

Portsdown Walk Number 1

What You'll See

- WWII Hurricane Crash Site Memorial
- Cold War GPO Hardened Repeater Station
- Site of the Portsdown Shutter Telegraph
- The Pantry cave
- Candy' s Pit and cave
- WWII London Road Tunnel Shelter entrance

Details

Distance:	1.5 miles (2.4Km)
Time required:	1 hour 30 minutes
Conditions:	Good. Suitable for families. Ordinary footwear may be worn. Slopes are not too excessive
Disabled access:	Possible with a fit helper or two with the probable exception of Candy' s Ri
Facilities:	Burger and Ice Cream vans at the Viewpoint. Two good pubs 'Churchillian' and 'The George'. No public toilets.
What else to do:	Royal Armouries Museum at Fort Nelson to the West. Free parking and admission. Open all year

Before you start

You may want to print off some notes and photos from the PORTSDOWN TUNNELS website about the places you are going to visit. This is best done from the page you downloaded this document from, as there are links there to all the sites.

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The Route

The start of the walk is at the Viewpoint – a free carpark - on Portsdown Hill Road (B1277). Make your way to Portsmouth using either the A27 from the east; the M27 from the west; the A3 from the north. [see map 1]

From the west end of the Viewpoint carpark [see map 2] go north across the Portsdown Hill Road (B2177) and find the WWII Hurricane Crash Memorial.

Walk east.

You will pass the eastern access road to the Viewpoint carpark. This was where the west ventilation / escape shaft for the London Road Deep Tunnel Shelter was located, 90 feet down. It was demolished in the early 1950s. You will come to New Down Lane on your left. Go north along this lane and the former Cold War GPO Hardened Repeater Station will come into view.

Go back south to Portsdown Hill Road and cross to the south side.

Walk east. You are now directly above the London Road Deep Tunnel Shelter.

Half way between New Down Lane and the communications mast on the north side of the road was where the east ventilation / escape shaft for the London Road Deep Tunnel Shelter was located, 80 feet down. This is also where the Portsdown Shutter Telegraph was located.

Continue east.

Go down the steps that lead to London Road (A3).

Go south down the London Road.

To your right is an open grass space (west side of London Road). Walk across it to the left side and locate the Pantry Cave.

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You now need to continue going south down the London Road. You can either walk on the pavement or make your way through the woods. Locate Candy's Pit, and find the cave there.

Make your way back to London Road.
Continue going south down the hill.

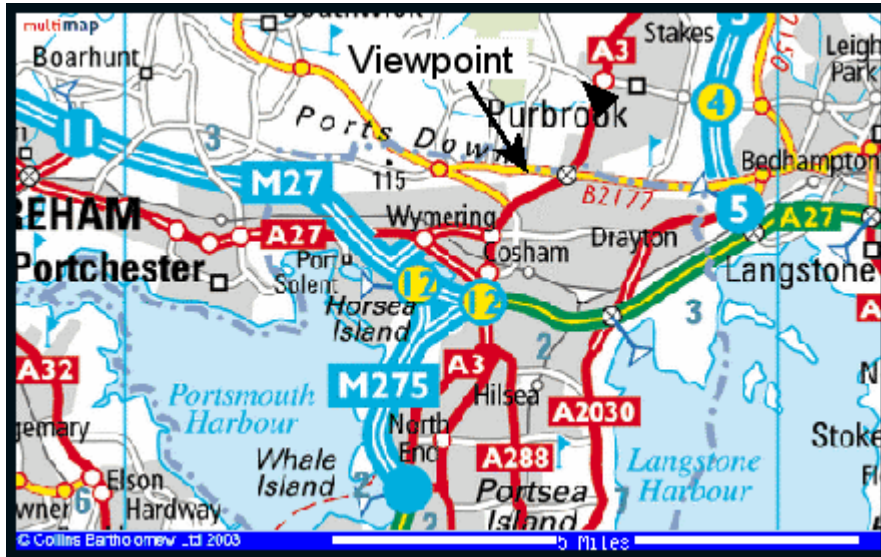
On your right you will come to a road with a sign 'Cliffdale Gardens'. Follow this road.
You will come to a chalk cliff face. Follow this round until you find the main entrance to the London Road Deep Tunnel Shelter.

You can return to the Viewpoint by the same route. Or find the steps near Candy's Pit leading west. These will lead you on a path back to the viewpoint.

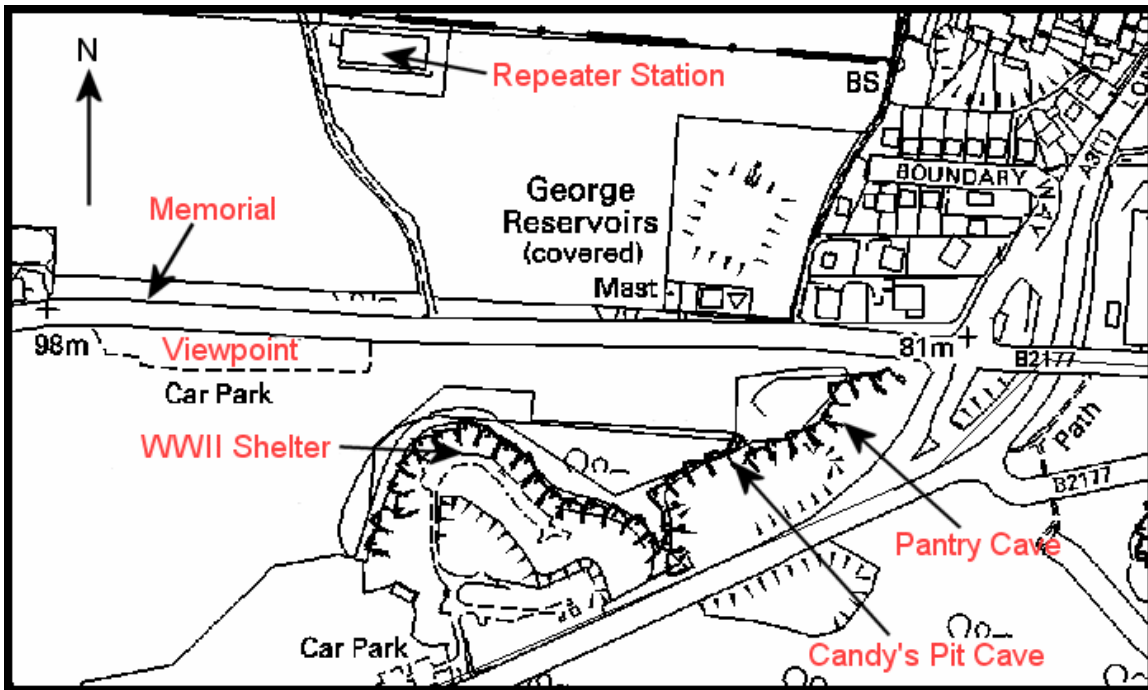
Feedback

I would be very interested to receive any comments you may have after you have taken this tour. You can email me from the PORTSDOWN TUNNELS website.

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Map 1 by Multimap



Map2