



Arun Valley Railway line

The **Arun Valley Railway Line** is the best way to see one of the most attractive and varied areas in the UK, known as the Arun Valley. Whether you are after a bit of retail therapy, an ice-cream on the beach, a long hike in the national park, hunting out antiques, or visiting a museum – whatever you enjoy doing in your spare time – the Arun Valley Line offers it all. The Line can be reached easily from London, Gatwick International Airport, Portsmouth or further afield.

At the start of the Line is **Gatwick International Airport**. It is the second largest airport in the UK and from here you can fly to over 200 different destinations. Take the stress out of driving and parking the car and let the Arun Valley Line take you to the airport instead.

Three Bridges began life as a tiny hamlet, likely named after the three crossings of the River Mole, it provides access to the Worth Way cycling and walking route to East Grinstead and beyond.



Crowley Town Centre

Crawley is a large vibrant town that has grown up around an old market town. Crawley is the main centre of industry and employment between London and the South Coast. It has an important commercial sector and boasts a huge range of shops and restaurants and is home to the Hawth Theatre. It also has great open spaces, including Tilgate Park, a public park set in 400 acres and home to a golf course and nature centre. All the town's parks and open spaces are linked by the Crawley Millennium Greenway, a circular route around the town for walkers, runners and cyclists.

Ifield and **Faygate** stations are both close to Crawley. Ifield Station is home to an important wetland site, the Mill Pond, that supports a rich population of birds. Faygate is a pleasant hamlet first recorded in 1614.

Littlehaven just outside of Horsham provides access from its residential area to London and the South Coast.



Horsham Town Centre

Horsham is a pretty, historic market town with Medieval and Tudor buildings in its town centre. It has a thriving market scene, including antiques, local produce and arts and crafts. (Saturday is the main day with one at Market Square and the Carfax) With a number of parks and a riverside walk, many eateries and shops, a visit to Horsham makes a lovely day out.

Christ's Hospital is home to the famous boarding school. Set in beautiful countryside from here you have access to the Downslink cycling and walking route.

During the medieval period, the village of **Billingshurst** was a coaching stop on the main road from Bognor to Horsham. Today, Billingshurst is a small town offering the visitor many facilities including a leisure centre, but at the same time being in easy reach of the beautiful countryside of the South Downs.



Downs Link Sign

Pulborough is a large village with a fantastic backdrop to the RSPB Pulborough Brooks Nature Reserve adjacent to the River Arun and the South Downs. It is the northern most border of the new South Downs National Park. The village hosts an annual lawnmower race, duck race, is home to the South Downs Light Railway and a very popular angling club.



Pulborough Brooks



Amberley Bridge

Amberley on the South Downs Way with its Sussex thatch cottages, country pubs and tearooms, a church and majestic castle ruins is a beautiful country village that overlooks the important Sussex Wildlife Trust's Amberley Wildbrooks wetland area. Amberley is also an excellent place to see the working heritage of the South East, with direct access from the station to the industrial heritage Amberley Working Museum.

Arundel with its imposing castle, cricket ground and gothic cathedral sits on the river Arun. This very picturesque town is surrounded by ancient woodland and provides a lovely collection of antique shops, contemporary shops and galleries. It is a great place for exploring.

Ford, aside from its famous prison, it has a pretty little church with a wooden bell tower which dates back to c.1040 when it was rebuilt by the Normans. Inside fragments of interlaced carving and other wonders can be seen.

The parish church at **Barnham** is well worth a visit with its elaborate carved rectangular font of Sussex marble. It is in easy reach of Fontwell Racecourse where they hold race meetings and many other non racing events throughout the year.

Chichester famous for its flourishing art scene, home to the Chichester Festival, the famous Goodwood Estate, wonderful 900 year old cathedral, parks and gardens, sits at the end of the Chichester canal which provides a link to the Chichester



Chichester Market Cross

Harbour Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. This European protected area is fabulous for wildlife. The city has a rich ecclesiastical history. The cathedral spire, dating back to Norman times provides a landmark over the Sussex Plains. The city itself offers something for everyone with its walk of the Roman walls, planetarium, art galleries, cycle paths with links to the Centurian, Salters and Bill Ways, and multi-plex cinema and bowling complex.

