

# Riddlesdown to Kingswood Walk Directions

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These directions provide a linear Riddlesdown to Kingswood walk. To be used in conjunction with the Coulsdon South Circular walk in the Time Out Country Walks near London – Volume 2 book.

**Start:** Riddlesdown station

**Finish:** Kingswood station

**Length:** 15km (9.3 miles).

**Time:** 4 hours 30 minutes. For the whole outing, including trains, sights and meals, allow at least 6 hours 30 minutes.

**Transport:** Trains run twice an hour between London and Riddlesdown, (hourly on Sundays). Journey time is 45 minutes. Both Riddlesdown and Kingswood are in travelcard zone 6.

**OS Landranger Map:** 187

**OS Explorer Map:** 146

Riddlesdown, map reference SP 893013, is in **Surrey**, 7km south of Croydon.

**Toughness:** 3 out of 10

**Walk options:** You may combine these directions with the Riddlesdown walk directions (15b) for a 15km (9.3 mile) Riddlesdown to Kingswood walk. Use the alternative start from Riddlesdown (CW 2 walk 15b) walk directions until the lunchtime stop, then these directions (15c) to finish at Kingswood.

**Saturday Walkers' Club:** Take the train nearest to **10.10 am** (before or after) from London Bridge or London Victoria.

## 15c Alternative walk directions for a Riddlesdown to Kingswood walk.

### WALK DIRECTIONS

Use the Alternative start from Riddlesdown (15b) walk directions until the lunchtime stop at The Fox and then follow the directions below.

Coming out of the main entrance of The Fox, veer left across the pub car park for 35 metres to *turn left along a tarmac lane* (joining the London Loop). After 120 metres go under a van blocking metal barrier, and continue along the tarmac car wide track, (passing by a car park on your left). In 400 metres you enter a wooded area to follow the track down and round to the right. After 80 metres you *emerge into Happy Valley*, to *turn left downhill* (leaving the London Loop), your direction 210 degrees.

In 140 metres (at the valley bottom) go over a cross paths to continue up the other side of the valley. In 150 metres you enter a wooded area to then emerge into a field after 45 metres, to veer left up across it along a well defined footpath, your direction 200 degrees. In 220 metres cross over into the next field and veer slightly left to cross it, your direction now south.

After 500 metres *exit the field* through a gap to *turn left up a lane* and in 30 metres *turn right* passing by the entrance to Chaldon Church on your right after 70 metres. Continue for a further 35 metres, to go over a stile into a field to cross it along a well-defined footpath (towards a redundant stile), your direction 210 degrees. In 200 metres (pass by the redundant stile) and veer right (towards a redundant stile: initially not visible) along a well-defined footpath, your direction 280 degrees. After 300 metres you pass by the redundant stile, and continue up towards a wood, your direction south-west.

In 250 metres *go through a wooden kissing gate into the wood*, and turn half left to *go over a cross paths* after 15 metres, to continue along a concrete track leading further into the wood, your direction 250 degrees.

After 160 metres, *turn right* at a cross paths along a concrete track, your direction 310 degrees. In 300 metres you emerge from the wood onto a concrete open space, to veer right for 50 metres, to pass by the entrance to a small caravan park (on your right hand side). Go through a metal kissing gate into a field, and veer right across it, your direction 320 degrees. In 400 metres at the far field corner, *follow the footpath*

*through a wooded area for 120 metres, to then turn left along a lane, your direction west.*

*After 500 metres at a T-junction, turn right* to continue downhill to reach the A23 after 250 metres. *Cross the A23 with care* to go up a footpath across a field, your direction west.

After 100 metres, at the corner of a wood on your right hand side, continue up the right hand side of the field bordered by the wood. In 70 metres at the top right hand corner of the field, go through a wooded field boundary for 15 metres, to cross the next field, your direction northwest. In 60 metres go through a wooded area, and over a cross paths. In a further 25 metres cross a stile into a field, to turn half left down across it, towards its bottom left hand corner, your direction west.

After 120 metres cross a stile (to the right of a metal fieldgate), and veer right to reach the bottom corner of the next field, to go up its left-hand side, your direction 320 degrees. In 350 metres, at the top left hand corner of the field, go through a horse blocking barrier, to reach after 40 metres, the left hand corner of the next field, to go up its left hand side.

After 60 metres you *join a car wide track*, and after a further 120 metres, at a T-junction *turn left*, your direction 240 degrees. In 100 metres, *fork right* through a horse blocking barrier *into a wood*, your direction 280 degrees. After 220 metres you emerge from the wood, to *cross a road and turn right* along its pavement, your direction 10 degrees. In 230 metres *turn left down a car wide track* (footpath), your direction 240 degrees. In 200 metres go through a wooden gate (to the right of a wooden fieldgate), to continue down the track. In 270 metres, *where the track curves to the right, turn left through a gate to cross a field*, your direction 190 degrees.

In 300 metres *at the far side of the field* (by a wooden kissing gate), *turn right down its left hand side* towards the valley bottom, your direction west. In 130 metres (at the bottom), continue up across the field, and after 250 metres go through a wooden kissing gate to follow the footpath up through a wood.

After 120 metres go over a cross paths, and in a further 60 metres, cross over a stile to emerge from the wood, to go up the left-hand side of a field, your direction 320 degrees. After 160 metres, (where the

fence on your left-hand side gives out), veer slightly right towards a black creosote barn.

After 150 metres *at a path T-junction, turn left along a car wide track* (bridleway), your direction 230 degrees. In 140 metres you go between a pond on your left, and “Meadow Barn” on your right. In a further 30 metres, follow a car wide tarmac track (bridleway) round to the right, your direction 300 degrees.

In 550 metres you cross over a road, and go through a horse blocking barrier, to follow a footpath in a north westerly direction through the outskirts of Kingswood.

After 750 metres *cross a railway* (flanked by two white gates), *to go up the right hand side of a small wooded area. In 100 metres at the top, turn left* along the upper right hand side of the wooded area, your direction 240 degrees. In 200 metres the footpath comes out onto a road, which you follow down for 350 metres, to reach Kingswood station on your left and the **Kingswood Arms** on your right.

#### **Lunch and Tea places:**

**The Fox\*** *Coulsdon*. Located 6.3 km from the start of the walk, this is the lunch stop.

**The Kingswood Arms** *Kingswood, KT20 6EB (01737 354 053)*. Located at the end of the walk, this is the suggested tea stop.

\* Further details under Lunch and Tea Places in the Time Out Country Walks book volume 2.