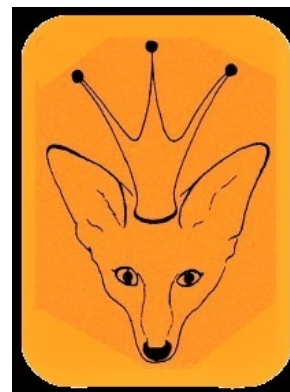


Short circular walks off The Fox Way



Introduction

Over the years I have received many messages from walkers saying how much they enjoyed doing The Fox Way – a 39 mile circuit through the varied and beautiful countryside around Guildford in seven easy stages. If you have not yet walked this circuit you can find a copy of the description of the routes and maps in www.thefoxway.com

We have now added the following short walks, which touch The Fox Way:

pages 3 - 5	Ripley, Pyrford, Ockham Mill	3.6 miles
6 - 8	East Clandon, Woodcote Farm, Old Scotland Farm	5 miles
9 - 11	Silent Pool, Newlands Corner	4.6 miles
12 -14	Shere, Albury Street, Albury Park	4.25 miles
15 -18	Bramley, Broadford Bridge, Unstead Bridge	4.7 miles
19 -21	Shackleford and Norney	4.7 miles
22 -23	Puttenham Village and Puttenham Common	5.25 miles
24 - 26	Wood Street and Wanborough Great Barn	5.2 miles

Abbreviations used:

- FB is a footbridge.
- FP is a public footpath (a yellow sign), BW is a public bridleway (a blue sign).
- L is on your left or turn left, R is on your right or turn right.
- Direction of travel uses the points of the compass e.g. N is North, SE is South East.

Using public transport

You can use buses to get from Guildford to all the above walks. Whereas the information I give about bus numbers was correct on 10 October 2021, since then Stagecoach have taken over some of Arriva's bus routes. Please check bus numbers and times before you set off.

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Quotations on walking

At the beginning of my notes on each walk I have included a quotation on walking. Why? Research articles, and the book, 'A philosophy of walking' by Frederick Gross, show the links between walking and philosophy. Some of the world's greatest philosophers were also enthusiastic walkers e.g. Kant, Rousseau, Rimband, Nietzsche, Charles Dickens, Bertrand Russell, Henry Sidgwick and also Robert Louis Stevenson and Jack Kerouac.

Summary of the Countryside Code

Your guide to enjoying parks and waterways, coast and countryside.

Respect everyone

- be considerate to those living in, working in and enjoying the countryside
- leave gates and property as you find them
- do not block access to gateways or driveways when parking
- be nice, say hello, share the space
- follow local signs and keep to marked paths unless wider access is available

Protect the environment

- take your litter home – leave no trace of your visit
- do not light fires and only have BBQs where signs say you can
- always keep dogs under control and in sight
- dog poo – bag it and bin it – any public waste bin will do
- care for nature – do not cause damage or disturbance

Enjoy the outdoors

- check your route and local conditions
- plan your adventure – know what to expect and what you can do
- enjoy your visit, have fun, make a memory

www.gov.uk/countryside-code

Reporting problems about the walk

Should you encounter a footpath that has been blocked off or a footpath / bridleway sign that has been damaged please report it, preferably with a six digit Grid Reference, to the following organisations:

1. Surrey County Council, Countryside Access Team, Whitebeam Lodge, Merrow Depot, Merrow Lane, Guildford, Surrey GU4 7BQ
2. The Ramblers Association by completing a form on their website – www.surreyramblers.org.uk

We hope you enjoy these walks.

Richard

Richard Fox
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Ripley, Pyrford and Ockham Mill

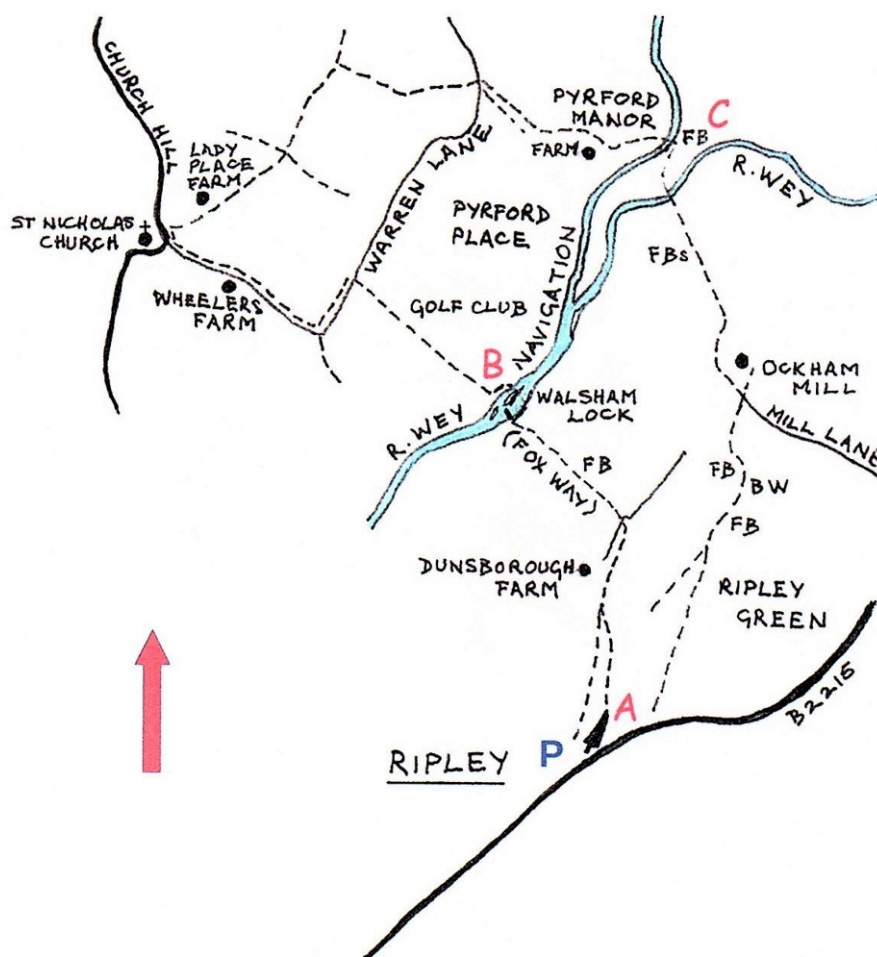
'I have walked myself into my best thoughts.'

