



Oxshott to Ashtead Walk

The River Mole and the heaths, commons and woods of metropolitan Surrey. Including Oxshott Heath, Esher Common, Prince's Coverts, Ashtead and Epsom Commons.



Length 18 kilometres

OS Maps Explorer map 146. Oxshott station (TQ141610) and Ashtead station (TQ181590) are both in Surrey.

Toughness 3 out of 10. The only significant gradients are to and from the River Mole.

Features The walk is easily accessible from Waterloo and links together several surviving and diverse heaths and commons in metropolitan Surrey. It begins by heading North through Oxshott Heath, goes over the A3 and cuts West across Esher Common and round Black Pond to the A307 (Portsmouth Road). The most scenic section of the walk follows as the route descends through Winterbottom Wood to take in a section of the River Mole, heading North, then climbs up to the Ledges with views down to the river. You cross the A307 again and continue through Esher Common from a high vantage point, now heading East to the A244 (Copsem Lane). Head South-East on farm lanes and well-marked bridleways through Arbrook Common, back under the A3 and railway line near Claygate station. Next you explore the little known Crown Property of Prince's Coverts (also known as Oxshott Woods). You emerge to the South of the Estate on the A243 (Kingston Road or Leatherhead Road) by the Star Inn.

In the afternoon you take a convoluted route around Ashtead Common and Epsom Common, with options for taking a more direct route to Ashtead station. Although you are never from traffic, there is virtually no road walking involved. Paths are well-signposted in Oxshott Heath (to Sandy Lane), Esher Common, Arbrook Common and Ashtead Common – less so elsewhere!

Shortening the Walk

A glance at the map will show that short cuts are possible in sections 2 and 3, before or after crossing the A307. A possible short cut is suggested in the text (see section 2).

Abellio bus 515 runs on the Portsmouth Road (A307) to Esher, Surbiton and Kingston or in the opposite direction to Guildford, hourly and seven days a week. It stops at Blackhills, near Claremont Gardens at the end of section 3. Buses generally depart on the hour to Kingston, except on Sundays when they depart at 08 minutes past.

Abellio bus 513 runs infrequently from Copsem Lane/Meadway at the end of section 4 to Esher and Kingston, or to Oxshott and Guildford. Buses depart Monday to Saturday only at 11.56 and 14.16 for Kingston; generally it would be easier to continue to Claygate.

You could end the walk at Claygate station (one station from Oxshott) by walking from Points 1 or 2 as indicated in section 5. The total distance is 9.2 kms or 11.9 kms respectively.

After lunch at the end of section 6 you could catch London Bus 465 which stops at the Star Inn and runs every half hour or every hour on Sundays to Chessington South, Surbiton and Kingston or to Leatherhead and Dorking. Buses for Kingston generally stop at the Star Inn at 12 and 42 minutes past in the week, 09 and 39 minutes past on Saturdays and 20 past on Sundays.

A short cut to Ashtead station is suggested in section 7. This avoids Epsom Common altogether and reduces the distance by 4.3 kms.

An alternative finish at Epsom station (just 200m shorter) is described in section 8.

Travel

Oxshott is on the London Waterloo to Guildford (via Cobham and Stoke d'Abernon) line. All trains stop at Clapham Junction, Wimbledon and Surbiton. Trains run twice an hour and once an hour on Sundays, journey time 36 minutes. Catch the train nearest to 10am from Waterloo.

Ashtead is on the Guildford to London Waterloo (via Epsom) line. All trains stop at Wimbledon and Clapham Junction. Trains run twice an hour and

once an hour on Sundays, journey time 41 minutes. Southern trains from Horsham and Dorking to Victoria via Clapham Junction also call at Ashtead, journey time 40 minutes. Trains run twice an hour, seven days a week.

Buy a day return to Effingham Junction (as Oxshott and Ashtead are on different lines).

