



Ockley to Warnham walk

A quiet corner of Surrey - woods, gentle hills and a lovely lunchtime pub

Woods & rural delights

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| Length | 16.5km (10.3 miles), 5 hours. For the whole outing, including trains, sights and meals, allow 8 hours 40 minutes. |
| Toughness | 3 out of 10. |
| OS Maps | Explorers OL34 (was 134) & 146 or Landranger 187. Ockley, map reference TQ 165 404, is in Surrey , 9km north-west of Horsham and 7km north of Warnham, which is in West Sussex . |
| Features | <p>This is a beautiful walk through an unspoilt countryside of fields, woods and gentle hills, with a choice of two homely country pubs for lunch. The peace and idyll is only spoilt on those days when the landing and take off flight paths for Gatwick airport are directly above the walk route.</p> <p>In this sleepy corner on the Surrey-Sussex border it seems as if nothing exceptional has happened through the ages. You go through no bustling towns, pass no grand country houses and there are no particularly interesting historical events to relate. Just mile after mile of oak woods and rural delights.</p> <p>Note that there is no evening service on this line (see last train times below), and it is 1.3km to the station from the village pub in Warnham.</p> |
| Walk Options | <p>You can extend the walk to Horsham, giving you an overall walk of 19.3 km (12 miles). Note: This extension requires the potentially dangerous crossing of the busy 4 lane A24. If this is not to your liking, do not do this extension.</p> <p>You could call a taxi from either of the lunch pubs to Warnham or Horsham Station.</p> <p>If detouring to the Punchbowl pub, the diversion and onward route reduces the length of the walk by 1 mile.</p> |
| History | <p>The Parish Church of St John the Baptist in Okewood has thirteenth century wall paintings and an unusual arrangement of roof beams.</p> <p>Warnham's best known son is the poet Percy Bysshe Shelley who was born at Field Place, just south of the village, in 1792. Expelled from Oxford for his pamphlet <i>The Necessity of Atheism</i> and eloping with 16 year-old Harriet Westbrook, he was forbidden by his father Sir Timothy Shelley ever to visit the family seat in case he might corrupt his sisters.</p> |
| Travel | Take the train nearest to 9.30am from Victoria Station to Ockley . Journey time 1 hour 5 minutes. Southern's current timetable (2020) is not as user friendly as before for mid-week walkers as trains from Victoria are at 9.25am, which is before senior rail cards come into play. Mid-week walkers have the choice of taking the 10.25am or a service just after 10am to Horsham on the Bognor service, returning to Ockley on the service back to Victoria, or if you are willing to pay all of £3-50 for an anytime single from Victoria to Clapham Junction, you can continue your journey from there on the |

9.31am. Note that there is no service on this line on Sundays and some Bank Holiday Mondays. Direct trains back from Warnham are hourly but you can also catch one of the hourly trains in the other direction and change at Horsham; the journey time for both routes is about 1 hour 10 minutes. Note that the last direct train back is currently around 8pm (weekdays) and 6pm (Saturdays), with the last train via Horsham about 30 minutes later. Buy a day return to Warnham or, better, to Horsham *any route permitted* (thus leaving more options for your return journey).

Lunch The suggested lunch place is the **Scarlett Arms** pub (tel. [01306-627243](tel:01306-627243)) in Walliswood. This is a small, walker-friendly, old-fashioned, homely pub with an inglenook fireplace for cold winter days and a garden for sitting outside in the summer. And no intrusive piped or background music. Under previous owners / managers it had an excellent, varied menu with some pub favourites plus sandwiches with big fillings. The current (2020) menu is more basic pub fare - pie and chips - with a few specials: the sandwiches are still good. **Post Covid lockdown**, summer 2020, lunch is served between 12 noon and 3 pm Tuesday to Saturday (closed Mondays), and 12 noon and 4.30 pm on Sundays. Booking ahead on Sundays is advised.