Soren Kierkegaard

Distance approximately 3.6 miles

Buses, number 715 and 462/463 operate between Guildford Friary Bus Station and Ripley. If travelling by car, Ripley public car park is on the N side of the High Street.

The following notes are to be used with the Ordnance Survey Explorer Map 145



Route

A From Ripley public car park join the narrow road N across Ripley Green and passing Dunsborough Farm on your L.

After a further 150 yards the path turns left in a NW direction, along The Fox Way to the River Wey Navigation canal.

The towpath along this canal is part of the E2 European Long Distance Route.

At the weir they have recently built some fish pass ponds to enable eels and other fish to migrate upstream to spawn.



Walsham Gates

Walsham Gates was opened in 1653. It is the last remaining turf-sided lock on the Wey.

Cross the footbridges over the weir and the lock. Turn immediately L and then R to continue in a NW direction on a tarmac lane to Warren Lane.

B Turn L and follow the lane, passing Wheeler's Farm on your L. At the end of the road turn R. Take care crossing Church Hill as you are on a blind bend in the road. Rest outside St Nicholas' Church, Pyrford which is on the L.

Cross Church Hill Road to a FP which goes up some steps and through a gate into the graveyard. On the far side of the graveyard cross 2 stiles into a field and another stile on the far side of the field, skirting the S side of Lady Place Farm to a track heading NE.

Keep straight ahead when you come to a cross path.

After a further 275 yards turn R on a FP which leads into a residential road.

Cross Warren Lane to the FP which leads down the driveway to Pyrford Place and Pyrford Manor. When a footpath branches over a stile on the R, keep L along the driveway. At the end of the driveway the FP bears left around the N side of Manor Farm before reaching the River Wey Navigation.

C Take the footbridge across the canal turn R and after 75 yards turn L, crossing a footbridge over the River Wey and further footbridges before reaching Ockham Mill. Go through a double gate onto Mill Lane.



Ockham Mill

Just before you reach some large buildings on your L take the BW to your R.

Walk over two bridges and turn L and then immediately R to continue on the BW through some light woodland. After 150 yards take the LH fork. This BW will take you back to the public car park in Ripley.



East Clandon, Woodcote Farm, West Hanger parking area, Old Scotland Farm

'I have two doctors, my left leg and my right. When body and mind are out of gear, I know that I only have to call on my doctors and I will be well again.' George Macaulay Trevelyan from his 1913 essay 'Walking'.

Distance approximately 5 miles

East Clandon is 3 miles E of Guildford and off the A246.

You can travel to East Clandon by 479 bus. In Guildford, the bus stop is in North Street at the junction with Ward Street, opposite the public library. At East Clandon the bus stop is on the main Epsom Road A246 a short walk to East Clandon village.

If you are travelling by car, you have two main options:

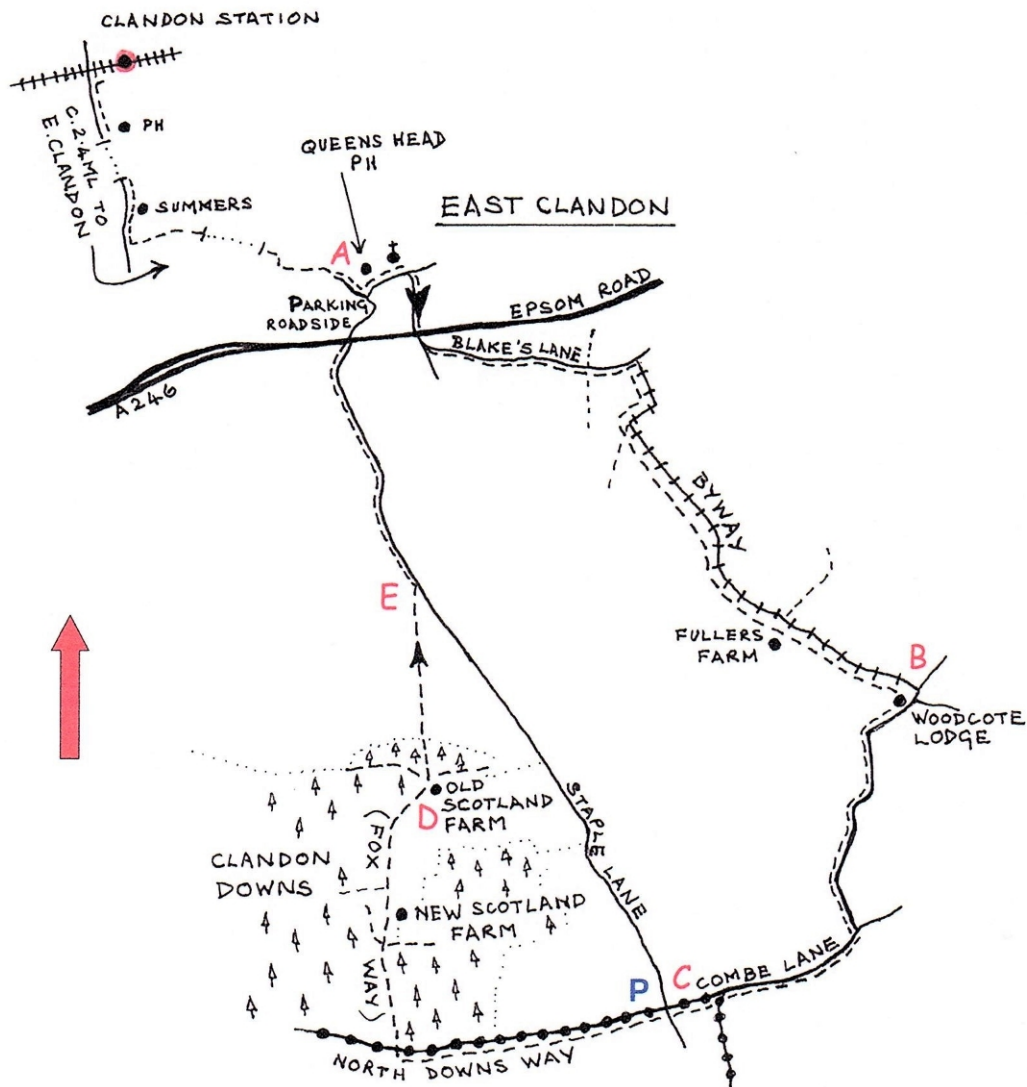
- (a) If only one car is involved, you could find a safe on-road place to park in East Clandon;
- (b) If you are doing a group walk with several cars drive S from East Clandon up Staple Lane. Where the North Downs Way crosses Staple Lane you will find the West Hanger parking area is on your right. The start of your walk is at C below.