By Car: There are free car parks on Esher Common between the A3 and Oxshott station. The train journey back to the start takes about 30 mins.

Points of interest

Oxshott Heath

During the summer months the south facing slopes of Oxshott Heath warm up readily in the sun and provide suitable habitat for a range of insects and reptiles, namely lizards and grass snakes. These reptiles can be found basking in most sunny areas provided there is enough dense ground cover for them to hide in.

The Ledges

This is an area of mature woodland, much of which is ancient, above the River Mole. Springtime provides an impressive display of wildflowers including bluebells, ransoms or 'wild garlic' and in the wetter areas, marsh marigolds. During the summer months Himalayan Balsam flourishes - initially a garden escape in the mid 19th century, this highly invasive plant is controlled by various management techniques to limit its distribution.

Esher Common

Esher Common is a Site of Special Scientific Interest comprising heathland, grassland, scrub, woodland and areas of marsh, bog, and open water. A lot of the heathland areas have been lost to scrub and secondary woodland as there has been no grazing for several years on the common. Scots pines were planted here in the 1830s and much timber has been felled since particularly in the Second World War. Esher Common is renowned for its invertebrate species - over 2000 have been found on the site, of which many are nationally scarce, including rare species of dragonfly, damselfly and butterfly.

Arbrook Common

The woodland areas support a great variety of wildlife. Deciduous trees to be found include pedunculate oak, silver birch, sweet chestnut, grey willow, rowan and beech. Coniferous (evergreen) trees are mainly scots pine, Corsican pine, western hemlock, larch and norway spruce. The birdlife is rich and varied and many uncommon species nest here including green and greater spotted woodpeckers, goldcrests, jays, nuthatches, warblers and tits as well as birds of prey such as kestrels, sparrowhawks and tawny owls.

Prince's Coverts

Prince Leopold (later King of the Belgians) acquired this common land in 1821 and developed it as a shooting estate. After his death in 1865 the Estate reverted to the Crown and it is still managed by the Crown Estate Commissioners. There is a useful map and brochure of Prince's Coverts [here](#)

Ashtead Common

The common is steeped in history. There are 2000 old oak pollards on the Common, remnants of a past management technique known as pasture woodland. The branches were cut on a rotational basis above the browse line. This dual system involves cutting the trees on a regular basis at head height to obtain a timber crop and the grazing of livestock beneath. Owned by the Corporation of London, Ashtead Common is a National Nature Reserve because of its ancient pollards and the rare wildlife associated with them. There is a useful map of Ashtead Common [here](#)

Epsom Common

Bought by Epsom and Ewell Borough Council in the 1930's after the demise of the Manor of Epsom. Grazed until World War 2, when the common was partly ploughed, it now has large areas of developing woodland. Its management aims to maintain large open areas to conserve the diverse flora that gave it Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) status. The two ponds date from the 12th century. There is a useful map of Epsom Common [here](#)

Lunch

- [The Star](#), Kingston Road, Leatherhead. Beer garden. Reached after 11.8 kms. Tel: [01372 842416](#).
 - There are also several seats for a late picnic in Ashtead Common.
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Tea

Ashtead (main walk)

- [The Woodman](#), 238 Barnett Wood Lane, Ashtead. Opens every day from 11am, serving food from midday to 10pm. At the end of the walk. Tel: [01372 274524](#).
- Other convenient refreshment possibilities in Ashtead include Benya's Coffee Shop (which serves Thai snacks as well as the usual cakes and sandwiches and opens until 6pm Monday to Friday and 4pm on Saturday), Allisons Bakery (where you could get a takeaway drink) and Ashtead Café (which closes at 3pm on Sundays and at 4pm on other days).

Claygate (short walk)

- [Pistachios in the Park](#) in Claygate Recreation Ground (turn right at point 2). Allow ten minutes to complete the walk. NB the former Pavillion Community cafe on the same site closed due to a fire.