An alternative is the equally homely **Punchbowl** pub (tel. [01306-627249](tel:01306-627249)) in Okewood Hill. **Post Covid lockdown**, summer 2020, the pub serves food from noon until 2.30 pm, Monday to Thursday, all day Friday and Saturday until 9 pm, and until 4 pm on Sundays. The menu extends to main courses, specials and sandwiches with generous fillings. The pub is reached via a detour beginning in the woods in Walliswood; the main walk can then be rejoined at point [5A].

Tea The suggested tea place is the **Sussex Oak** pub (tel. [01403-265028](tel:01403-265028)) in Warnham. It serves drinks, tea and coffee, and food at lunchtime and dinner. **Post Covid lockdown**, summer 2020, opening times for tea are as follows: Monday to Wednesday, the pub reopens at 5.30 pm (having closed after serving lunch). Thursday to Sunday, the bar is open from 11 am to 9-30 pm. The village store in Warnham is open until 6pm daily and has two benches for sitting outside. Do remember that it is 1.3 km to the station from the village of Warnham, if you are trying to catch a train after tea, so allow *at least 20 minutes* for this last leg of the day.

Updates This walk check October 2020 - a minor route change and few other minor changes, such as new kissing gates etc. [Pre 2011 Editions] Many small updates - use the online version

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Walk Directions

- [1]** Come out of **Ockley Railway Station** and go through the car park, *turning right* down the tarmac station approach road. In 100 metres you come down to the road where you *turn right* under the railway arch. 10 metres beyond the railway arch, *turn left* off the road, following the public footpath sign, on a path between fences, your direction 200° initially. In 150 metres go over a metal bridge across a brook and *bear right* with the path. 250 metres further on you come out on to a narrow road. *Turn right* on to the road.
- In 25 metres you come to the entrance to a house called Weavers on your left-hand side. **[!]** *Turn left*, off the road, cross the house's driveway, and continue along the path, following the public footpath sign on the corner of the driveway, your direction 250°

