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DISTANCE: 14km

ENTRY FEE: £2.00 per walker (Cheques payable to the British Walking Federation) **AWARD:** Cloth Badge at £2.50 each

DIRECTIONS FROM NEAREST TOWN: Worthing or Horsham - Leave the A24 only at the roundabout sign posted to Findon. Continue into village and at crossroads proceed carefully across main road into The Square. Bear left up Nepcote Lane, after Convent Gardens on left, turn left signposted Cissbury Ring. The car parking area is 300m on left opposite the playing field.

START VENUE: Findon

OS MAP: 198 **GR:** TQ127085

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COACH & CAR PARKING: Car parking spaces near to the start. There is additional parking 800m further down the lane, continue route description from ** **PUBLIC TRANSPORT:** Bus from Pulborough Train Station (buses stop almost at start of walk)

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REFRESHMENTS: In Findon village only.

ROUTE DESCRIPTION (Updated 31st August 2024)

With the parking area on the left and the playing field on the right continue up road passing house on right called Thistledown and house on left called Bramblings. Continue on lane for approx. 800m to reach car park on left**. Turn right through metal gate passing National Trust information board on Cissbury Ring on left, bearing right and then left following the main path and then in 200m turning right to go through wooden kissing gate. Continue up hill on stepped footpath and at very top of steps turn right and proceed in an anti-clockwise direction around the rim of The Ring, keeping to well defined footpath ignoring all cross tracks for approx. 1200m passing wood on right. At far east end of The Ring go down steps and turn right to kissing gate beside wide metal five bar gate.

Q1. What is written on the stone marker in the ground 10m to right of gates?

Go through kissing gate and bear left then turn left onto public bridleway and descend to reach car park again. Go through parking area leaving The Ring behind

you and proceed on main track north for approximately 3kms, ignoring all cross tracks, passing through a wide open space, track crossing, and large copse on right, shortly after which is a public bridleway bearing off on the left which you ignore and continue to the right on the main public bridleway to pass small copse on your left. Eventually the track rises to give way to a spectacular view of the countryside ahead to join the South Downs Way.

Turn left and follow the mauve arrow proceeding uphill along the South Downs Way keeping woodland on right over cattle grid and walk on the main track passing 'Chanctonbury Ring' on right. Continue on South Downs Way following mauve arrow, pass over cattle grid with DEFRA information board and Chanctonbury Dew Pond on right.

Q2. On DEFRA information board, what butterfly is supported by the downland turf?

Continue on track and at fork go left following the mauve arrow, and in approx. 25m at further fork take either track since they both rejoin and start a slow descent on track passing an old rusty water tank on right. Continue for approx. 1000m to cross tracks.

Q3. What winery is signposted to the right?

Turn left and descend down this track for approximately 500m and as track bears slightly round to the left and before reaching farm cottages and buildings, bear right through five bar gate and follow blue arrow public bridleway up the field to reach gate at top. Pass through gate, cross lane and through a further gate proceed diagonally to the left up field to reach gate. Go through gate, cross track and proceed straight ahead on public bridleway.

Through gate passing house on left to join concrete road. Continue on concrete road for approximately 1000m keeping the village of Findon on your right.

Q4. At 'Farming on the South Downs' information board on right, what year was a pond funded by Defra?

Continue on tarmac road downhill with bungalows on left and right, passing Ivy Arch Close on left, follow road descending round to the right passing Kilmore Close and Beech Road on right to T-junction. Turn left passing Dee Dee's Cafe on right, and immediately bear left up Nepcote Lane passing Summerfield road on left and Paddock Way on right. As road bears round to right turn left following sign to Cissbury Ring. Continue up lane to car parking area on left and end of walk.

When you have completed this trail please use the <u>Permanent Trail Entry Form</u>

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