You can visit The Queen's Head in East Clandon for refreshments and toilets.



St Thomas of Canterbury Church, East Clandon

The following notes are to be used with the Ordnance Survey Explorer Map 145



Route

A In East Clandon, having passed The Queen's Head and St Thomas's Church, take School Lane on your R. Take care crossing the A246 and enter Blake's Lane. The lane bends L. After 500 yards you pass Blake's Lane Farm. After a further 175 yards turn R onto a public byway.

Before entering woodland turn around and enjoy the views. On arriving at Fuller's Farm, keep along the tarmac road as it heads S to Clandon Downs.

B At Combe Lane turn R. After 500 yards where the lane bends sharply to the L continue straight ahead. In high Summer this marker post may be difficult to see. You are now on the North Downs Way.

The North Downs Way is a long-distance 153 mile route from Winchester to Canterbury and Dover.

Shortly, you reach a crossroad with Staple Lane, which links East Clandon with the village of Shere.

C The West Hanger parking area is at this crossroads. A mobile café may be open. Keep straight ahead W on the North Downs Way for a further 875 yards to where The Fox Way crosses the North Downs Way.

Turn R onto The Fox Way through a coniferous plantation. You soon reach a redundant stile and a metal five bar gate on your way to New Scotland Farm on your R. Continue N down to Old Scotland Farm part of which houses the Tillingbourne Brewery. See their website www.tillybeer.co.uk for opening hours.



D Immediately beyond the buildings of Old Scotland Farm there is a choice of three tracks.

Your track is the middle route to the L of a powerline post and continuing to the N.

Emerging from the trees walk straight ahead through crops (alfalfa in 2021). Soon you can enjoy the views N to the terminal buildings of Heathrow Airport, London and the Chiltern Hills beyond.

E After 500 yards you reach a rather rickety stile at Staple Lane. Turn L and follow the road down to the A246. At the main road turn L for 30 yards for the bus stop back to Guildford.

Otherwise, take care crossing the A246 and walk down the road opposite into East Clandon.

Silent Pool (Albury), North Downs Way and Newlands Corner

'I took a walk in the woods and came out taller than the trees.'
Henry David Thoreau

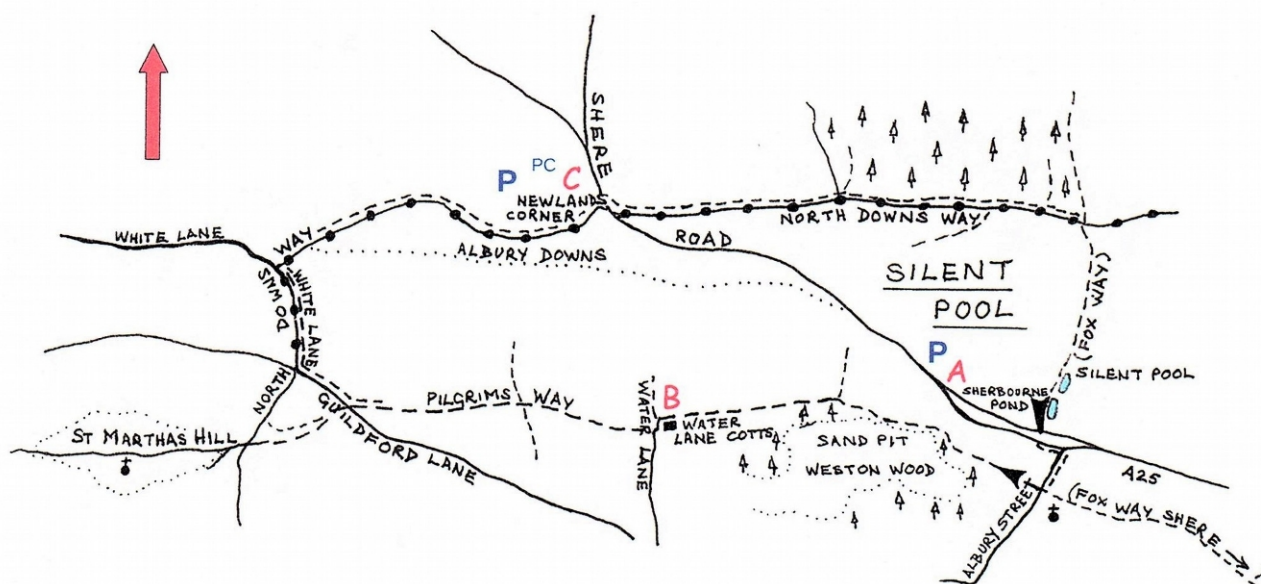
Distance approximately 5 miles

The walk starts and ends at Silent Pool car park, which is located on the N side of the A25 Guildford to Dorking road. It is half a mile NE of the village of Albury and 1 mile WNW from the village of Shere.

You can also travel from the Friary Bus Station, Guildford to Silent Pool on bus 32.

Something to think about before you start the walk. If you want a work-out or if walking down steep FPs makes you nervous, you could reverse the direction of your walk and start by walking up the FP from Silent Pool to the North Downs Way.

The following notes are to be used with the Ordnance Survey Explorer Map 145.



Route

A From the car park cross the A25 and use the footpath alongside the A248 sign posted Albury. After 150 yards enter a field on your right (opposite The Fox Way route into Shere).

Follow this FP NW as it skirts the N side of woodland and a commercial sand pit. Ignore the BW on your R and continue in a W direction until you reach Water Lane cottages.

Turn L on Water Lane and immediately turn R onto a BW which is part of the Pilgrim's Way – a long distance between Winchester Cathedral (St Swithin's shrine) and Canterbury Cathedral (St Thomas à Becket's shrine).

