

COUNTRYSIDE WALKS IN BRACKNELL FOREST

Warfield, 'The Northern Lanes'

6.7 miles / 10.8km / 3 hours +

This walk starts and finishes at Frost Folly, the country car park in Wellers Lane, Warfield – grid reference SU873726.

Leave the car park by the pedestrian gate in the corner and follow the track (a public footpath) gently downhill, through the zig-zag and up the other side. At the waymark sign, turn right through the kissing gate into St Katherine's Drive and then left into Church Lane.

Just after the vicarage turn right over a stile and follow the footpath down over The Cut (stream) and onto the road at Wane Bridge. Turn left and after a short distance take the footpath to your right. Follow this path across the fields. Away on your right will be glimpses of Haley Green Farm, possibly the oldest dwelling in Warfield and originally the old moated Manor House. Much of the moat is still intact.

Eventually you will emerge on the road at Brockhill. Turn left and soon after the entrance to Planners Farm, take the footpath sign to your left. Follow the path until you reach the Ascot Road (A330). Cross straight over into Garston Lane.

Follow this quiet narrow road to its junction with Bishops Lane, just past Whitelocks Farm and Livery Stables. Turn left and after approx. 250m Hog Oak Lane will appear on your right. Turn right into the lane and keep walking past the nature reserve until the start of woodland on your left. Turn left through the Rambler stile onto the footpath. This is Ashmore Lane, one of the prettiest lanes in the Borough and particularly worth a visit at Bluebell time. At the junction with Hawthorn Lane turn right and stay straight on past Lordship Farm and past the end of Cruch Lane and the old icehouse to the junction with the A330

Having crossed over the road do not follow Penfurzen Lane (unless you want a short-cut back to the car park), but go right following the road verge approx. 20m, then follow the footpath sign to your left. Turn right immediately and follow the path with the hedge between you and the main road. You will exit back onto the A330 at the Hawthorn Hill junction. Turn left and follow the verge taking care on this busy section of road.

Go past Cruchfield Cottages on your left and after a further 50ms alongside the road you will find a track on your right - Pendrys Lane. Follow this delightful leafy lane downhill to its junction with Hazlewood Lane at the Westley Mill ford. Linger at this delightful spot and with luck you'll catch a glimpse of a Kingfisher.

When you are rested turn left down Hazlewood Lane, past the mobile home encampment, past the bottom of Goughs Barn Lane until you reach the junction with Buckle Lane. Turn left and follow Buckle lane up to the Shepherds House Pub. Cross straight over the main road into Bowyers lane and so back to Wellers Lane and the car park.

Further walks available online at:

<http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/leis-walking.htm>

(or from "Walks" under the website A-Z)