Bognor Regis was given the suffix of Regis meaning of the King when King George V came here to recuperate in 1929. It is a thriving seaside town. Take a stroll along the beach up to the amusement arcade, or a land train ride along the seafront for the little ones. Hotham Park is a hidden treasure just along the seafront with a boating lake, large gardens and children's playground. The town has many shops, tea-rooms and restaurants to offer, or a day-pass to Butlin's holiday complex could be just the thing for the children.



Bognor Regis Beach



Littlehampton Harbour

Littlehampton, situated at the mouth of the River Arun, is considered to be a coastal gem and being sheltered by the South Downs is said to have the sunniest weather on the South Coast. Add to this the Blue Flag and Quality Coast Awards for its two contrasting beaches and this makes this a fabulous place for a day out by the seaside.

Fishbourne is home to the important Roman villa. You can visit the museum and the archeological remains of the villa including some elaborate mosaic floors.

Bosham is a beautiful village on an arm of the Chichester harbour, which has sailing and wildlife in abundance. Steeped in history the Church is featured in the Bayeux Tapestry as it is from here that King Harold set sail for France, before the Battle of Hastings in 1066. The Bosham Walk Arts and Crafts Centre houses a number of artists' shops and is just the place to find the perfect gift.

For more information on how to reach these places by train please refer to the 'Station Information and Facilities' section in this leaflet. There are many offers and discounts available to you either individually or in groups, please ask or find out online before buying your tickets.

TO FIND OUT TRAVEL DETAILS PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING...

For train times
www.nationalrail.co.uk / 08457 48 49 50

For train times, and details of great savings available when buying tickets in advance
www.southernrailway.com

Bus Timetable information
Visit www.traveline.info or call 0871 200 22 33 (calls cost 10p per minute plus network extras)



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In West Sussex, over 70% of air pollution is produced by motor vehicles. At the heart of TRAVELWISE is the belief that making relatively small changes in the way we travel or access services can have a big impact on traffic congestion, local air quality, and global warming. Find out more at www.westsussex.gov.uk/travelwise



SUSSEX COMMUNITY RAIL PARTNERSHIP

This guide sets out just some of the things that you can do and places that you can visit by public transport along the Arun Valley.

Go out and enjoy exploring – leave the stress and strain of driving and parking behind you, and if you get a few moments to tell us about your day out we'd love to hear how you got on. You can find our details on our website.

The Sussex Community Rail Partnership aims to encourage and promote rail use for both work and leisure, and to place the railway station at the heart of each community.

We bring together local authorities, the train operator Southern and other organisations to provide the best integrated public transport service possible, and to help develop business and recreational use on it. We want to strengthen the relationship between local communities and the railway, with stations being well looked after and becoming more important places within a community.

For more details about the Sussex Community Rail Partnership or for more links to travel and attractions' websites please see

www.sussexcrp.org

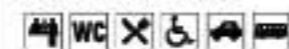
STATION INFORMATION & FACILITIES

Gatwick

Gatwick Airport
RH6 GRD

Ticket Office Open
Mon - Sun, 24 hours

Station Facilities



Faygate

Faygate Lane
RH12 4SJ

Station Facilities

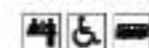


Littlehaven

Rusper Road
RH12 4SJ

Ticket Office Open
Mon - Sat, 06.40 - 10.45

Station Facilities

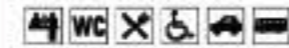


Three Bridges

Haslett Avenue
RH10 1LY

Ticket Office Open
Mon - Sat, 05.55 - 22.15
Sun, 06.40 - 20.45

Station Facilities

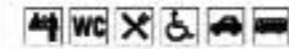


Crawley

Station Way
RH10 1JA

Ticket Office Open
Mon - Sat, 06.10 - 20.20
Sun, 08.40 - 18.15

Station Facilities

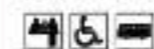


Ifield

Ifield Drive
RH11 0SP

Ticket Office Open
Mon - Fri, 06.00 - 12.35
Sat, 07.00 - 13.35

Station Facilities

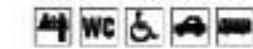


Billingshurst

Station Road
RH14 9SE

Ticket Office Open
Mon - Fri, 06.00 - 19.25
Sat, 07.10 - 13.45
Sun, 08.10 - 16.45