- [The Foley](#), 106 Hare Lane, Claygate, has been a village pub since the 1780s. The restaurant is open from at least 12 to 10.30 every day. Tel: [01372 462021](tel:01372462021).
- [Caffe Capital](#), 16 The Parade, Claygate, is open until 3pm on Sundays and 5pm every other day.
- [Platform 3](#) the local Brightwater Brewery's micropub next to the station. Outdoor seating only.
- Coco Café at Claygate station opens to 2pm every day.

Current issues

The original route through the Prince's Coverts followed the Prince's Coverts Walkers' Trail, waymarked albeit in reverse. As at April 2025 it was no longer possible to follow this trail, which had been more or less obliterated by forestry work. Sections have been bulldozed and/or fenced off, with a sign indicating that the area will remain closed until the paths have "settled" following the forestry operations. For the time being, the recommendation is to follow the main track (the Avenue) all the way through the Coverts. This has shortened the walk by 1.2 km (0.8 miles). We will review the position later in 2025.

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Walk Directions

1. Oxshott Heath (1.9 kms)
2. Trains from London Waterloo arrive at Oxshott station on platform 2. Cross over the footbridge to platform 1 and leave the station.
3. Cross the car park and in 30 metres take the path immediately to the right of a building (The Coal House). In 50 metres continue ahead at a cross paths. In 50

metres take the path to the right, midway between seats a few metres away on either side. Keep to the left hand edge of the steep climb. Go up steps in 120 metres to reach the war memorial in 70 metres.

4. Take the path to the right of the memorial with a bench to your right. In 35 metres go straight on, taking the middle one of three paths. In 115 metres continue ahead at a cross paths marked by a post with a white arrow. In 60 metres turn half left with The Sandpit below you to the right. In 80 metres turn right with the main path (not the small path leading down into the Sandpit).
5. In 100 metres a white arrow points left into the woods, but you continue ahead, then in 10 metres fork left (10°) at a post with a yellow arrow, in to the woods and away from the main path and the Sandpit. Stay on the main path, forking right in about 50 metres towards a post with a yellow arrow. Take the left fork at this post to come out in 100 metres on Sandy Lane.
6. Cross Sandy Lane to the car park opposite. (!) In 20 metres take the clear raised wheelchair-accessible path a few metres to the right of the information board, away from the road and in to the woodland, heading North-West. Soon there are houses visible through the trees to the right.
7. Stay on this twisting woodland path ignoring all side paths, crossing a stream after 200 metres, then when the path divides in another 100 metres, veer left. Soon you are parallel to a wide horse ride, which you can join if it is easier. Whichever path you take, in 120 metres you come to a 3-armed signpost where you turn right on to a bridleway, signposted for West Bridge and Portsmouth Road.
8. In 70 metres there are houses visible through the trees to the left. Stay on the wide path across the open heath. In 400 metres turn right at a wooden signpost. In 40 metres ignore the path to the left at a signpost for Sandy Lane and cross over the A3 by West Bridge in 40 metres.
9. **2. Black Pond (1.2 kms)**
10. Once over the bridge, turn right on to a wide tarmac track. In 100 metres, ignore a faint path left into the woods and keep to the main track. In another 60 metres you pass wooden railings on both sides. You come to an open area flanked by magnificent pine trees. In front of you, sandy paths fork left and right. But just before the fork, take a smaller path to the left, almost doubling back into the trees. In 70 metres, at a sandy cross paths, turn left and soon cross a boardwalk. At the end of the boardwalk, turn right on to a probably marshy path and in 40 metres you go over another short stretch of boardwalk. In another 200 metres, pass another boardwalk on the right, which leads to a good view of the Black Pond. In another 50 metres you turn right to go through a wooden barrier with the Pond now in full view to your right.
11. In 30 metres you pass a seat in the shape of a leaf. In another 300 metres, after crossing another wooden barrier, you come to a five-way path junction. Here take

the leftmost path passing two wooden posts. *(by continuing ahead here, on the third path from the left, and taking the next path to the right before the pylons, you can reduce the distance by 3 kilometres and pick up the route at paragraph 4.2, but it would be a shame to miss out on the River Mole).* You soon have a ditch on your right and you go through another wooden barrier in 200 metres, merging with a path to your left. In 30 metres turn left at a broken signpost, staying on the main path. In 20 metres turn right to reach the A307 (Portsmouth Road) in 30 metres. Cross the main road to The Homestead and turn right.