B After 400 yards ignore the crossing FP and continue W until you reach Guildford Lane.



Looking N just before reaching Guildford Lane

Turn R and walk 250 yards up lane. The road bends L and becomes White Lane. Take care walking along these lanes. Walk in single file and on the right hand side of the road so you can see on-coming traffic. An exception to this is when you are approaching a blind bend in the road when you could cross over to the other side to see traffic approaching you.

(If you have the time for a $\frac{3}{4}$ mile diversion you could TL here and follow the North Downs Way up to St. Martha's Church).

Otherwise follow the North Downs Way N up White Lane. Just before White Lane bends L, turn R along the North Downs Way and follow this E as it climbs Albury Downs to Newlands Corner where refreshments and toilets are available.

Newlands Corner is an excellent viewing point and consequently the car park can be busy.

C Take care crossing the A25 and walk E on the North Downs Way on a wide track through woodland for 1.25 miles. Within 5 minutes of leaving the A25 you come across a permanent sculpture called Optohedron by Will Nash (see Note 1 below)



Optohedron

At a crossing of paths (The Fox Way with the North Downs Way) turn R down The Fox Way. This is a well-worn FP. Take care when walking down gullies avoiding the temptation to walk on the shoulder of gullies. I think it is safer walking in the gullies themselves. Take small steps to lessen the chance of slipping on loose stones. Near the foot of the hill make short diversions to enjoy the scenery around Silent Pool and Sherbourne Pool.

Immediately you reach the Silent Pool distillery on your L and your car park. There is a toilet and a Pool Bar at the distillery and an outdoor terrace overlooking Silent Pool.
<https://silentpooldistillers.com>

Note 1.

For further information on Optohedron see

<https://www.surreyhillsarts.org/permanent-works/the-optohedron>

Shere, Albury Street, Albury Park

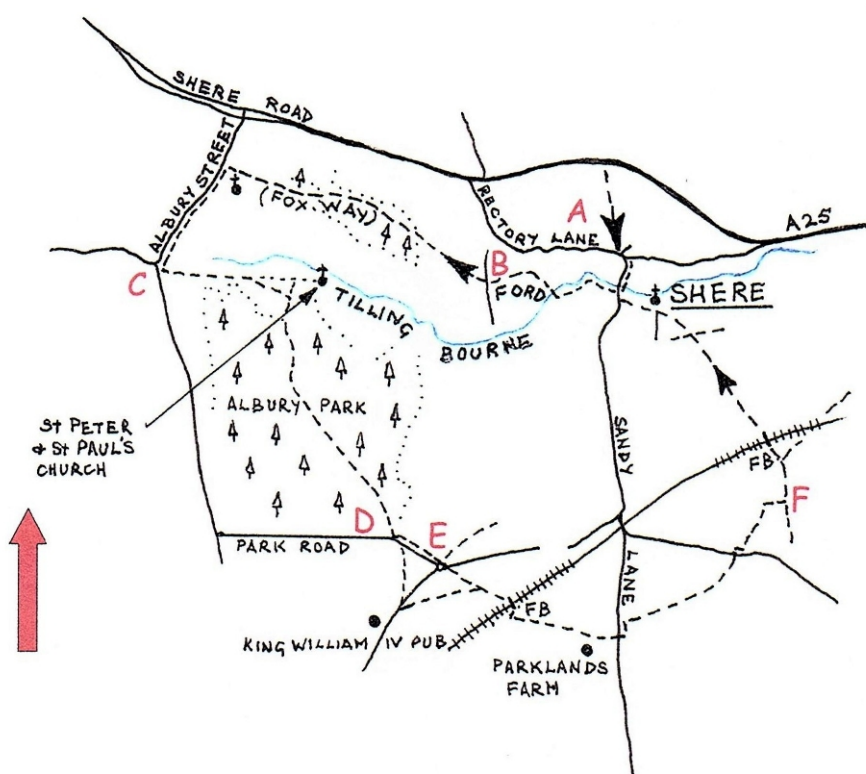
'Coleridge has told me that he himself liked to compose whilst walking over uneven ground or breaking through the straggling branches of a copse wood; whereas Wordsworth always wrote, if he could, walking up and down a straight gravel path.'
William Hazlitt

Distance approximately 4.25 miles.

You can travel from the Friary Bus Station, Guildford to the village hall, Shere on the Guildford – Redhill bus no. 32. Alternatively, the Guildford – Cranleigh bus, no 25 also stops at the village hall, Shere.

If travelling from Guildford to Shere village by car, take the Shere exit on the A25. Just before you spot shops on your R, turn L up a rough track to a public car park.

The following notes are to be used with the Ordnance Survey Explorer Map 145.



Route

A Walk down Middle Street passing public toilets on your R just before you reach the Tilling Bourne.

Cross over the river and immediately turn R into Lower Street passing old houses on your L including the Old Prison and allotments on your R.

B Follow the road as it bends R then crosses the river as a ford with footbridge. After 125 yards turn L onto The Fox Way. Opposite the FP is a Little Free Library.



Little free library

This FP takes you NW, first across fields then rough woodland before reaching Albury Street.

At this road turn L passing Sherbourne Catholic Apostolic Church on your L. Where the road bends R take the left-hand fork.

C Just beyond this fork in the road enter the gates of Albury Park on your L. Walk along the driveway towards St Peter and St Paul's Church. It is worth making a short detour to visit this ancient church. Then retrace your steps to find the FP.



St Peter and St Paul's Church, Albury Park

After 400 yards from the road take the FP on your R up through the woodlands of Albury Park, ignoring side paths.

Just before you reach Park Road your FP goes between an avenue of old sweet chestnut trees – a good spot for a refreshment break.

D *If you want to make a short diversion to the King William IV pub in Little London cross Park Road and take the rough track S with houses on your R. Then turn R at the road and the pub is soon on your R. After the pub visit take the BW opposite the pub bear right when another BW come in from your L and proceed to the footbridge over the railway line.*

If you do not wish to go to the pub then at Park Road take the minor road opposite. After 125 yards, at a 5-way crossing of roads and tracks go straight ahead onto a BW to the Reading Redhill railway line.

E Cross the railway line using a new footbridge, turn R for 50 yards then L and continue SE on BW to Parklands Farm and Sandy Lane road.

