

Horsell Walks D2: Wheatsheaf Common to the Sandpit

Horsell High Street to Broomhall Common to Wheatsheaf to Carlton Road to Shores Rd Car Park and to the Sandpit and return via The Gallops, Danewell Pond, Sandy Track and Cheapside.

Time: 1hour 45 minutes: Distance 3.5 miles

1. Horsell High Street to St Mary's Churchyard: From the Beijing Restaurant looking out into Horsell High Street, turn left and walk down Horsell High Street. Turn left through the entrance to the Queen Elizabeth 2 Gardens and follow the main path round to the left and turn right at the top of the path, going behind the tennis courts. At the junction, turn left and then at the next junction turn right onto the path at the top of the hill. On your left is Pares Woodland Garden which was restored by the Second Thursday Club;(take a look inside.) Continue following the footpath which comes out into Pares Close and go straight down the hill to Wilson Way. Cross over to the other side and turn left with the churchyard on your right.

2. Wilson way to Wheatsheaf Recreation Ground: Continue down the footpath between the hedges, ignoring a footpath which forks to the right (after 50m). Carry on across the road (Horsell Park) onto a wide footpath which soon becomes a narrow footpath again. At the first lamppost turn left and follow the path keeping to the path in the middle where there are three paths meeting. Continue straight to Chobham Road and cross onto Wheatsheaf Recreation Ground and go straight across the open playing field and then enter the woods via the path that starts behind the goal posts.

3. Wheatsheaf Common to Chertsey Road: You are now entering an area that was cleared and laid out with new all-weather paths and re-planted with diverse woodland species, work completed in 2023. Go straight on following the central path, passing lakes on your right until you reach Woodham Rise. Cross over Woodham Rise and continue on a narrow footpath through the trees. You will come out at Pinewood Close. Cross the road and turn right then almost immediately left so you are walking down the busy Chertsey Road A320 until you very soon reach Carlton Road.

4. Carlton Road to Shores Road Car park: Turn left down Carlton Road and continue until you reach an impressive Edwardian House which is now called Fennies day Nursery and Pre School. Take the footpath on Right which is opposite their car park entrance. Stay on this footpath ignoring other footpaths on right, until you reach Woodham Road. Cross and continue on the footpath on the opposite side and keep going until you reach Shores Road. Cross into the Horsell Common Car Park.

5. Shores Road car Park to the Sandpit: Go through the Car Park and take the made-up footpath (HG Wells Trail) immediately opposite. Follow this path which is suitable for wheelchairs until it eventually ends overlooking the Sandpit.

6. The Sandpit to Danewell Pond and Sandy Track: Continue straight on and reach a large cross track. Here you continue straight on onto a broad track called "The Gallops" through a triple barrier. Follow

this track until you see a diagonal path on the LEFT just before a double barrier. Turn left here. This path leads into pine woodland. Ignore crosspath and bear left on facing footpath and keep left then go straight on through trees (the pine needles in some seasons mask the footpath). On reaching a wide cross path turn right and in 20 m you will see an area of water on the left known as the Danewell Pond. Keep straight down Sandy Track (a wide track which crosses Horsell Common from SW to NE) and continue to Car Park at far end.

7. Sandy Track Car park to Cheapside: Leave car park turning left onto main track and continue until you are almost at the main road, then take small footpath on right. You are now on Chobham Road and you must cross with the greatest of care onto the triangle (one-way traffic) then cross again (two-way traffic) turning right and almost immediately left into Cheapside.

8. Cheapside to Horsell High street: Continue straight passing The Plough and continuing down narrow footpath, cross Morton Road and continue on footpath until you reach Grobars Avenue. Turn left and at end of Grobars Avenue turn right into Hammond Road crossing over the green triangle, keeping right and follow road to Meadway Drive. Turn right and soon you will reach Horsell High Street. Turn left and you are back at the Beijing restaurant.