- initially. In 230 metres, having initially walked parallel to a driveway, the path takes a *sharp left turn*, going around the back of the garden of the big house on your left. 25 metres further on, it goes right again and continues in the same direction as before. In 100 metres you come to the edge of the trees and follow the path alongside a barbed-wire fence in the same direction as before.
3. In 300 metres, at the far side of the field to your right, ignore a cross-path by a wooden post with a blue arrow. Continue straight ahead, going downhill, with a recent plantation of trees on your left-hand side. In 90 metres at the bottom of the slope, go over a wooden bridge with wooden handrails across the stream. Ignore a minor fork off uphill to the left in 5 metres, to continue along the bridleway as it makes its way through the trees, now uphill.
 4. Ignore ways off and in 340 metres go through a rusty metal fieldgate into the field beyond. Walk across the field, gently uphill, your direction 260°. In 100 metres, when you reach the brow of this small hill (where once over to your left was an old water pump - mentioned in all editions of the TO Book - but now gone) [!] you have a choice of onward route. The original route took you straight ahead to the edge of the field directly ahead of you, where you turned left along the edge of the field with woodland to your right, to cross a stile part hidden in the corner of the field ahead. But you now have a permissive path over the grass from where the old water pump used to be. *Bear half left* across the grassy field, your direction 220° on this path which swings to the left.
 5. In 100 metres go through a wooden swing gate by a three-armed footpath post and *turn sharp right* up the field edge. In 75 metres, with the part-hidden stile on your right-hand side which you would have crossed if you were following the original route, and keep ahead along the right-hand edge of the field, gently uphill, your direction 195° initially.
 6. In 90 metres cross a stile and enter woodland. In 25 metres the path *swings to the right* your direction 260° initially. In a further 50 metres you come down to a lane, leading up to a wooden fieldgate on your left-hand side, with a gate marked 'Private' [2].
 7. Go *straight across* the lane, following the public footpath sign next to the right-hand gatepost, past a large oak tree, your direction 200°. In 40 metres go through a metal kissing gate to the right of a metal fieldgate. On your right-hand side you can soon see the village of **Ockley**. Walk along the left-hand edge of the field, gradually descending as your way curves to the left. In 90 metres go over a stile to the left of a metal fieldgate in a field boundary. Continue downhill, on a grassy way.
 8. In 180 metres cross a path junction in the grass with a four-way sign and a stile to your left. In a further 85 metres enter a wood through a metal kissing gate to the left of a metal fieldgate. Keep ahead through the wood, ignoring all ways off, your initial bearing 200°, on a broad path cum track which starts level then gently rises. In 300 metres a path joins from the left. In a further 100 metres the path begins to descend.
 9. In 190 metres at a T-junction with a tree plantation to your left [!] your quaint directional marker used to be a beech tree 10 metres to the left (with 'Anthony Annette Adam' carved on it nearly 2 metres up) but alas, this tree has fallen down (October 2020) and it is now on its side. But at this T-junction *turn right* with the path, your direction 255°, entering Birches Wood. After 45 metres by a cypress tree take the *left-hand fork* which bears to the right and in a further 45 metres by a footpath post with a yellow arrow to front and rear [!] *turn left, steeply downhill*, due south. 80 metres down the hill, with a two-armed footpath sign on your right, cross a wood and metal bridge with metal railings going over a stream. Once over the bridge, follow the path *left* for 10 metres and then *around to the right* up the hill, heading southwards, through woodland. In 150 metres, exit the wood by crossing over a stile (or pass to its left) and walk along a grassy bank and then a field with a hedgerow on the right-hand side, your direction 190°. In 200 metres you come to a metal fieldgate. Go through it and onto a car-wide farm track.
 10. [3] **Eversheds Farmhouse** (marked on the OS map) is straight ahead of you. *Turn right* on the farm track with the farm buildings to your right-hand side. Then simply follow the track through its bends: in 90 metres the track goes sharply around to the left; 140 metres further on, sharply around to the right. In a further 350 metres you come down to the bottom of a slight incline, sharply around to the right, over a concrete bridge with railings and *continue uphill*, your direction 305°.
 11. In 100 metres pass through a (usually) propped open pair of fieldgates and keep ahead, now on a concrete farm track. In a further 200 metres, the track having swung to the left, you come up to a concrete road, pass through a metal fieldgate (usually open) to come to a crossing of farm tracks with farm buildings off to the left and two steel feed silos closer by. Here [!] *turn right*, through a (usually open) metal fieldgate, with a blue bridleway arrow on its left-hand wooden gatepost, onto a gravel farm track which in 125 metres *swings left*.
 12. Continue past Mill Cottage on your left and as the track swings to the left, keep ahead to the busy A29 road which you cross over with care, to follow the public bridleway sign on the far side. In 15 metres, East Standon Lodge is on your right-hand side. Follow the car-wide track *to the left*, your direction 230° initially, with tree line on both sides, and in 450 metres you come to a wooden gate (leading to a house called Middle Lodge). Follow the wooden fence of this house *round to the left*. In 70 metres, at the end of the fence, keep on the path as it *bears left*, your direction 200°.
 13. In 100 metres, you go through a metal gate with a tall handle on the edge of Oakwood Mill Farm. Cross a lawn, with the farmhouse directly ahead of you, and in 25 metres *turn right* down a gravel path, your direction 265° initially. In 40 metres go over the river on a concrete bridge [4] and keep ahead.