Turn L at the road and immediately turn R onto a FP heading NE. Half way along this FP is a bench in the shade with views S.

On reaching another road turn R and immediately turn L on a FP which skirts round houses on your R.

F At a T junction of FPs turn L. Keep L on FP along the fence line and ignore the BW on your R. Go through staggered barriers in trees to reach the railway. Walk over the footbridge and continue NW heading for the spire of St James Church, Shere and Shere village.

Bramley, Broadford Bridge and Unstead Bridge

'All truly great thoughts are conceived walking.'
Friedrich Nietzsche

Distance approximately 4.75 miles.

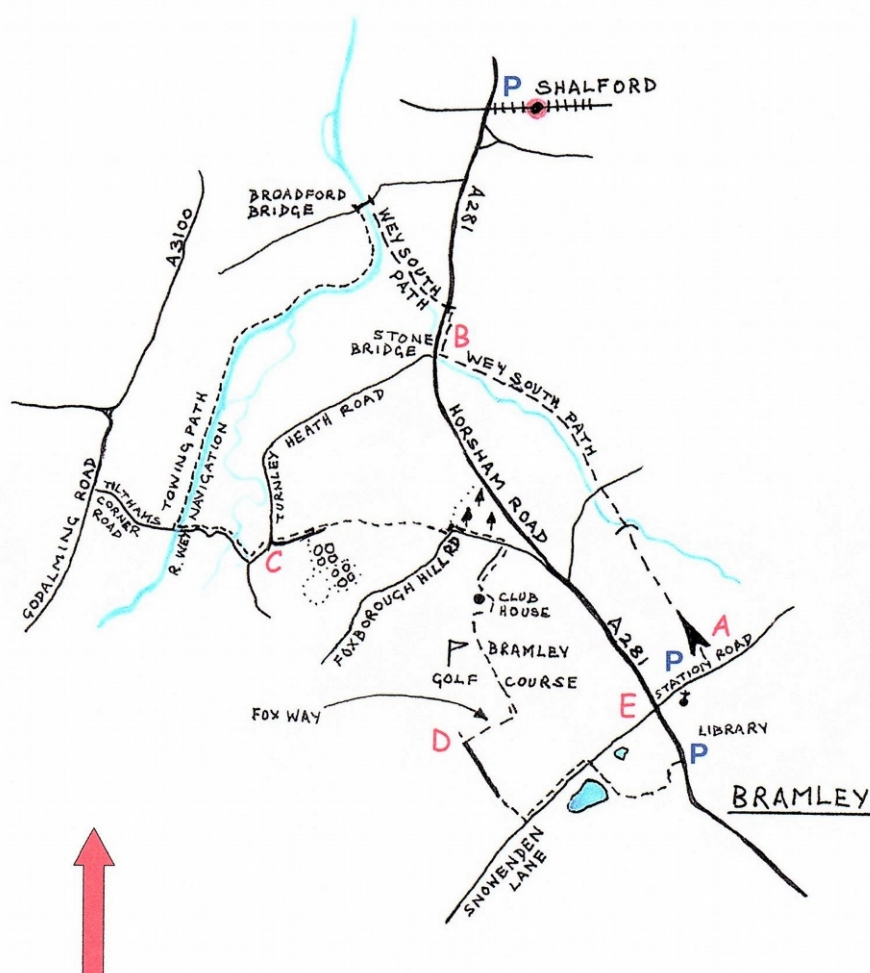
There is a choice of bus companies that operate between the Guildford Friary Bus Station and the centre of Bramley – bus numbers 24, 53 and 63.

If travelling by car, the Bramley car park is adjacent to the library on the main A281 road. Or you can park at the disused Bramley and Womersley Railway Station which is off Station Road on your L and a short distance beyond St Catherine's School.

If you would prefer to travel by train you could start and end the walk at Shalford Station, joining this circular walk at Broadford Bridge – B below.

You can purchase refreshments in Bramley. If you use The Jolly Farmer pub, which is on the main road opposite Station Road, you can use their toilets.

The following notes are to be used with Ordnance Survey Explorer Map 145.



A This walk commences at the site of the old railway station which is off Station Road, Bramley – GU5 0AZ. This railway line linked Guildford to Shoreham on the South Coast. The old railway track is now part of the long-distance Wey South Path / Downs Link.

Walk NW along the track. After about 750 yards, note the information board about The Wey and Arun Canal Trust. This canal ran for 23 miles between the River Wey at Shalford to Pallingham in Sussex where it joined the River Arun to the sea.



Bridleway sign for Shoreham

There are several points of interest near this information board. For example, a short distance to your R is the Gosden Aqueduct over Cranleigh Waters. Also, shortly after leaving the information board you pass on your R the Tannery Lane Bridge also known as a rover / turnover bridge where the tow path switches to the other side of the canal.

Notice on your L and R short sections of the disused Wey and Arun Canal and the work carried out by The Wey and Arun Canal Trust in clearing the undergrowth and providing observation boardwalks and information boards about their work and the surrounding areas.

B After a further 750 yards, at Stone Bridge, leave the Wey South Path / Downs Link. Turn R and walk N on the pavement beside the A281. You shortly reach Somerswey. Cross the road and take a FP straight into the woods. After 150 yards turn L onto and follow the Wey South Path for 475 yards. Cross over the River Wey Navigation using Broadford Bridge. Immediately turn L onto the towing path and follow the canal SW for 1,250 yards.

Leave the canal at the bridge at Tilthams Corner Road. Turn L and follow this road E over the River Wey. Cross one bridge and shortly after cross the much-strengthened 13th century Unstead Bridge. Turn immediately L along Trunley Heath Road.

C After 300 yards, where the road bends N, go straight ahead on a small, unmarked road with a sign stating Thames Water Utilities Ltd. This soon becomes a FP. Continue between fields, past The Granary on your L to join Foxborough Hill Road.

Turn L and almost immediately, take a FP half R through woods. After c.200 yards, turn R on the driveway to Bramley Golf Club. Continue up the slope to the car park behind the Clubhouse. The FP leaves the car park at the top L corner, heading SE.



Blue waymark sign

Follow the blue-topped posts, some with directional arrows, across the Golf Course for 350 yards. The FP leaves the Golf Course to the right of a tee. Turn R on a BW and for 200 yards you are on The Fox Way.

