Red Kite

Along the path through the Cerman Forest the evergreen trees provide a splendid realisation of Disraeli's vision of northern Bohemia, transported to Hughenden. The conifers, yews and laurels planted among the beech create year-round interest.

When it snows at Hughenden the woodland becomes a winter wonderland. Everything is still and there is little evidence of plant or animal life. You may be lucky to find animal or bird tracks in the snow. At this time of year the birds you might see include fieldfare, redwing and mistle thrush.

Hughenden in Winter

keep a careful eye on the carpet of leaves in the woods and you may see mushrooms and toadstools. You will also discover fungi on and around the piles of dead wood that are left to support an incredibly complex web of insect and animal life. Look for evidence of badgers, grey squirrels and rabbits.

A Chilterns beech wood dressed in the flaming golds and reds of autumn is a truly breathtaking sight to behold. As you walk along the woodland paths look out for the bright red holly berries or the berries that adorn the yew trees in the German

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In open areas you may see many varieties of butterfly, whilst in the woods you can hear birdsong echoing around the tree-lined paths. If you are lucky you may catch sight of the muntjak deer that live in the woods.

The broad-leaved trees are at their best with superb specimens of horse chestnut, walnut, lime, oak and sycamore to be found in the park. At the bottom of the park runs a chalk stream which rises towards the village of Hughenden Valley. In the woods the majestic beech trees dominate with tall straight trunks supporting a shady canopy of leaves.

Hughenden in Summer

Look out for the display of wild flowers along the south-facing wild flower bank next to Hanging Wood. You can see primroses, cowslips, dog violets, buttercups, wild strawberries and many others. In Woodcock Wood you will find a wonderland of bluebell glades.

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Whatever the season, there is much to discover about the park and woodland that comprise the Hughenden Estate. With many stunning views of the attractive landscape, Hughenden is a place to visit throughout the year.

Things to look for on your walk



Сһаһк stream

Muntjak deer



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The Seasons

A walk through Hanging Mood and Flagmore Wood today still evokes the tranquil atmosphere of Disraeli's time. As you walk through the enchanting woodland and rolling countryside you will fauna. Wild spring flowers, dancing butterflies and many birds including red kites soaring overhead can be found at hughenden.

The Hughenden Estate has much to discover, from extensive woods and the remains of ancient forest, to open parkland and working arable farmland. Many of the broad-leaved trees planted by Disraeli survive along with some of the field maples that predate the parkland.

#### The Park and Woodland

here in 1848. Mary Anne who came to live Disraeli and his wife glimpse into the private life of Hughenden Manor offers a Minister, Benjamin Disraeli. Victorian statesman and Prime home of the prominent perfectly preserved country impressive house is the is Hughenden Manor. This High Wycombe town centre just a short distance from Natural Beauty (AONB) and Chiltern Area of Outstanding Hughenden valley, in the Nestling in the beautiful

Hughenden Manor



Ancient forest



Hughenden Manor from the D'Israeli Monument



About

#### **Points of Interest**

### The Coffin Path

This ancient track was used to transport the deceased from Naphill village to the church on the Hughenden Estate. Evidence suggests that it almost certainly marks the edge of a Saxon field boundary.

#### **Pet Cemetery**

Coningsby Disraeli, nephew of Benjamin and heir to Hughenden Manor, erected gravestones for his pet dogs, as was the fashion in Victorian times, and created a small cemetery which can be found at the top south west corner of the park.

#### D'Israeli Monument

This imposing obelisk stands on a hill overlooking the Manor. It was commissioned by Mary Anne Disraeli as a surprise for Benjamin and commemorates his father Isaac (who spelt his surname differently to his son).

#### **Disraeli Family Tomb**

The church of St. Michael and All Angels is alongside the main drive through the park (not owned by the National Trust). It is the final resting place of Benjamin Disraeli and other family members. In addition there is another occupant who was a special friend of Disraeli, Mrs. Brydges Willyams. The tomb is outside, agains the east wall of the church.

## Saw pits and Marl pits

There are numerous pits alongside the woodland paths, particularly in Flagmore Wood and Woodcock Wood. These pits range in size from the smaller saw pits (5m x 3m) to larger pits that were used for extracting marl (chalk) to make lime for adjusting the acidity of the farmland.











#### **Visitor Information**

#### Admission

Admission to the park and woodland walks is free. All dogs are welcome in the park and woodland but only assistance dogs are allowed in the house and formal garden. Dog owners are respectfully requested to maintain close control of their dogs on a lead when passing through fields with live-stock grazing. Please pick up after your dog and take home to help keep the countryside tidy.

#### Directions

Hughenden Manor is 1.5miles (2km) to the north of High Wycombe, on the west side of the A4128, before reaching the village of Hughenden Valley.

#### Parking

There is limited on-site parking available. There is a possibility of delays on busy days.

#### **Visitors with Disabilities**

Certain ground floor areas of the house and the formal gardens are generally accessible to wheelchairs. It is recommended to contact the property in advance for information. The woodland walks are not recommended for wheelchair access.

