

Arriving on platform 2 at **Oxshott station**, cross the overbridge and leave the station through the station building or a gap to the left of it. Cross the car park access road and continue along a narrow tarmac path directly opposite the station building. In 20m you cross a path as you enter **Oxshott Heath** and continue in the same direction along a broad gravel path. In 40m **[!]** *turn right* (340°) across a grassy area and then along a sandy track towards the **War Memorial** on the escarpment ahead. In 40m *fork left* and in 100m climb the escarpment along a stepped path to reach the war memorial in 40m and continue to its right-hand side past a **TRAIL 2000** marker post (white arrow).

You follow a wide path into the forest (15°), in 20m cross a horse ride and in 120m pass another TRAIL 2000 marker post. Cross another horse ride and in another 20m *bear left* to skirt left (345°) around a large bowl (a former sandpit) and in 90m *turn right* at a four-way junction to stay just to the left of the bowl. In 70m a path joins from the left. Go either way around a clump of trees and continue more or less in the previous direction along a narrow path through the wood (325°), ignoring a public footpath turning right and a path turning left. In 50m cross a path and in 50m *veer right* (345°) at a five-way junction. In 30m cross **Sandy Lane** and enter a small car park under height barriers.

Continue into the woods along an indistinct path in the near left corner (330°), ignoring a path bearing left. Continue through the wood broadly in the same direction (there are many trails), in 350m going over a boardwalk for 30m. In another 130m you come out on a wide horse ride by a two-way signpost. *Turn right* ('Esher Common 400 yds') towards the audible A3. Cross **East Bridge** over the A3 in 100m, just after passing the '**A3 Pond**'. On the other side you are entering **Esher Common** and in 100m *turn left* along a sandy horse ride at a four-way junction. In 40m *fork left* along the slightly firmer footpath, leaving the horse ride (although the paths will reunite eventually).

In 270m at a four-way junction *bear left* (240°) and in 70m at a T-junction by a **Fire Warning-post** *turn right* along a sandy path. In 50m you pass a marker post with a white arrow and in 20m by a three-way signpost and a map on the left and where the horse ride joins from the right, you *bear left* ('Black Pond ¼ m', 'Winterdown Wood ½ m', 315°). In 40m *fork right* with the bridleway ('Winterdown Wood ½ m', 330°), in 120m cross a path and in 60m – at a crosspaths in a clearing under some HV pylon lines – *turn left* (due W).

In 200m *fork left* and in 35m *turn right* at a T-junction by an info panel ('**Esher Common Heathland**'). In 50m the path veers left (310°) and in 10m you cross a seasonal stream. In 60m cross a Permissive Horse Ride and in 120m reach **Portsmouth Road** by a four-car car park and opposite a bus stop (Line 715 to Esher, Kingston). There is a large car park away to the right (**Horseshoe Clump Car Park**). Cross the road and head straight on uphill into the woods (280°). In 40m cross a path and in 70m *turn right* with the path (10°) and in 30m – by a wooden bench – cross a path to continue in the same direction.

In 20m *fork right* and in 60m cross another path and in 20m *fork left* (355°) and in 30m *fork left* again. In 40m *turn left* at a T-junction. In 50m *turn right* downhill at a T-junction with a broader track (340°), by a low wooden post on the right with the first of many **Permanent Orienteering Course** marker posts (with red and white triangle markers): POC 36 SGSV. In 50m ignore a left fork

and in 30m ignore a left turn. In 40m ignore a right turn by POC marker post 37 EAZJ. In 25m *turn right* at a T-junction (110°). In 20m ignore a path from the right and in 70m *turn left* with the path and in 50m emerge from the wood in an open area by marker post POC 38 IGWI.

In 40m you **[!]** *turn left* off the broad gravel track along an earthen path. Ignore all faint paths off and in 200m *bear left* with the path and go down some steps. In 10m cross a ditch and *turn right* along an engineered gravel path (the **Rifle Range Path**) to the left of a ditch (10°). In 200m cross a path and in 170m *fork right* to pass **Halfpenny Pond** on its left-hand side. In 25m you pass an info panel on the Edwardian **West End Common Rifle Range** and emerge onto **West End Common**. *Bear right* across the cricket green, aiming to join the road on the left just to the left of the willow-fringed Prince of Wales Pond (60°) 170m away. Away on the right (100°) are the pretty **St. George's Church** and **West End Village Hall** to its left, with a Members Club in between.

Follow the road's pavement or grassy verge for 180m to [The Prince of Wales](#) pub (Chef & Brewer). *Turn right* out of the pub and follow the quiet narrow road (West End Lane then **Winterdown Road**) along a tarmac pavement, initially with the pond on your left, and in 170m with the cricket green. In another 100m continue along a gravel path. In 80m, by the entrance to [Garson's](#) garden centre (café open to 17.30 [16.30 on Sundays]), you *bear left* to continue to the left of **Garsons Pond** along the lane. In 120m you pass the last house on the right. In 20m *turn left* across the lane and over some wooden planks across a ditch and *turn right* along an earthen path, with a wood on the left.

In 70m pass a forestry yard on the left and in 15m cross some wooden planks and *turn left* along a wide gravel track through a lightly wooded area (220°). Ignore faint paths off to the right and left and in 200m cross some more wooden planks and reach a map and an info panel and *turn left* along a wide path, soon passing a car barrier and a signpost ('The Ledges ½'). You have a line of trees on the right. In 400m *bear right* with the tree line and follow it for 80m to a fine **viewpoint over the Mole Valley** by a bench and a steep drop.