D Turn L on a FP between high fences. Continue along a road with houses on either side. Straight ahead, join another FP and continue down a flight of steps - sometimes steep and uneven. Join Snowdenham Lane and turn L. Take care walking along this lane: it is narrow and there is no speed limit for part of the way.

At the end of a lake below you on your R, turn R onto a BW and go down some steps. Having passed Bramley Mill, with a convenient gap in the wall to look at the stream and garden, the FP bears L and joins the A281 in Bramley village.

E If you are returning to Guildford by bus turn L to your bus stop opposite Station Road.

If you are travelling by car, cross the main road and either:

- (a) Return to your car outside Bramley Library; or
- (b) Turn L. Walk along the main road passing shops on both sides of the road. After passing the Jolly Farmer pub on your left and Holy Trinity Church on your right turn R into Station Road.



Shackleford and Norney

'Not all who wander are lost'.
J R R Tolkein

Distance approximately 4.25 miles

Shackleford village is SW of Guildford off the A3.

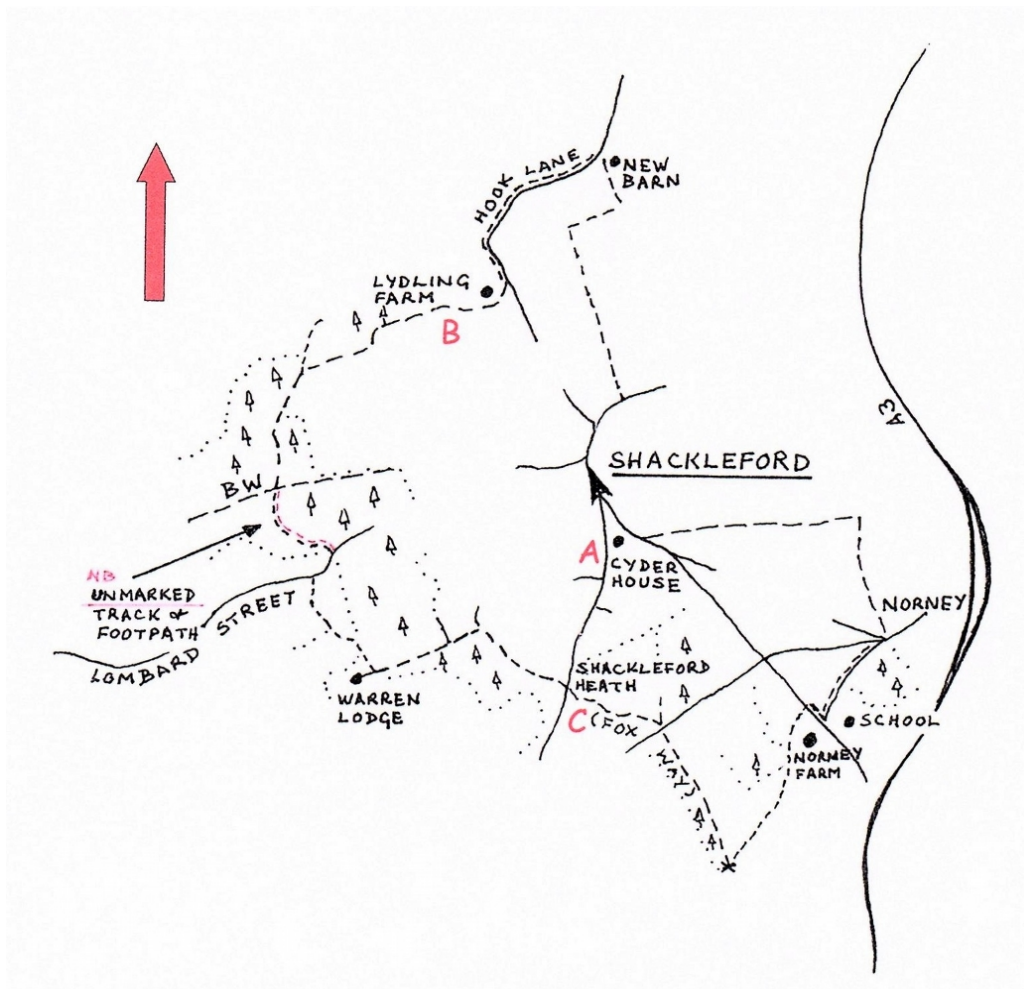
You can travel to Shackleford from the Guildford Friary Bus Station on bus 46.

By car travel S from Guildford on the A3 and take the second exit signposted Hurtmore, Shackleford and Norney.

The following notes are to be used with the Ordnance Survey Explorer Map 145.



Shackleford Village sign



Route

This walk starts and ends at The Cyder House in the centre of Shackleford village.

A Walk N on the main road ignoring a minor road on your L. Where the road bends to the L turn R up Chalk Road.

After 150 yards turn L onto a FP which runs N for 600 yards. When you reach a fence follow FP right for 200 yards. Then turn L to New Barn (on R) and the sign of Lone Barn sign, and Hook Lane.

Turn L onto Hook Lane. Some vehicle owners drive at speed along this lane. Walk on the side of the road where drivers can best see you. Walk 750 yards S and turn R onto BW immediately after passing Lylding Farm.

B After 200 yards ignore the FP on your L and walk uphill for 900 yards in a WSW direction with woodland on your R. This track continues to bend left until you are walking S.

When you encounter a BW crossing your track go straight over onto an unmarked track through woodland. After 75 yards leave the main track by taking an unmarked footpath on your L for 250 yards. This track continues to bend left. You soon reach a road which links Shackleford with the hamlet of Gatwick.

Turn R and after 100 yards on the road TL onto a BW heading S then SE. At Warren Lodge the BW turns L through woodland. After 400 yards the BW, with woodland on your R, heads SE to a road.

If you need to shorten the walk you can turn L and follow the road into Shackleford.

C Go straight across the road onto a section of The Fox Way across Shackleford Heath.



The Fox Way bridleway over Shackleford Heath

Cross over a minor road and walk a further 500 yards SSE with a plantation on your R.

Stop at a gate ahead. You leave The Fox Way here at an adjacent kissing gate on L. Turn around and pick up a FP across fields in a NE direction. The FP skirts to the N of Norney Farm.