12. 3. Winterdown Wood, River Mole and The Ledges (2.5 kms)

13. In 25 metres take the wide horse ride by a wooden signpost pointing to Winterdown Wood. In 150 metres fork left then turn left in 25 metres on another wide path (where turning right would take you under a line of pylons).
14. In 150 metres you pass the back of The Homestead (a modern white house owned by the National Trust), visible behind a paling fence on your left. In 60 metres continue ahead at an unmarked cross paths. In 40 metres turn left at a T-junction. In 80 metres veer to the right and go uphill with a wire fence on your left. (!) In 120 metres you reach the corner of the fence (with a private wooden gate behind it) and turn right (South-West), steeply downhill through the beech wood and rhododendrons. If in doubt veer left towards a stream.
15. In 250 metres you reach the River Mole with a wooden paling fence and a 'private' sign to your left. Turn right and follow the muddy riverside path. In 250 metres ignore a wooden signpost and steps leading to the car park on your right. In 150 metres you pass under the line of pylons. The high ground above you is The Ledges and you will be passing back this way.
16. In 100 metres continue over new sections of boardwalk. Continue by the river to pass a wooden bench in 90 metres. In 80 metres go over another section of boardwalk. In 80 metres you pass another bench. In 50 metres turn to the right, away from the river. In 25 metres, go up steep steps supported by hand rails. At the top of the steps in 80 metres you go through a wooden barrier.
17. There is a viewpoint to the left but you turn sharp right by two old tree stumps, away from the fence to the left and still climbing slightly. In 80 metres the climbs levels out and you have wooden railings to your right with fine views of the river below. In 60 metres you pass a seat on the left, then a memorial seat in 60 metres and another in 60 metres. In 40 metres you pass a post marked 'The Ledges' and another seat. (!) In 120 metres, just before the end of the wooden railings and with the pylons towering ahead of you, turn left.
18. In 60 metres go straight on at a cross paths and continue ahead at a second cross paths in 60 metres. In 30 metres, on reaching a grassy area with a bench on your right, turn right and descend steeply. Go straight on at a cross paths in 100 metres.

In 50 metres cross the A307 (Portsmouth Road) again, just to the right of the car park with bus stops on both sides of the road.

19. 4. Esher Common (1.6 kms)

20. Take the horse ride marked by a blue arrow, to the right of the small parking area. In 100 metres continue ahead at a cross paths by a wooden signpost on a faint path which can be wet. In 40 metres you are walking directly under the line of pylons. In 70 metres cross a wide path by an information board.
21. In 150 metres you pass to the left of a pylon. In 40 metres take the next path to the right. In 50 metres turn left at an unmarked cross paths in to woods, gradually uphill. In 160 metres cross another path by a barrier. Continue ahead on an earth bank with the ground falling away to left and right and traffic from the A3 audible to the right. In 180 metres you pass a bench at the top of the climb and you are now at the right hand edge of the trees with open views beyond. In 50 metres pass another seat on the right. In 70 metres you pass a two armed signpost pointing you to Copsem Lane (and away from Black Pond) at a cross paths with another seat to your right.
22. Later there are woods on both sides. You pass another seat to your left in 250 metres and go down the first of several flights of steps in 25 metres. Continue ahead towards Copsem Lane car park. In 250 metres turn left at the near end of the car park, past an information board and a shelter. In 20 metres take the path to the right of a sign for the Esher Common Cycle Route. Continue parallel with the road, passing another Cycle Route waymark post in the woods in 20 metres. Go over a plank bridge in 40 metres and turn right in 30 metres on a wide path, following the line of the pylons again to reach the A244 (Copsem Lane) in 90 metres by a signpost pointing back to Longy Down.