Station Facilities

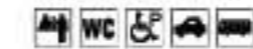


Pulborough

Station Approach, RH20 1AH

Ticket Office Open
Mon - Fri, 06.10 - 19.25
Sat, 07.10 - 13.45
Sun, 08.10 - 16.45

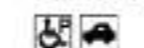
Station Facilities



Amberley

New Barn Road
BN18 9LR

Station Facilities

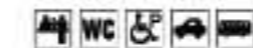


Arundel

Station Approach
BN18 9PH

Ticket Office Open
Mon - Fri, 06.00 - 19.25
Sat, 08.10 - 14.45
Sun, 08.10 - 16.45

Station Facilities

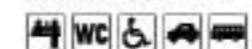


Ford

Ford Road
BN18 0BH

Ticket Office Open
Mon - Sat, 6.30 - 13.05

Station Facilities

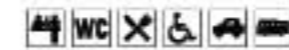


Barnham

Barnham Road
PO22 0ES

Ticket Office Open
Mon - Sat, 05.30 - 22.25
Sun, 06.00 - 21.25

Station Facilities

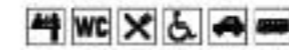


Littlehampton

Terminus Road
BN17 5BS

Ticket Office Open
Mon - Fri, 05.50 - 19.15
Sat, 06.30 - 19.55
Sun, 08.10 - 19.45

Station Facilities



Bognor Regis

Station Road, PO21 1QF

Ticket Office Open
Mon - Sat, 06.40 - 19.50
Sun, 08.10 - 19.45

Station Facilities



Fishbourne

Salthill Road
PO19 3QH

Station Facilities

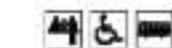


Bosham

Station Road
PO18 8NG

Ticket Office Open
Mon - Fri, 06.10 - 10.25

Station Facilities



Key

Ticket Office

Toilets

Cafe

Disabled Access

Partial Disabled Access

Car Parking

Bus Stop

Go online and check out the significant discounts you can claim by booking your tickets in advance. Look out for great value day passes that allow you unlimited off peak travel on Southern.

www.southernrailway.com


www.thetrainline.com



Arundel Castle
Arundel, West Sussex BN18 0RW

Ancient castle and stately home of The Duke of Norfolk, it houses magnificent collections of furniture, paintings and armour. All set in The Collector Earl's Garden.

Arundel with a pleasant ten minute walk or a short taxi ride.
www.arundelcastle.org
01903 882173



Weald & Downland Open Air Museum
Singleton, Chichester PO18 0EU

The Museum is home to over 45 original rescued historic buildings, reconstructed in a beautiful downland setting. Enjoy the history and tranquillity of rural Sussex.

Chichester 7 miles with frequent buses + 20% discount with bus ticket
www.wealdanddown.co.uk
01243 811348



Chichester Cathedral
Chichester, West Sussex PO19 1RP

This magnificent 900 year old Cathedral in the centre of Chichester is open all year round and is free to visitors. You can also enjoy a walk around the peaceful Bishop's Palace Walled Garden.

Chichester
www.chichestercathedral.org.uk
01243 782595



Parham House & Gardens
Storrington, Near Pulborough West Sussex RH20 4HS

Set below the South Downs this fine Elizabethan house is full of important paintings, furniture and needlework with award winning gardens.

Pulborough. Hourly buses stop at the House gates with a half mile walk to the house.
www.parhaminsussex.co.uk
01903 724021



Fishbourne Roman Palace
Salthill Road, Fishbourne Chichester PO19 3QR

Visit Fishbourne Roman Palace - the largest collection of in situ mosaic floors in Britain, museum of artefacts and Britain's first garden - bringing history to life

Fishbourne
www.sussexpast.co.uk/fishbourne
01243 785859



Bognor Regis Museum
69 High Street, Bognor Regis West Sussex PO21 1RY

An excellent local museum of social history including wireless, fossil and Edwardian kitchen exhibits.

