Horsell Walks B2 Horsell Birch to Heather Farm and Meadows

Horsell Common and the grasslands to the triangle and Heather Farm returning to Cheapside via the board walk, meadows and model aircraft field

Time: approx. 90 minutes Distance 3.5 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. Immediately turn right onto footpath 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.
- 4. <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 Young Stroat Lane:</u> Continue straight on, walking along the board walk, through a gap in the hedges and keep going through a second gap in the hedge and turn right. Immediately after 10 meters turn left, keeping on board walk. Follow the path round the meadow then go right over the ditch into the last meadow and walk as far as the boundary fence where you will see, but ignore, a ford and bridge. Go through the kissing gate and turn right onto a broad track and keep straight on. After 200m there is another crossing track. Go across this, bearing ever so slightly to your left onto a footpath.
- 7. <u>Across to open field (once for model aircraft) and Sandy Track car Park</u>: Continue straight ignoring the first footpath on your right (about 100m) and also ignore small path on left. Then at a fork where the path is quite narrow go right between gorse bushes then emerge into an open heather area. This path leads to the former model aircraft field, which is open with short grass. Continue straight ahead and towards woodland. Turn right into the woodland following the main path and eventually to left and emerge into the Sandy track car Park. Turn right then immediately left onto the track leading towards the main road (Shores Rd A 245) Almost at the end of this track, take the small footpath on the right and emerge at the road by the triangular traffic island. Cross with great care: one-way traffic then two-way traffic

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8. <u>Cheapside to Horsell High Street:</u> Once across, turn right then immediately left into Cheapside. Continue straight, past The Plough, along footpath, cross Morton Road and follow footpath opposite and emerge in Grobars Avenue. Turn left and at end turn right into Hammond Road and go across the green and follow road round to left and emerge on Meadway Drive. Turn right and on reaching Horsell High Street, turn left.