14. In 20 metres *turn left* through a metal fieldgate onto an earth track which you follow as it curves around to the left, in the same general direction as the river down on your left-hand side. In 70 metres follow the track *sharply around to the right* and up the hill, your direction 290° initially. In a further 100 metres there is a metal fieldgate directly ahead at the top of the hill. Follow the track *around to the left*, your direction 220° initially. Follow the line of the fence on your right-hand side, with the river down below on your left-hand side.
15. In 300 metres, the next turning can be easily missed. [!] Where the path comes down to a dip you turn *sharp right* onto a path going up the hill with a fence to your right-hand side, your direction 300° initially. In 60 metres you come up into a field. Walk alongside the barbed-wire fence on the right-hand edge of this field, your direction due west initially. In 200 metres cross over the stile into the wood and follow the woodland track, in the same general direction as before. In 50 metres you come to a footpath post and *fork left*, your direction due west. 30 metres further on, there is another footpath post, where you ignore the fork slightly to the left to continue straight on (slightly to the right), your direction still due west.
16. To detour to the Punchbowl pub in Oakwood Hill, take the fork slightly to the left (ahead), your direction 230°. Follow this path as it swings to the left, then descends a dip to go up the other side, now along the edge of the wood. Ignore all ways off and some 475 metres along this path through a number of bends you come out onto a road, opposite a road sign for 'Oakwood Hill'. *Turn right*, uphill, in 425 metres coming to the **Punchbowl** pub on your right-hand side. After lunch, *turn right* and in 80 metres at a road junction (where to keep ahead would take you to Rosehill Cottage in 1 km) you *bear left* with the road (Honeywood Lane), in 1 km coming out at point [5A] in the main directions, where you rejoin the main route by turning left down the tarmac lane signposted to Monks Farm and Honeybush Farm.
17. But continuing with the main route: in 400 metres the path leads you down through the trees to the **Parish Church of St. John the Baptist** in **Okewood**. Go through the wooden gate into the churchyard and walk around to the front entrance of the church which is usually open and well worth a visit. Coming out of the church *go down the path* with stepping stones *directly opposite* the entrance to the church, your direction 260°. In 25 metres go through the gate and descend steps to go over a wooden bridge. In 40 metres at a T-junction, *bear left*, due west. In 30 metres cross over a wooden bridge, ignoring the similar bridge to the right. *Continue ahead*, bearing 270°, gently uphill.
18. Ignoring ways off, in 480 metres you come to a footpath post on your left-hand side. Ignore the way ahead into a field, which is anyway fenced and gated. *Turn right* here, following the arrow on the tree, your direction 305° initially.
19. Go straight on for 550 metres, ignoring ways off, to come out through a wooden kissing gate on to a road, where you *turn right* into the village of **Walliswood**. In 50 metres, you reach the **Scarlett Arms** pub on your right, the suggested lunch stop.
20. Coming out of the pub after lunch, *turn left* back down the road. In 60 metres you pass a turning on the right to Ewhurst. In 120 metres further on, you pass a dead-end turning on your left called Oakfields. 60 metres beyond that, *turn left*, following signs to Oakwood Hill, Ockley and Dorking. You pass a house on your right-hand side called Charles Copse.
21. In 400 metres you come to Rosehill Cottage on your right-hand side. Just beyond this, there is a public bridleway sign pointing to the right. *Turn right* off the road, and follow the bridleway which takes you to the left of Rosehill Farm's buildings on a broad earthen track *Note [!]*: the original route took you through a wooden swing gate to the left of a wooden fieldgate then on through a scruffy farmyard: if the bridleway track is overgrown, revert to the route through the farmyard. Otherwise, in 90 metres along the bridleway track, the way peters out, and you swing right, then left to join the original path, now on a grassy way, along the left-hand edge of a field, with woodland to your left.
22. In 300 metres, on the far side of the field, you go through a gap in the hedgerow into the next field. Walk *straight ahead* along the edge of this field, with the wood on your left, direction as before. In 250 metres you come to the corner of the field, by a three-armed footpath sign. Follow the yellow arrows, along the barbed-wire fence on your right-hand side, keeping ahead, with the edge of the wood on your left. This narrow path is often overgrown and you should take care as there is a ditch close to its left edge, waiting to catch your ankle.
23. In 150 metres you come out from this overgrown path into an open field on the edge of the wood and here [5] your way ahead depends on where the farmer has set his electric stock control fences. Your target is a stile and small bridge some 90 metres away, over to your half-left, and slightly below you. To get there (October 2018) *keep ahead* over rough ground, dodging as best you can short sections of electric wiring or tape, and make for the stile ahead of you in a more substantial section of electric control fencing. Cross this stile with care and head over grass to the next stile directly ahead of you. Cross this stile, again with care, and *turn left* down a grassy avenue between permanent fences. Your way swings slightly left and becomes a narrow path as you reach your target stile and small bridge. *Turn right* over the stile and bridge and keep ahead, uphill, over a large field, on a bearing of 135° with a mesh fence on your left, heading to the right of a copse.
24. In 200 metres you come up to trees where you will see that there is a barbed-wire fence going all around the copse. You should come up to the right-hand corner of this copse. Walk *straight on*, with the barbed-wire fence and trees over to your left, in the