Bognor Regis
www.bognor-regis.org/bognor/br_museum.html
01243 865636



Chichester Ship Canal
Canal Basin, Canal Wharf, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 8DT

Within easy reach of the train station the Chichester Ship Canal runs 4 miles from the Southgate basin in the heart of Chichester to the Chichester Harbour at Birdham. Take a boat trip, hire a rowing boat, visit the cafe or go for a stroll down the tow path.

Chichester
01243 771363



The Hawth Theatre
Hawth Avenue, Crawley West Sussex RH10 6YZ

The Hawth Theatre is one of the south's liveliest arts venues playing host to an exciting and diverse mix of theatre, dance, music, comedy, concerts, film and visual arts.

Crawley
www.hawth.co.uk
Box office: 01293 553636



South Downs National Park

The newly classified South Downs National Park is a vast area containing around 200km of public rights of way. The Arun Valley Railway Line runs down through the middle of the Park from North to South taking in some of the finest countryside the UK has to offer.


Pulborough, Amberley, Arundel
www.visitsouthdowns.com



Petworth House and Park
Petworth, West Sussex GU28 0AE

An extensive late 17th-century National Trust mansion with its 700 acre deer park landscaped by 'Capability' Brown. The house has a fine collection of pictures, and furniture.

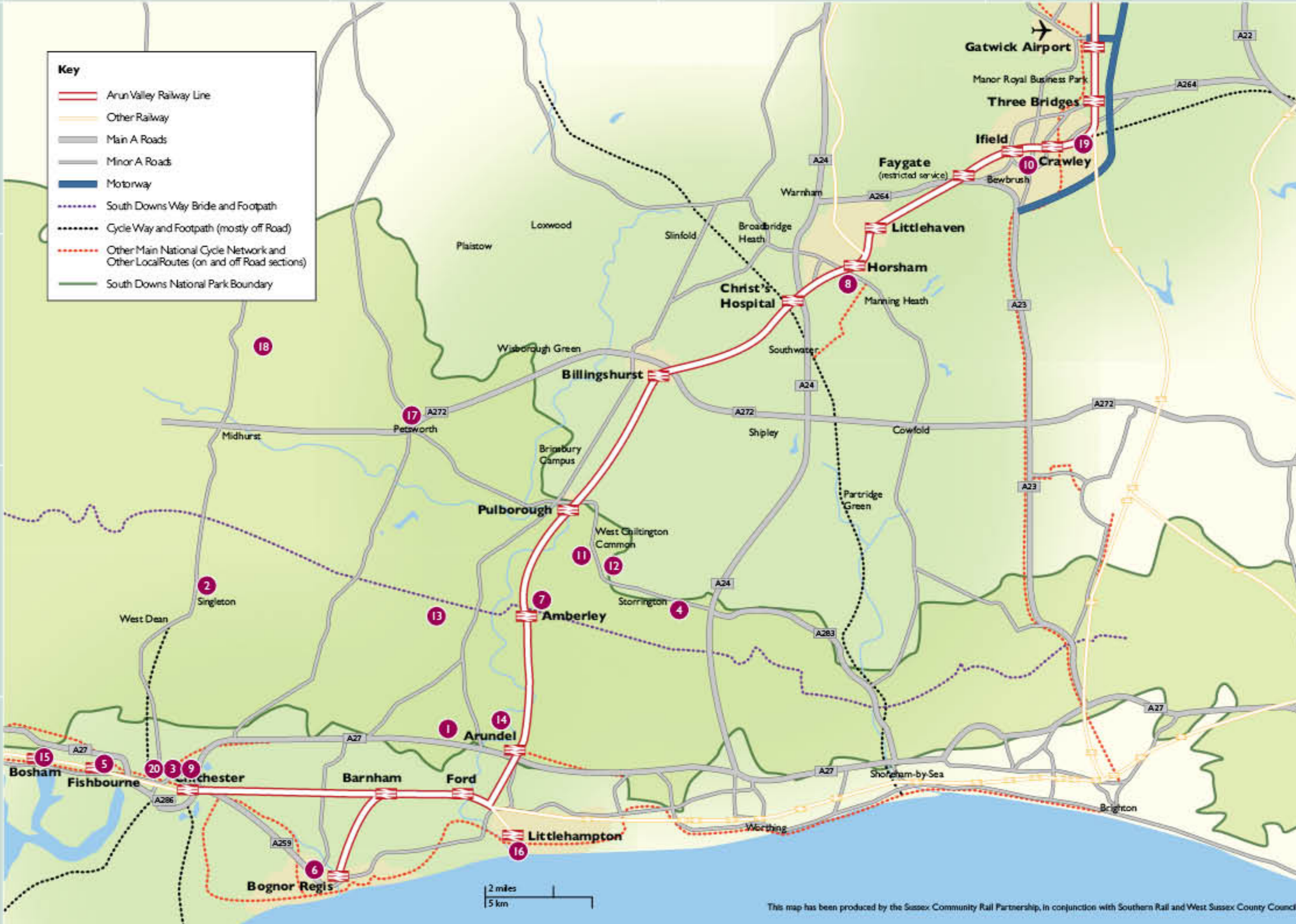
Pulborough with hourly buses from Pulborough to Petworth
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-petworthhouse
01798 343929



