Horsell Walks B4 Horsell Birch to Heather farm, Seven Acres and Forge Common.

Horsell Birch to Horsell Common, the Meadows and Seven Acres Farm. Return via Forge Common

Time: approx. 100 minutes, Distance: 4 miles

- <u>High Street to Horsell Birch</u>: With your back to Beijing Restaurant, set off to your right, past Seymours estate agent. Continue along High Street crossing several roads before reaching Horsell Birch.
- <u>Horsell Birch to Littlewick Road</u>: Continue straight across the unmade road onto the grassy area and by the dog waste bin enter the woodland in front of you and go through double gates. Follow the path (ignore first path on right) which gradually bears round to the right into an open area. Continue until you reach another set of double gates. Once through turn left into Viggory lane and be ready to cross busy Littlewick Road.
- 3. <u>Grasslands to Horsell Common Road</u>: Cross and go through the double gates. Take the footpath that is immediately on your right and then in 50m take the left fork onto a fairly wide track. Continue straight and then turn right at next cross path by a small oak. Continue through open heather land. When you reach 4 tracks converging, take the left path into woodland walking straight towards the dark holly boundary when you will see the path and turn right. Soon you will reach a double gate where the ground is muddy in wet weather. Go through the gates and continue straight on the track and reach Horsell Common Road
- <u>To Chobham Road</u>: cross and go straight onto footpath opposite. Keep on this path, ignore path to right and after 100m turn left. Go towards the Heather farm white sign board and busy Chobham Road.
- 5. <u>Heather farm to Mimbridge meadow</u>: Cross busy Chobham Road with care onto the road leading to Heather farm and Heather Farm café. Turn left into main car park and then right and follow the footpath by the fence onto a gently rising board walk when you will see an information board of Horsell Common. Go straight on and cross the bridge across the river Bourne into the meadows. Two options: walk straight on or turn right to walk along the path beside the small river; the paths meet at the far end of the meadow and cross a bridge.
- 6. <u>Bourne Fields to Seven Acres</u>: Continue straight on, walking along the board walk, through a gap in the hedge and keep going through a second gap in the hedge by an oak tree and turn right. Follow the board walk, staying on the right and avoiding a left turning, until you come to a fenced grassy path through a meadow and past a barn. At the end of this grassy path turn left onto a wide farm track and follow round to gateway at T- Junction. (NB: There is often a deep puddle here in the winter months which can be awkward to avoid)

Turn right. Then keep straight on for 80 to 100m and at T-junction turn left (opposite you will see Seven Acres Farmhouse).

- <u>Seven Acres to Heather Farm</u>: Continue along track until you go through a double white fence (100m) and turn right onto a long, straight, dark tree lined track which comes out onto the track leading to Heather Farm. Turn Left towards Chobham Road and cross on to the "Triangle". Take care: the road is very busy.
- 8. <u>The Triangle to Forge Common and South Road</u>: Follow the footpath straight on and then turn right by 3 trunked pine. Continue for a short distance (about 30m) and turn left onto the path with heather either side. Keep straight ahead until you reach busy Littlewick Road. Go straight across into woodland. At T-junction, turn right and continue across cross path through woodland of pine and silver birch. The path at this point on Forge Common becomes quite narrow but soon veers left and emerges onto a grassy area to the right of a group of houses on South Road. Go to South Road and turn right.
- 9. <u>South Road to Horsell High Street</u>: Cross South Road and turn right to Morton Road. Continue up Morton Road and after seeing Woking High on your left, turn right into Meadway Drive. At the end of Meadway, turn left into Horsell High Street.