



Walk 2:

Churt Crossways, Lampard Lane, Field House, Wishanger, Bacon Lane, Plaster Hill, Hammer Lane, Whitmore Vale, Barford

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Summary: Starting from the centre of Churt, this walk to the west side of the village is mostly in East Hampshire and includes, footpaths, bridleways, fields, country lanes and woods. In wet weather parts are muddy so waterproof footwear is recommended. With several stiles and sometimes fallen trees to work round, not suitable for young children.

Distance: 4.8 miles / 7.7km **Elevation gain:** 138m

Time: between 1 hr 40 mins and 2 hr 15 mins

Grid reference / postcode of start-point SU 855 382 / GU10 2JA

Parking, if required at Redhearn Green, accessed via Old Kiln Lane - SU 853 385 / GU10 2NT

Map: OS Explorer Series 133, Haslemere



Centenary Wood and typical footpath

Walk Detail

1. From Churt Crossways walk northwards, cross the A287 on the Zebra crossing, pass the bus shelter and take the first turning left, Lampard Lane. Continue up the lane for about 350m, keeping straight on past Simmondstone Lane and, where the road (now Star Hill) bears sharp right, continue straight ahead for approximately 300m. At the house called Fallowfield, take the bridleway to the left of the drive. As the bridleway drops keep straight on ignoring paths left and right. At the bottom bear right where the path meets a track and continue for about 300m to the first cottage on the left (Coppice Cottage). Turn left along a footpath which passes to the side of the cottage garden and which soon drops and passes beneath holly trees. Pass the pond on your left and over the footbridge. Later, the path rises, passes through a kissing gate and emerges into a field. Continue straight, keeping to the righthand edge of the field for approx. 200m and turn right out of the field through a kissing gate, beneath overhead wires. After 10m turn left along a track to the lane, which is a junction between Bacon Lane and Frensham Lane. Keep straight ahead (on Frensham Lane) for 300m and then bear left onto a footpath (immediately after Wishanger Place and opposite Moonlight Ridge Stables).
2. Follow the footpath, which bears left after 100m, continue for a further 260m (there is a sharp right along the footpath during this section). The footpath emerges onto a track, which you join and follow past a few houses and some stabling on your left and paddocks on your right, until a lane is met.
3. Cross straight over, onto a signposted bridleway, leading downhill past The Well House (the deeds of which were signed by Dick Whittington). The track passes a pond on the left and later between fields. As you emerge from the fields (at a junction with Smithfield Lane) turn sharp left onto a bridleway formerly known as Park Lane. After wet, weather, this is extremely muddy and at this point walkers should decide whether to take this route or not (*an alternative route via the lane is given at the end). When the bridleway emerges onto Bacon Lane, turn left for 100m and then right, onto a public footpath, over a stile and follow the path (which may be overgrown in summer and at times swampy) parallel to a fence on the right. At the end of this part of the footpath is some fencing and a stile. Cross the stile into a field, heading straight across the field and over a stile on the opposite side, into a newly planted wood (part of the Woodland Trust's Centenary Wood Project for remembrance of World War I). Follow the path forward, through the young trees and cross over another stile and immediately through a further gate. Cross the uneven field diagonally left, to a stile hidden in the far left hand corner. Climb over the stile and follow the path along to the lane (approximately 10m).

4. Cross straight over at the lane and take the footpath opposite along the drive to Coombe Farm (alternative route re-joins here). After 90m, where the track forks, bear left and then 100m further on, take the footpath off to the right at the gated entrance to Coombe Farm. The path immediately passes over a stile, which is under a large oak tree. Follow this path upwards through woodland.
5. At the top of the wood, take the left fork and through a gate onto Hammer Lane. Turn right along Hammer Lane for 100m and then sharp left into what appears to be the driveway of Cobwebs House, (the public footpath is between two houses) Follow the path descending steeply into Whitmore Vale.
6. As the footpath emerges on the driveway of Walnut Well, turn left on meeting the lane and after 120m turn right, by a footpath sign and over a stile following the path down through woods. Cross the stream via a plank, pass through a gate and climb the side of the valley, where on meeting a track, turn left to pass Easedale House on your left. Keep straight ahead on this wide track. At the far end of the pond, on meeting another track, keep ahead passing Barford Mill on the left and then meet a narrow lane. Keep straight ahead past Old Mill (also left). On meeting the road, cross over and turn right (by the pumping station) along a path on the left hand side of the road to Churt, Crossways.

*Alternative route in wet conditions. On leaving the field keep to the lane straight ahead and on meeting Headley Road turn left, past Mayfair Farm, Elliotts Farm and Plaster Hill Farm (all on your right). At the bottom of the hill, by Plaster Hill turn right onto the footpath and drive to Coombe Farm.

