

Horsell Walks A3: Goldsworth Park, Littlewick Common and Deep Pool

Littlewick Common, Deep Pool, Viggory Lane, Horsell Birch

Time: approx. 90 minutes, Distance: 3.5 miles

NB Several stiles to cross. Through farmland: Cows and horses

1. Start: BEIJING RESTAURANT, HORSELL HIGH STREET. CROSS at Pedestrian Crossing next to Notice Board and turn RIGHT. Turn LEFT into passage between house 72A and Salvation Army charity shop, onto Manor Rd. At T Junction turn RIGHT into Bury Lane, then cross Ormonde Road to Bullbeggars Lane. After 250m (approx.) next to a house called "Tantallon" cross road and cross entrance into the allotments go down narrow tree lined footpath, Tracious Close. At T junction turn right and continue straight until T-junction with Horsell Birch. (The green in front of the "Cricketers" Pub is opposite) Turn LEFT and reach Kestrel Way. Cross Kestrel way (Caution: fast moving traffic and poor visibility with parked vehicles) and continue along tree lined footpath. Cross Claydon Road, continue straight on past houses and reach busy Littlewick Road, opposite Squires garden Centre. Turn left onto Littlewick Road and after a few metres turn left through offset barrier into:
2. GOLDSWORTH PARK: onto footpath and very soon turn RIGHT, taking the path on the right hand side of the hockey pitches and parallel to busy road and continue, keeping to right of Sports Pavilion. At far end of playing fields, come to housing estate. Keep right on footpath round the parking area and look for a blue footpath sign beyond the hedge. Follow Blue FP sign to Littlewick Common, turn right. Arrive at busy LITTLEWICK Rd. Cross Littlewick road (Caution: busy)
3. LITTLEWICK COMMON: Onto Footpath for 20m and take right fork. Follow footpath until it reaches a track(200m) and turn LEFT at track, then immediately RIGHT Go past "Woodlands" and to the rightside of "Tanglewood". At next junction by Myrtle Cottage, follow Footpath sign post with yellow arrow bearing left/ almost straight on towards the woods. Go through kissing gate, with a wire fence on your left hand side. Go through a second kissing gate, then over a stile, out of the woodland, into an open meadow (still following the yellow FP marker) Go over another stile and reach Carthouse Lane. Turn right, keeping on grass verge for a further 50 m and cross Carthouse Lane opposite Graylands Farm House (caution when crossing; cross where the visibility round the bend is best)
4. Towards DEEP POOL: Kissing gate on Left (between Graylands and Willow View farms) Follow narrow path, with wire fence on left and ditch on right, across fields. (uneven underfoot and rather muddy in wet weather) Bear Left between fields towards wooden footbridge with stile at each end. Cross bridge and continue through young trees to kissing gate and onto what appears to be an ancient track between tall oak trees. Sometimes you

will meet horses here and by the next kissing gate. Through the kissing gate, into an open field. Straight on and keeping to the right through kissing gate. Bear right and pass by farm buildings. Through wooden gate and follow the track. Opposite Deep Pool House, turn very SHARP RIGHT, by the finger post

5. To Horsell Common (Grasslands) and Viggory Lane: Follow track straight on, cross R.Bourne on wooden plank bridge and continue on track, zig zag left and right, . By 7 bar metal gate, take 1st footpath on the right through the holly trees down a wide, dark ancient track. Straight through the double gates at the far end of this wide track, onto Horsell Common where sometimes you can see the belted Galloway cattle grazing. Straight on through double gates to Littlewick Road. Cross (caution: busy and fast road)
6. Viggory Lane to Horsell Birch and Horsell High Street: Almost immediately once you have crossed onto Viggory lane, turn RIGHT through the double gates onto Horsell Birch Common and continue bearing left and emerge through double gates onto Horsell Birch. (option: 100m before emerging, there is a short path on left to warren Pond: look and retrace steps)
7. Horsell Birch and back to Village centre: You can see Horsell High Street. Turn left onto the High Street, and back to your starting point in Horsell High Street. (400m)