**With the viewpoint in your back you have a choice:**

**For a longer route down the rise and along the River Mole**, you *turn right* downhill (220°) towards a bike barrier and pick up the directions at the end of this text under **River Mole Route**.

**For the Main Route**, go back 20m in the direction you arrived from and *turn right* (140°) gently uphill, with the wooded drop on your right. In 40m ignore a left turn (by marker post POC 41 UYOF), in 30m you have a wooden fence on the right and in 40m the path levels out by a bench. Continue in the same direction. You pass a few more benches and in 130m follow the path and fence bearing to the right. In 90m *turn left* by marker post POC 34 XBZB, away from the drop and fence (100°). In 50m cross a path and in 60m another one (by marker post POC 40 IZKD on the left), and in another 20m *turn right* at a crosspaths past a bench on the right. In 30m *turn left* with the path and in 70m cross a path (the long option has joined from the right).

\*) You are now re-tracing the outbound route for 300m: in 40m cross **Portsmouth Road** carefully by a bus stop (Line 715 to Esher, Kingston) and continue into **Esher Common** along a narrow path to the left of a small car park area with a signpost ('Oxshott Heath 1 ¼ m'). In 110m continue in the same direction at a crosspaths by a four-way signpost ('Black Pond 360 yds', 'Longy Down 220 yds', 'Oxshott Heath 1.2 miles'). In 30m pass an info panel on **Esher Common Woodland** and in another 30m cross a seasonal stream. In 70m reach an info panel on **Esher Common Heathland** under the HV pylon line in a clearing, where the outbound route joins from the left.

Continue in the same direction (170°) along the gravel path. Ignore any paths off and in 120m go through some bike barriers and pass a lake (**Black Pond**, initially behind trees and reeds) on your left-hand side. In 50m you have the open pond on the left and in another 100m the pond ends. In 20m go through some bike barriers and in 80m by a three-way signpost *turn left* along a broad gravel track ('West Bridge 280 yds', 115°) and in 250m *turn right* across **West Bridge** over the A3 ('Oxshott Heath'), back into **Oxshott Heath**. Ignore a bridleway on the right ('Sandy Lane 1/3 m') and in 50m *turn left* along a horse ride ('Oxshott Heath ½ m', 80°).

### **In 220m you have a choice:**

**Either** (shorter, more open and less noise-affected) *bear right* with the main broad path (135°), which continues through a more open area, in 300m re-entering the wood by a small pond on the right. In another 50m *turn right* at a T-junction ('Oxshott Heath 400 yds', 'Sandy Lane').

**Or** (a bit longer, through woods, but more noise-affected) continue in the same direction over a plank bridge across a ditch into trees along a narrow earthen path (75°). You cross a couple of wooden bridges over the next 120m and *turn right* at a T-junction. In 150m go through bike barriers onto a broad sandy track at a four-way junction by a two-way signpost. The outbound route joins from out of the wood opposite. *Turn right* ('Oxshott Heath ¾ m'). In 300m the alternative route joins from the right by a three-way signpost. Continue in the same direction ('Oxshott Heath 400 yds', 'Sandy Lane').

In 60m cross a stream and pass some houses on the right as you follow the path to **Sandy Lane** in 180m. Cross the lane and head uphill into the woods along a narrow path in the same direction (175°). In 60m *bear left* with the path (135°), still uphill. In 75m cross a path and in 125m ignore a faint path on the right. In another 10m pass a **TRAIL 2000** marker post with a white arrow. In 70m pass a white marker post where another path joins from the left behind. In 60m at a six-way junction *turn right* along the second-right path (220°, i.e. NOT hard right!) and in 50m emerge from the wood at the top of the sand escarpment.

*Turn left* at a four-way junction towards a large wooden bench. In 40m *turn right* by the bench and a TRAIL 2000 marker post. You descend the **South Slope** along a broad stepped path and in 60m – at a four-way junction – *turn hard left* with a signpost for 'Warren Lane ¼ m' (100°). In 200m a path turns left across a grassy area. This is the outbound route. In 40m leave **Oxshott Heath**, crossing a track, and follow a narrow path back to **Oxshott Station**. London bound trains depart from the near platform 1.

## River Mole Route

In 20m continue between wooden fences down some steps and in 30m from the bottom of the steps, by the banks of the **River Mole**, *turn left* along the riverside path. Over the next roughly 300m you go over four short sections of boardwalk, crossing boggy ground or streams and ditches. The river and path then curve to the right and in about 200m from the last boardwalk you go under an HV pylon line (this may not be initially noticeable due to the foliage of the tree canopy, but you will eventually be able to see the line over your right shoulder by a break in the trees).

In another 35m, just before the riverside path gets noticeably narrower, you *turn left* along a wide path gently uphill (150°). In 60m continue up some steps further up **The Ledges**. At the top of the steps you go through a bike barrier and *turn left* at a T-junction. In 40m *turn right* (80°) away from The Ledges and in 40m cross a horse ride. In 50m you have a wooden bar fence on the right with a large building behind. In 130m ignore a right fork and in 35m go under the HV pylon line in a clearing. In 70m *turn right* at a crosspaths towards an audible main road and pick up the directions above at the single asterisk \*).