At the road turn R for 100 yards. Just before you reach a school turn L onto School Lane, soon reaching a junction of four roads and a BW. Cross over this junction and take the BW heading N. At a T junction with another BW (Rokers Lane) TL.

After 700 yards turn R on a road that will take you to the centre of Shackleford. When another road comes in from your L turn L and The Cyder House is ahead of you.



Puttenham and Puttenham Common

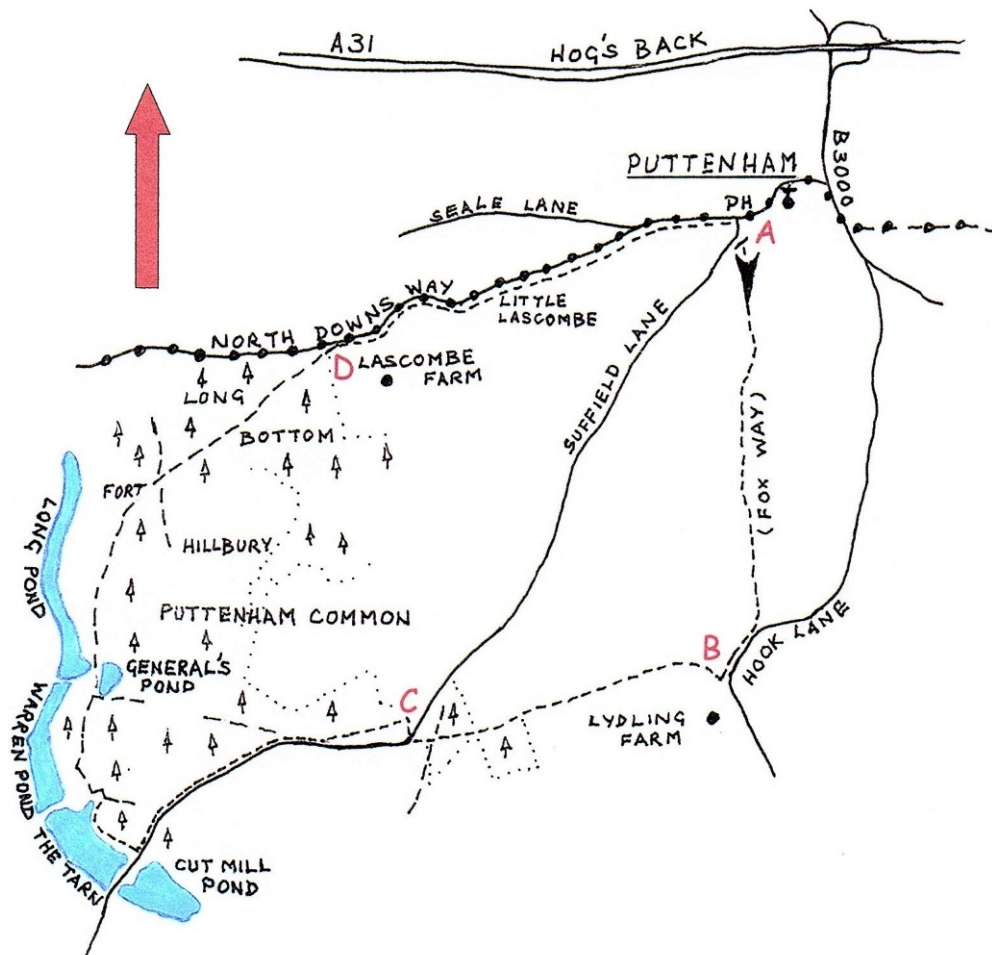
'I frequently walked 8 or 10 miles through the deepest snow to keep an appointment with a beech tree, or a yellow birch, or an old acquaintance among the pines.'
Henry David Thoreau

Distance approximately 5.25 miles

You can travel from the Friary Bus Station, Guildford to Puttenham village on the 65 bus.

If travelling to Puttenham village by car, find a safe place to park in the main street.

The following notes are to be used with the Ordnance Survey Explorer Map 145.



Route

A With your back to the Good Intent public house walk 75 yards down Suffield Lane and go over a stile L onto the Fox Way.

Follow this FP for 1,200 yards, before going down a grassy slope to a gate in the RH corner of the field.

Go through the gate, turn R and walk down Hook Lane for 200 yards. Take care as some drivers speed along this road. Walk on the R side of the road so that you face oncoming traffic.

B Just before the road bends L, turn R through a gate (the stile is overgrown) onto a FP. The first part of this FP can be muddy and waterlogged in rainy weather. Lydling Farm on your L is obscured by trees. Follow this FP in a WSW direction for 1,100 yards. The FP descends through a wooded area, at the end of which turn L, then almost immediately go up some steps on your R and you shortly reach Suffield Lane.

Cross the road and enter the top car park of Puttenham Common. Enjoy the views across the valley to the Hampton Park Estate.

C From the car park, take a grassy path downhill in a W direction, which leads into a wooded area. Bear L, then the path reaches Suffield Lane again. Turn R, walking on a wide grassy path alongside the road for around 500 yards, passing the middle car park on your R. Shortly after, you will see an open space and a large tree on your R. Follow the path L behind this tree towards the Tarn.



The Tarn

Walk N with the Tarn and Warren Pond on your L and enter a wooded area where the path widens. You pass General's Pond on your R. After a fairly steep ascent through the wood, you come out onto an open view across to the Hog's Back.

When you reach the point where two bridleways cross, go straight on, taking the BW which heads NE across Long Bottom. Then there is a steady climb before joining the North Downs Way in the far RH corner of Puttenham Common.



View towards the Hog's Back

The North Downs Way is a long-distance 153-mile route from Winchester to Canterbury and Dover.

D With Lascombe Farm on your R, follow the North Downs Way ENE past Little Lascombe on a single-track road into Puttenham and back to your starting point.

Wood Street Village and Wanborough Great Barn

'There is no road, the road is made by walking.'
Antonio Machando

Distance approximately 5.2 miles

Wood Street Village is 2 miles W of Guildford on the N side of the Hog's Back.