23. 5. Arbrook Common and Birchwood Lane (2.4 kms)

24. Cross the main road with care (*or turn left for an infrequent bus to Esher or Kingston*) and continue on the main path which can be muddy, keeping the pylons to your right. At the first path junction in 150 metres take the tarmac path to the right and pass a Coal Tax Post (these posts were erected in the mid-19th century by the City of London at points where tax was payable by people bringing coal and other commodities into the city and there are several passed on this walk). Cross a brick bridge over a stream (The Rythe) and turn left in 20 metres. In 150 metres at a three armed signpost, ignore the path to the left and continue towards Claygate (1½ miles says the signpost). In 100 metres again ignore the path to the left (to Arbrook Common) and continue towards Claygate. In 50 metres, **[1]** go straight on for the main route to Ashted (South East) at a four armed signpost (now wrongly saying Bridleway to Claygate ¾ miles), with Arbrook Farm to your right.

25. Alternatively turn left at point [1], and follow directions below for the most direct route to Claygate station, though if you are not pressed for time it is worth

continuing to Point 2.

26. In 15 metres cross a brook and continue towards the A3, on a wide stony track (Birchwood Lane) with fields to both sides. You go under the pylons for the final time and through a tunnel under the A3 in 480 metres.
27. Continue ahead with wooden fences on both sides. In 120 metres the track turns to the right, away from the A3. In 150 metres you go under a rail bridge. In 50 metres you continue with woods on your left (Birch Wood) and a ditch to your right. In 350 metres you pass another Coal Tax Post on your right. Stay on the path, which is muddy in places, to reach a wood on your right in 200 metres (Limekiln Wood). In another 300 metres, **[2]** take the wide path to the right for the main route to Ashtead (New Road) at the corner of a meadow, marked by a three armed signpost directing you to 'Fairoak Lane ¼ mile'
28. Alternatively turn left at [2], and follow the directions below for Claygate station
29. Enter more woodland (Great Oaks), still with a ditch to the right. Cross Fairoak Lane (B280) in 300 metres.

30. To Claygate station

31. **Route from [1] above** For Claygate station, turn half left through a wooden barrier at Point 1 with woods on your left and a field on your right. In 250 metres ignore a path to the left by a bench and soon pass another wooden signpost pointing to Claremont Road (¼ mile). Follow this path, between two fields and across a brook in 250 metres and over the railway line by a brick bridge in 300 metres. Take the first left (Gordon Road) in 50 metres (or continue ahead in to Claremont Road for The Foley, which is at the end of the road on your left). In 300 metres turn left on Albany Crescent, then in 150 metres turn left in to The Parade. To your right is Williams of Claygate and opposite is Café Capital. In 50 metres you reach Claygate station which has Coco Café. Take the footbridge to Platform One for trains to London Waterloo.
32. **Route from [2] above** Alternatively turn left at Point 2 on to New Road (the signpost points you to 'Coverts Road ¼ mile'), an unsurfaced wide stony track. In 150 metres you pass under pylons and enter a pleasantly shaded section. In 150 metres there is a Coal Tax Post in the woods to your right and signs for the Crown Estate and Great Oaks. In 100 metres you take a bridge over the A3. On reaching the road ahead at a bend in 150 metres, turn right in to Holroyd Road by the post box. Where the road bends to the right you take the path to the left (Common Lane) in 150 metres, heading North through Claygate Common. In 20 metres take the path forking left, away from the main path. In 40 metres go through a wooden barrier and continue uphill. In 300 metres the path divides and you veer to the left. In 25 metres continue along the left hand edge of a path of grass, passing two seats. In 100 metres you come to a wide cross path and turn left, passing a litter bin and a signpost saying dumping rubbish on the common is strictly prohibited. In 140