Harbour Park
Seaford, Littlehampton BN17 5LL

Rides and attractions for the whole family including the Water Chute, Caterpillar Coaster, Indoor Cannon Ball Play Area and adventure golf.

Littlehampton
www.harbourpark.com
01903 721200

Amberley Working Museum
Amberley, West Sussex BN18 9LT

A wonderful industrial museum set in the South Downs National Park. Traditional craftspeople, free narrow-gauge railway and historic bus service. A range of exhibits, nature trails, restaurant and more.

Amberley
www.amberleymuseum.co.uk
01798 831370



Horsham Museum & TIC
9 The Causeway, Horsham West Sussex RH12 1HE

You can find in this beautiful medieval building over 26 diverse galleries housing exhibits ranging from dinosaur bones, Victorian costumes, childhood toys to Egyptian relics.

Horsham
www.horshammuseum.org
01403 254959 or 01403 211661



Chichester District Museum
29 Little London, Chichester West Sussex PO19 1PB

Discover the geology, archaeology and history of Chichester District. The present Museum building will close in summer 2010 and move to a new Museum site at Tower Street, Chichester.

Chichester
www.chichester.gov.uk/museum
01243 784683



Crawley Museum
Goffs Park House Old Horsham Road Crawley RH11 8PE

Exhibits of local history from Stone Age to New Town can be found in this museum of permanent and changing exhibitions.

Crawley
www.crawleymuseum.moonfruit.com
01293 539088



Bosham Walk Art & Craft Centre
Bosham Lane, Bosham Nr Chichester, West Sussex PO18 8HX

19 artists and craftsmen are resident within the Centre. Wander around and see them at work and stop off at the tea room for refreshments.

Bosham (20 min walk or taxi ride)
www.bosham-walk.co.uk
01243 572475



WWT Arundel Wetlands Centre
Mill Road, Arundel West Sussex BN18 9PB

A 65-acre reserve in an idyllic setting, nestled at the base of the South Downs National Park. Families enjoy the year-round attractions, play area and bird feeding.


Arundel (20 min walk or taxi ride)
www.wwt.org.uk/arundel
01903 883355



Bignor Roman Villa
Bignor, Pulborough West Sussex RH20 1PH

The stunning remains of a Roman home and farm with world-class mosaic floors in the heart of the South Downs National Park. Their newly refurbished tearoom is now open.


Amberley and will need to take a taxi.
www.bignorromanvilla.co.uk
01798 869259



South Downs Gliding Club
Parham Airfield, Pulborough Rd Cootham, Pulborough West Sussex RH20 4HP

Soar over the Sussex Downs with this local gliding club which offers a superb way to see the area.


Pulborough with hourly buses running from Pulborough to Storrington
www.sgcl.org
01903 742137



RSPB Pulborough Brooks Nature Reserve
Wiggonholt, Pulborough RH20 2EL

A beautiful nature reserve with walking trails, a visitor centre, tearoom, a giftshop, play and picnic areas.

Pulborough and hourly buses go between Pulborough and Storrington.
www.rspb.org.uk
01798 875851



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