#### **Refreshments and Shop**

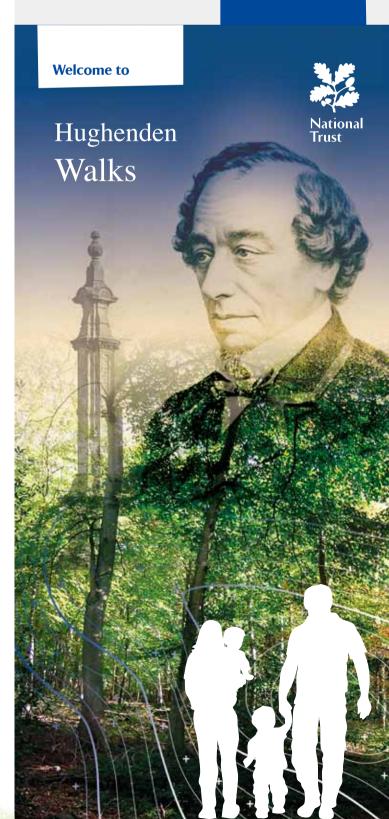
The restaurant is located in the stable yard and serves an excellent choice of snacks or freshly cooked meals.

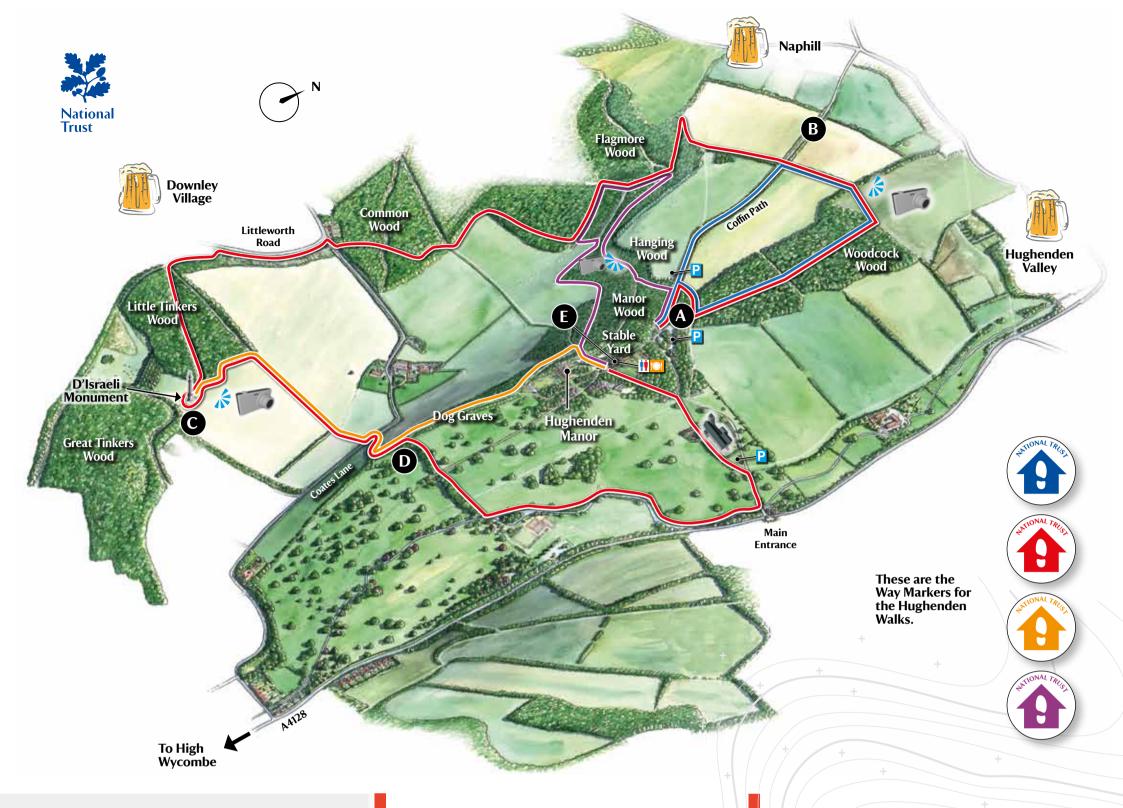
#### Toilets

These can be found in the stable yard next to the restaurant and the shop.

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Follow these recommended walks around Hughenden or link parts of the walks together to form your own walk.



## **Woodcock Walk - Blue Way Markers**

2km (1.5 miles) - fairly flat with a short descent and climb.



Hughenden Boundary Walk - Red Way Markers

6km (4 miles) - with several moderate slopes and one steep



#### **Monument Walk - Orange Way Markers**

1.5km (1 mile) each way - with one steep climb.



German Forest Walk - Purple Way Markers



3km (2 miles) - fairly flat with one moderate climb.

All walks may become muddy and slippery after wet weather. Good, waterproof footwear is recommended. The Woodcock walk is the one most suitable for younger children and large-wheeled pushchairs, when the path is firm and dry. Distances shown above are approximate.