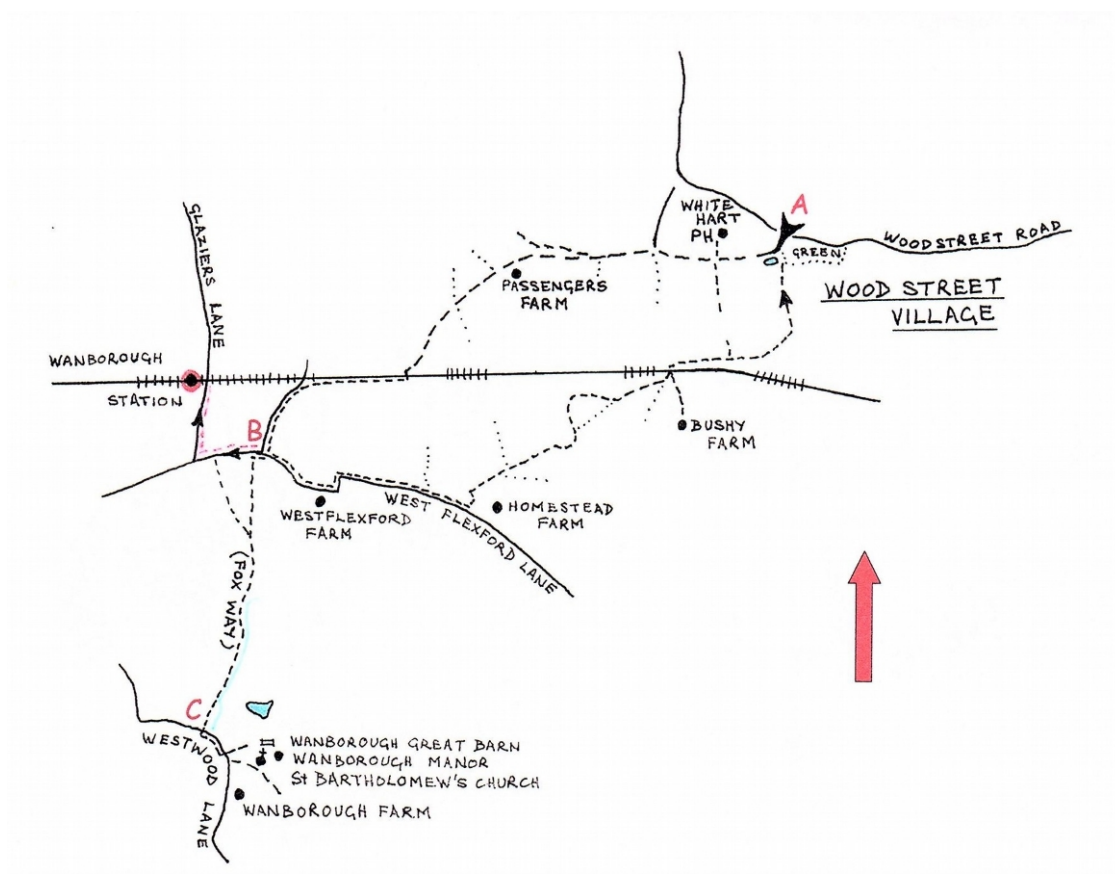
Bus no. 17 runs from the Friary Bus Station Guildford to Wood Street Village Green. The bus stop for the return bus to Guildford is at Oak Hill, Wood Street.

If you prefer to travel by train from Guildford to Wanborough Station your walk starts at B below. Not all trains on this Redhill to Reading line stop at Wanborough.

If travelling by car find a suitable parking place in the side streets off Wood Street Green.

For refreshments and toilets visit the White Hart pub tucked away at the W end of the village green.

For this walk you will need the Ordnance Survey Explorer Map 145 and a compass.



Route

A Walk to the W end of Wood Street Village Green and take the BW between a pond on your L and the White Hart public house on your R.

Follow the BW signs passing playing fields on your L. Head towards the far right hand corner where the BW passes between oak trees to a grassy area in front of a farm.

Soon beyond the farm take a left hand fork onto a BW which passes to the R of Passenger's Farm and then continues to bend L through woodland and goes under the railway line.

Immediately turn R and follow the FP W along the edge of the field. Join a track coming in from your R and head SE. When you reach West Flexford Lane turn R.



B If you are using a train at the end of this circuit, walk 1,000 yards and then turn R into Glaziers Lane. The railway station is 250 yards on your L.

Otherwise in West Flexford Lane 250 yards before the junction with Glaziers Lane turn L onto a FP and concrete stepping stones over a stream. From this point until the Great Barn at Wansborough you are on The Fox Way.

After the next stile continue S or if crops are growing keep to the left hand edges of the fields to the FP sign on Westwood Lane. For safety cross the road and turn L.

C After 100 yards turn L and enjoy Wanborough Great Barn, Wanborough Manor and St Bartholomew's Church on your L and Wanborough Farm on your R.



Wanborough Great Barn 1388 AD

The barn is the oldest and most significant wooden building in Hampshire, Surrey and Sussex. It was built in 1388 by the Cistercian monks of Waverley Abbey and used for storing and processing crops and fleeces. It is well worth visiting on one of its open days. www.wanboroughgreatbarn.co.uk

Wanborough Manor dates back to Elizabethan times. During the Second World War it was used to train secret agents.

The walls of the small, beautiful church of St. Bartholomew date from the 13th century.

Retrace your steps to West Flexford Lane. If you are returning to Wanborough Station turn L here and walk 250 yards before turning R into Glaziers Lane. The station is 250 yards on your L.

Otherwise, walk E along West Flexford Lane. After 150 yards you reach West Flexford Farm.

[From now on keep an eye open for footpath signs, particularly in high Summer when bushes and tall grass obscure FP signs and the footpaths themselves].

400 yards further on ignore the fenced FP on your L. After another 100 yards, just before Homestead Farm, turn L onto a FP which almost immediately turns L and then R.

Walk 350 yards NE at first keeping close to the field boundary on your R.

You will see on your OS map that, on entering light woodland, an unofficial track continues NE to Bushy Hill, whilst the official FP loops N and at a boundary turns R.

On reaching the entrance to Bushy Farm walk up the driveway towards the house and find the gap in the garden fence, which is the FP to use to go through the railway tunnel.

Where the FP splits take the right hand FP heading E and then N to Wood Street Village Green.