over Ditchling Beacon. Go through the gate. Look for trig point left. Head west along South Downs Way, pass the dew pond. Make for the junction of paths. Keymer is signed to the right and Brighton to the left.
- 4 Follow the path north towards Keymer, soon descending quite steeply. Keep right at the fork, making for gate out to lane. Bear left to junction, then turn right past turning for Keymer on the left. Walk towards Ditchling; join Sussex Border Path at next stile on the left.
- 5 Cross the field to the stile; enter woodland. Follow the path through the trees, then go straight over the drive and alongside barns and loose boxes. Cross grass to line of trees, curve right and briefly follow track to several stiles and a footbridge. The path makes its way across the elongated field towards the trees.
- 6 Cross stile, avoiding another stile leading out to road; continue across pasture, keeping to left of houses. Make for far left corner of field; look for opening in hedgerow. Follow path round to right, alongside row of houses. Cross stile on right and follow path to road. Bear left by the grassy roundabout. Take path to right of sign for Neville Bungalows. Cut between the trees, hedges and fences, following the narrow path to road. Bear right towards Haywards Heath and Lindfield and walk back to the centre of Ditchling, turning right into Lewes Road for car park.