metres you come out on Fee Farm Lane, a gravel road. In 150 metres cross Foley Road ahead in to Church Road and in 20 metres go through the gate on your left in to Claygate Recreation Ground. Head just to the left of the play equipment and in 260 metres go through the high black metal gates in to Dalmore Avenue, then in 200 metres left in to Hare Lane. In 150 metres you pass The Foley on the corner of Foley Road. Continue down Hare Lane for 200 metres then turn left in to The Parade to reach Claygate station in 150 metres.

33. 6. Prince's Coverts (2.2 kms)

34. Cross Fair Oak Lane (B280). Take the drive ahead, past Highgate Cottages on the left to reach the entrance to Prince's Coverts in 80 metres.
35. Go through the gate and continue on a wide path (The Avenue). [The route formerly diverged from this path following the Prince's Coverts Walkers' Trail (PCWT). Forestry work has extensively damaged this route, with areas bulldozed and/or fenced off, so it is no longer possible to follow the formerly waymarked PCWT. So:] Stay on this wide path for 1.6 km all the way through the Prince's Coverts.
36. At the end of the track, go through a barrier and a wooden gate, leaving Prince's Coverts. In 60 metres, with houses to your right, go through another wooden gate (usually kept open). The path becomes tarmac and gradually descends and curves to the left. Go under pylons in 180 metres. In 80 metres you pass 1 d'Abernon Chase on your right. In another 230 metres you come to the A243, with the Star Inn, the recommended lunch stop, 60 metres to your left (*the bus stop for Kingston is at the junction of the access road and the main road*).

37. 7. Ashtead Common (2.8 kms)

38. There is another Coal Tax Post outside the pub. Cross the A243 (Leatherhead Road) in 20 metres and turn right. In 80 metres turn left on to a tarmac track leading to Epsom Gap, signposted Right of Way Ashtead Common. You go past a barrier in 70 metres and turn right by a City of London Corporation (CLC) noticeboard and a map of the Epsom Gap area in 30 metres. In 60 metres ignore the path ahead and stay on the stony uphill track, which turns to the left. After 200m you pass a wooden barrier on the left. At the top of the climb in another 50 metres, continue ahead on an easy grassy path. Continue for 100 metres, passing a few grassy paths into the trees on your right, until you come to a potentially muddy path junction. Turn left here on to a clear grassy path which winds through the trees and gorse bushes. (*The next two paragraphs are on unmarked paths. If you go wrong, the general idea is to head east until you reach a very wide, probably muddy track going north-south between Ashtead and the corner of Epsom Common. Look out for the signposts mentioned at the end of paragraph 40.*)
39. In 100 metres pass a bench on your right. Keep in your previous direction, ignoring a path doubling back past the bench. In another 50 metres, take the right fork (East) away from the likely muddier northward path. Soon pass two large dead-

looking oaks on your right. In another 100 metres you come to some redundant pieces of wooden fence with a gap where a gate would have been.

40. Turn left here, initially following a line of wooden posts. In 60 metres go straight across a wider path and continue in the same direction (East North East) through birch trees. Emerge from the birches on to a clear grassy track in the same direction (east) through more open woodland, passing several impressive stumps of dead trees. Continue on this clear but unmarked track for 550 metres to reach a fork where you turn left. After another 100 metres you come to a wider path and a signpost marked Concessionary Ride 2 and Footpath 32. Turn right here down the wide Concessionary Ride and in 100 metres, reach another signpost, this time marked Concessionary Ride 2 and Bridleway 33.
41. Turn left here on to the potentially muddy path marked as Bridleway 33. *(but for a direct route to Ashtead station, go right, downhill on the bridleway and continue for 700 metres to cross a gravel track and reach the brick bridge at point A.)* For the main route, after turning left continue uphill at first. In 550 metres you pass Flag Pond and a seat on your left. In 280 metres you merge with Public Footpath 34 on your right at another signpost, with a private enclosure (Newton Wood) now on your right.
42. In 120 metres turn right (North-East) by a CLC noticeboard, a Coal Tax Post and a four armed signpost, with wide views ahead, following the public bridleway to Epsom Common. Stay on the firm stony path, now also following the Chessington Country Walk (a 5 mile circular walk which passes Chessington South station) and still with Newton Wood fenced off to your right. In 300 metres cross a path by a seat and a four armed signpost, staying on the public bridleway. In 100 metres pass another CLC noticeboard.