- same direction as before. In 100 metres you come to the far side of the copse, where one fence goes sharply off to the left. Continue *straight on* across the field ahead, with the barbed-wire fence on your left-hand side, in the same direction as before. Aim for the gap in the hedgerow, a line of small trees ahead. In 20 metres you walk underneath overhead cables. 80 metres further on, cross over a concrete platform bridge, go over a wooden step and through the gap in the trees into the next field. *Aim half left* towards the far side of the field, your direction 120° and in 130 metres go over a stile to the right of a metal fieldgate and out onto a car road where you *turn left*.
25. In 100 metres you will see a postbox on your left-hand side and on your right-hand side North Lodge, the gatehouse for Tanglewood. On the left-hand side of the road is a metal footpath sign pointing right across the road to the wooden sign to Tanglewood, within the lodge's driveway. [!] Ignore this path (The Sussex Border Path) and instead *turn right* down the tarmac lane [5A], signposted Monks Farm and Honeybush Farm, with woodland on either side, your direction 205° initially.
26. In 250 metres you come to a three-armed signpost on your right-hand side, with the entrance to Honeybush Farm also on your right. Follow the bridleway *straight ahead* for 30 metres to go through a wooden swing gate to the left of a security controlled metal fieldgate. 450 metres further along this surfaced drive you pass between two farmhouses and pass a barn on your right, and up to a T-junction [6] where there is a three-armed signpost, by a large oak tree. Ignore the Sussex Border Path 1989 which goes left at this point along the course of Stane Street (which is an old Roman Road). *Turn right* down the public bridleway. [!] Beware of unruly dogs here (and also earlier by the entrance to Honeybush Farm): have an extended walking pole at the ready.
27. In 25 metres pass through a (usually) propped open wooden fieldgate and in 10 metres follow the track *sharply around to the left*, with a wooden fence on your left-hand side. 40 metres further on there is a two-armed signpost on your left-hand side. Here to your right is a pair of high wood panel gates marked Marylind Stud. Keep ahead and to the left of the gates on a bridleway and in 30 metres pass through a rusty metal fieldgate (once painted white) and recently resited from its original position adjacent to the stud gates. Keep ahead on a grassy way, which swings to the right, soon between hedges and bushes.
28. In 120 metres from the rusty fieldgate follow the bridleway *sharply around to the right*, gently uphill, your direction 190° initially, with a wire fence on your left. 170 metres further on, where there is a metal fieldgate directly ahead, follow the bridleway as it curves *around to the left*, your direction 155° initially.
29. 60 metres further on, there is a three-armed signpost on your right. Follow the public footpath sign and [!] *turn right*, due south, through a wooden swing gate, and *turn half-left* over a grassy field and head for the left-hand corner of the field, where you can see a wooden fieldgate ahead in the field's left-hand corner at the edge of a wood. In 80 metres go through this wooden fieldgate with a three-armed footpath sign to its left and enter the wood, your direction 145°. [!] **Care**: do not be tempted to go through the gap in the fenceline, with footpath disc, some 20 metres to the right of the wooden fieldgate. This is another path and not the SWC route.
30. Head downhill through the wood on a path with an uneven footbed. In season you have a good display of bluebells on either side of the path. Some 300 metres down this path, you come to a wooden footpost where the path bears *slightly to the right*. 35 metres further on, look out for the three-armed public footpath signpost on your left-hand side. Go to it and *turn left*, due east, to go over a stile in 30 metres. Walk straight ahead, your direction still due east, with a field fence on your left-hand side, along the top of a bank, with oak trees to your right. In 170 metres you come out into a grassy field. Keep ahead along its left-hand edge.
31. In 35 metres you come to a two-armed footpath sign on your left-hand side. Follow the direction of the footpath, *going left* towards some farm barns, your direction 10°. A fence has recently been erected around the barns. Whereas previously your route took you to the left of the barns, to follow the field edge to your left, you now *turn right* and walk around the barns, *then left*, following the fenceline. At the end of this left turn along the fence, by a footpath post with arrows on your left, [!] *turn right* across the grassy field, following the sign's direction, 70°, bearing slightly left, aiming for a metal fieldgate in the top left-hand corner of the field, with a farmhouse over to your left.
32. In 200 metres pass through this fieldgate with a three-armed footpath sign to its left. *Bear right* and head down a public bridleway, your direction 100° initially, with treeline on both sides. In 150 metres you pass metal fieldgates on both sides of the path and continue straight on down the hill. 125 metres further on, cross over a wooden bridge with handrails over North River. On the other side of the bridge, do not go through the gate ahead but *turn right* along the riverbank, following the direction of the public bridleway sign. In 60 metres cross over a stone bridge with wooden railings going over a stream and continue straight on uphill up the path on the other side, in a light woodland strip.
33. In 250 metres you pass a gatepost and come out onto the main road (the A29). Cross straight over the road and follow the public bridleway sign up the car-wide track on the other side. In 30 metres pass either side of a wooden fieldgate and *bear left* with the track, again in a woodland strip. In 120 metres follow the direction of a two-armed signpost on your right, directly ahead, along the bridleway through the trees. In 100 metres you pass Pear Tree Farm on your right-hand side. Now on a gravel drive, in 250 metres you come out on to a road, alongside a rather sinister half-timbered old building of mixed styles called Maltmayes on your left-hand side. *Turn right* onto the tree-lined road and walk up the hill. In 20 metres ignore the public footpath going off the road to