Refer to the map for route section locations e.g. A to B



## Car Park to Coffin Path via Woodcock Wood - A to B

Starting at the large notice board in the woodland car park, follow the blue and red way markers to head up to the left along the Coffin Path

At the end of the wood turn immediately right opposite the entrance to the overflow car park and go along a narrow path with the wood on your right and a wire fence and field on your left.

Head down into the wood, take a left turn at the crossing, then follow the arrows ahead through the wood until you emerge into a field and head left towards a metal gate in the field boundary at the top of the hill. There are wonderful views across Hughenden Valley to your right.

Go through the gate and keep to the right hand edge of a field to reach the Coffin Path. (The Woodcock walk and Boundary walk diverge at this point).



## Return to Car Park along the Coffin Path - B to A

On reaching the Coffin Path, turn left and proceed for ½km until you enter the wood at Hughenden Manor and return to the car park.



#### Coffin Path to the D'Israeli Monument via Flagmore and **Common Woods - B to C**

Go across the Coffin Path straight into the opposite field, this time keeping the hedge to your left.

Follow the path as it bends right along the woodland boundary and turn left through the metal gate into Flagmore Wood.

Go straight ahead for about 400m then follow the path downhill. At the bottom of the hill turn left onto the bridleway.

After a short distance the track ends opposite a gate. Turn right before the gate and go up the slope until you reach a boundary ditch. Turn left keeping the ditch to the right and go down the slope to reach a crossing.

Cross the bridleway and take the path in front, up the slope. Exit the woods between two fences. Take care as you now approach a main road.

Cross the road (Coates Lane) into Littleworth Road and follow along the pavement, until you come to a public footpath with its entrance on the left at house number 78, opposite a brick and flint cottage. Cross at the tarmac drive and follow the path towards Little Tinkers Wood.

On entering the woods turn left at the fork and follow the path straight ahead up the hill until you reach a metal gate on your right, which leads into a field with the D'Israeli monument. Sit and admire the views looking over to the Manor House.



## D'Israeli Monument to Hughenden Park - C to D

Exit the monument field through the same gate you entered and turn right and go to the bottom of the hill.

Turn right at the bottom through a gate into the field. Keep the fence to your right and carry on until you reach Coates Lane. Take care as you now approach a main road.

Cross the road and turn left along Coates Lane. After 35m turn sharp right onto a track and go through a metal gate. Follow the track uphill until you reach a gate with Middle Lodge on it, turn left and go through a set of metal gates into the parkland.



#### Hughenden Park to Stable Yard - D to E

Go through the gate and into the park. Turn right and go down the hill towards the stream at the bottom of the hill.

Turn left and follow the stream (which sometimes dries up) to the bottom of the main drive. Turn left and follow parallel to the main drive, uphill through the St Michael and All Angels church car park. Enter the church yard and follow the tarmac path to the left of the church (The Disraeli family tomb is outside against the east side of the church - not owned by the National Trust).

Leave the church yard through a small gate and at the top of the park go through the metal gate next to the cattle grid. Join the main drive and carry straight on until you reach the stable yard entrance on your right, and the end of the walk.



# Stable Yard to the D'Israeli Monument - Direct walk and

Setting out from the stable yard, pass through the large gateway and across a small car park. Turn right by the entrance to the Manor and go down a flint-walled drive.

Go straight ahead downhill and into the woods. After 80m take the first left and continue straight on with the Manor gardens on your left, passing through an avenue of yew trees.

At the metal gate turn right and follow the track downhill for 25m.

At the junction turn right and go along the drive. Take care as you now approach a main road. Go through the metal gates and cross the road (Coates Lane). After 20m turn right and go through a metal kissing gate following the public footpath to Little Tinkers Wood. The monument can now be seen on top of the hill to your left.

Turn left and go through a metal gate, taking the uphill path to the left and enter the woods. Follow this path uphill until you reach a metal gate to your left, which leads into a field with the D'Israeli monument. Sit and admire the views looking over to the Manor House.

Return to the stable yard along the same path or alternatively, follow the boundary path (red way markers) - C to E.



#### German Forest Walk - Circular walk

Starting at the notice board in the woodland car park, follow the way markers to head up to the left along the Coffin Path. Before you get to the overflow car park turn left onto a path. Follow this path along the edge of the wildlife area on your right. Turn left at a junction and then soon turn right.

Go straight ahead and enter the German Forest between an avenue of yew trees. Cross a footpath and continue straight ahead uphill.

Follow the path until it drops downhill and into the valley bottom, meeting a permissive bridleway. Turn left and follow the bridleway, eventually arriving at a junction in front of a field gate.

Turn left before the gate and follow the path up a slope. Then turn right at a T-junction to skirt Hanging Wood. Enjoy the wild flower bank and a view across the valley to the D'Israeli monument.

Enter the wood and after about 100m bear left up a slope. At the top head right and go past the newly installed woodchip boiler. Turn left to return to the car park via the stable yard.