43. 8. Epsom Common (2.0 kms)

44. In 10 metres you pass another Coal Tax Post and in another 20 metres at Woodcock Corner continue ahead at a four armed signpost, following the public bridleway to Stamford Green. In 180 metres you reach Stew Pond on your right. This is a haven for wildlife and anglers (Stew means fish). Take the path to the right, with the pond to your left (leaving the Chessington Country Walk). In 50 metres you pass a memorial seat and in 120 metres go up a flight of wooden steps to reach Great Pond (which is protected from fishing and is a wildlife reserve for ducks, swans, frogs, newts, etc).
45. Turn left at the top of the steps, with the pond on your right, on to a gravel path. At the corner of the pond in 60 metres, by a seat, you turn right and continue through a possibly muddy section, still with the pond on your right. Turn right in 120 metres and take the unmarked path bearing left (East) just before a gate giving access to meadows in another 80 metres. Follow the path steadily uphill and to the East. Turn right in 320 metres by a wooden post which reads Epsom Common on one side and Low Meadow on the other. Continue straight on through woodland on a wide grassy

ride. In 280 metres you come to a signpost marked as Footpath 56. Do not follow it but turn right and downhill. **(Or to end the walk at Epsom station, turn LEFT and continue in this direction (roughly northeast) for 800 metres to reach the B280 (West Hill). Follow this road to the right (east) for another 900 metres to reach Epsom Station Approach.)** Keep right at the next path junction by a bench in 200 metres, now on a surfaced all weather horse ride, which you follow round to the left in 70 metres. In 300 metres continue ahead at a signpost with a sign for West Heath to your right, following the path to Ashtead Common. In 140 metres you reach another CLC noticeboard and turn left at a path junction in 10 metres.

46. 9. The Rye Brook (1.4 kms)

47. Turn right in 20 metres at a three armed signpost (leaving the TDL) to re-enter Ashtead Common, still on a surfaced all-weather path (Concessionary Ride 2 signposted for Ashtead Common). In 230 metres there is a footbridge over the Rye Brook a short distance to your left. In 220 metres Concessionary Ride 2 continues ahead as marked by a post to the right, but you turn left towards houses. In 50 metres turn right on another all-weather track, with buildings visible through the trees to your left. In 550 metres you reach a junction with CR1 and Public Bridleway 33.
48. Turn left and cross the Rye Brook by a brick bridge [**A**], passing a bench on your left. Stay on the path or walk at the left hand edge of the grass (Wood Field), to cross Woodfield Road at a sharp turn in 300 metres. Ashtead station is to your right in 30 metres and trains to London leave from the near side (platform 1).
49. For refreshments, cross the railway line by the level crossing and continue on Woodfield Road then cross the grassy area on your right by the tarmac public footpath diagonally to the opposite corner. This brings you to the junction of Woodfield and Barnett Wood Lane and The Woodman is on the opposite corner (but when you return to the station, fork left for the car park). Further along Barnett Wood Lane to the right there is a parade of shops including Benya's Coffee Shop. Alternatively stay on Woodfield Road then turn left past Tesco in to Craddocks Parade which has Allisons Bakery and Ashtead Café.

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