the left. 300 metres further on, you pass a driveway on the left-hand side, leading to a very tall clock tower (an old water tower, built in 1891 for the Warnham Lodge Estate and redundant since the mid-1930s).

34. 200 metres beyond the tower, the road curves sharply around to the left. Ignore the first way off to the right (a track between wooden posts) but just beyond it you *turn right* off the road, following a bridleyway sign on the corner, going straight ahead, due south. Follow the path to the left of the bridleyway, making its way through the trees, beside railings along the left-hand edge of the wood (or in non-muddy conditions just walk up the bridleyway).
35. After 500 metres along this winding, narrow woodland path, keeping near to the railings on your left-hand side whenever there is a choice, the path goes steeply downhill. 25 metres from the start of this hill, your way is rejoined by the at-times muddy bridleyway coming in from the right. Follow the bridleyway straight across the bottom of the depression and straight up the far side, your direction 235° initially. Ignore a path that forks off to the right.
36. In 200 metres you come over the hill and down to a four-armed sign on your right. 10 metres before this sign [!] *turn left* off the bridleyway, [7] go up a bank of tree-roots and up on to a footpath along oak trees lining the left-hand edge of a field, your direction 125° initially.
37. In 400 metres you pass through a field boundary (a woodland strip) with a three-armed public footpath sign on your left and *bear left*, following the path along the left-hand edge of the next field, your direction 70° initially. In 80 metres you come to another three-armed public footpath sign (part hidden in bushes on your left) and *keep ahead, bearing slightly right*, to carry on around the field, your direction 105° initially.
38. In 80 metres you come to a two-armed public footpath sign on your left. [!] Follow the sign, *half right* down across the field towards Warnham, your direction 120°. In 125 metres by a two-armed footpath sign, go through a gap in the hedge in a field boundary and continue in the same direction across another field. In 120 metres you come to the edge of this field and continue straight on through the gap in the hedge and trees. When you come into the next field, you can see a development of red brick houses on your right-hand side. Continue on, with the fence surrounding this development on your right, down the hill, in the same direction as before, through light woodland. In a further 100 metres, you come to the edge of this field. Follow the path ahead through the trees. The path takes you down through the trees, past a wooden barrier and out onto a road.
39. Cross straight over the road (Tillets Lane) and down Lucas Road opposite. In 150 metres you pass Hollands Way on the right. 100 metres further on, you come to a dead end at Warnham Church of England Primary School. Go down a concrete footpath *to the right* of the school. 150 metres down this footpath you pass a three-armed footpath sign on the right-hand side and continue straight on. In another 100 metres you come out on to the road opposite the church. 50 metres down the road, on your right-hand side, is the village store and post office, which can be relied on for ice cream, cakes and snacks. In the opposite direction, on the left-hand side of the road, is the **Sussex Oak** pub, the suggested tea place.
40. To extend the walk to Horsham, follow the instruction below.
41. Otherwise to get to the station, walk down Bell Road, directly opposite the Sussex Oak, signposted "Horsham 2 miles". In 500 metres you come to a T-junction on to a major road (the A24). Cross straight over the road and *turn left* in the direction of London and Dorking. In 30 metres *turn right*, following the sign for Warnham Station. As you walk along this road, you can see the brickworks up on the left. Just walk straight up the road for 700 metres until you come to **Warnham Railway Station** directly ahead of you. The platform for trains to London is the one on the left before the level crossing.

Extension to Horsham

Note: This extension requires the potentially dangerous crossing of the busy 4 lane A24. If this is not to your liking, do not do this extension.

1. Coming out of the Sussex Oak cross the road and *turn right*. At the end of the churchyard wall *turn left* onto a foot path, initially between fences, with the churchyard on your left. At the end of the churchyard bear left over open ground with some trees.
2. Some 300 metres from the road, at a three-armed footpath sign, pass through a field boundary and take the *right fork* across a vast open field, your direction 130° In 40 metres you pass an isolated oak tree on your right-hand side.
3. In 350 metres, by a two-armed footpath sign, pass through a gate frame and onto a path, with a fence on your left and treeline on your right. Keep ahead and in a further 250 metres you come to a T-junction with an old road, where you *turn right*. Head along this road, with woodland to your left (and the A24 road behind it), and the Warnham Park Estate's 1.5 metre high brick boundary wall on your right.
4. In 250 metres, by a three-armed footpath sign *turn left off the road* into the wood. If you choose this path you commit yourself to crossing the A24, a 4 lane motorway which can be dangerous.

5. In 200 metres cross a stile, go up steps to cross the A24 *with care* .
6. On the other side turn right for 20 metres then head down steps into woodland. In 20 metres cross a stile, go over a track, pass through a woodland strip and come out onto a golf course. Follow directional signs to cross the golf course, coming out into a parking area beside Warnham Nature Reserve. There is a cafe on your left-hand side, with outdoor seating areas, open from 10 am to 4 pm. There are public WCs on site.
7. On the far side of the car park, come out onto Warnham Road and *turn left* . In 100 metres cross a bridge with a weir on your left, cross the road here and take the footpath on the other side, Riverside Walk.
8. Continue on this path for 500 metres, until you come to a bridge with a sign for Horsham. *Turn left* over the bridge with wooden handrails across a stream, onto a cycle path through woodland. In 100 metres the path comes out into Horsham suburbia.
9. Cross the road, *turn right then left* into Spencer Place, uphill. In 300 metres this road changes its name to Kempshott Road.
10. At the T-junction in 400 metres, with Corner Newsagents ahead, with its "Sun" newspaper awnings, *turn right* into Trafalgar Road, which soon swings to the left.
11. In 250 metres *turn left* into Rushams Road.
12. In 150 metres cross North Parade and enter Horsham Park where you turn right.
13. In 340m you need to decide if you want to go directly to the station or via the centre of Horsham with shops and potentially further tea rooms (they close at 17:00) and pubs.

14. Here, you have a choice.

15. **Directly to the station:**

16. Turn half left and walk across the lawn towards the right corner of the trees surrounding duck pond.
17. Continue along the right edge of duck pond through a entry and exit gate.
18. At the end of duck pond turn half left towards the swimming pool (direction 90°)
19. At the gate of the swimming pool turn right along it. Past the swimming pool the path veers right towards the station.
20. **To the station via the centre of Horsham:**
21. Continue on the path and in 340m turn right towards the underpass of Albion Way and towards the centre of town.
22. For the station walk along the eastern edge of Carefax towards The Spire.
23. Cross Albion Way over a foot bridge and continue in the same direction for 500m towards the station.

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