

Leisure in Warfield

Walks and Cycle Rides

Cycle Route 1.

Surfaces and conditions on this ride vary greatly. There are short stretches on A class roads which require much care and attention. There are lengthy stretches on quiet lanes. There are more difficult stretches along rough surface bridleways and byways. There are also stretches where in wet weather the surface may be very challenging. You have been warned! Allow 1 hour. Map: Explorer160 1:25000

For ease of description this tour sets off from the St Michael's Church car park but could easily start from any other point you choose. If using the car park please ensure you park with consideration for others and leave no litter behind.

Turn right out of car park down Church Lane.

At junction turn right up Westhatch Lane.

At next junction turn right up Wellers Lane.

At next junction turn left down Bowyers Lane.

Take care at main road crossing over into Buckle Lane. Keep straight on to T junction and note that this lane changes from tarmac into chippings.

At T junction turn left down the bridleway Hazlewood Lane.

At main road, Bottle Lane, turn right.

Take care at the intersection with Howe Lane as you need to turn sharp right up Westly Mill Lane. Keep straight on, go through the gate,

cross the ford (use the footbridge unless you want wet feet) and pass straight on up Pendrys Lane. This is 'off road' cycling and can be challenging if wet.

Take great care at road junction. This is the A3095 at Hawthorn Hill

Turn left then in 50 metres turn right along Ascot Road.

Take first left into Hawthorne Lane, this a rough surfaced byway, keep straight on past Lordlands Farm until you join the tarmac road again.

Here turn right down Nuptown Lane watching for the right turn up Berry Lane (another byway with a tennis court on your left). At the top of the hill turn left back along Hawthorne Lane.

At next junction turn left through gate into Snipes Lane.

Take care at end as this is the A330 Ascot Road.

Cross over into Wellers Lane and follow the route back to the Church or wherever you started from. Good luck and watch out for all the wild life and enjoy the ride.

Walk 1

A circular route starting and finishing at the junction of Nuptown Lane & Hawthorn Lane. Walking time around 70 minutes. Map Explorer160 1:25,000

The junction of Nuptown Lane and Hawthorn Lane, Map reference 890736, boasts a horse trough hewn out of a solid block of stone. This was donated by the Nuptown Area Preservation Society (NAPS) to commemorate the Millennium. 700 years earlier, these lanes were part of the network of drover roads as Berkshire pigs and sheep were driven to London's Smithfield Market.

With the horse trough to your left proceed south-east along Bishops Lane for a few metres and turn left into Hogoak Lane. By the last house on your right, you can just make out the shape of an old greyhound track in the fields over to your right. Forty years ago this was part of a scandal that hit the Sunday Newspapers and ended up in the High Court. (Details in Warfield, A Thousand Years of a Berkshire Parish)

Soon the lane takes you through unspoilt countryside, past a nature reserve on your right. (Access is readily granted by the managers, but strictly no dogs or horses.) It is easy to imagine the Berkshire pigs feasting on the acorns that abound as they are being driven to market. The woods on your right after the old metal five-barred gate are Ancient Woodlands and the area is a designated SSSI.

As you settle into the walk you may well spot deer, descending from the time the area was part of the great hunting grounds of Windsor Great Forrest. There are many bird varieties. The most elusive, the Nuthatch has been spotted along here. You will hear the Green Woodpecker before you see him.

Ashmore Lane is on your left, protected by a walk through stile. In April/May the bluebells carpet the whole of the ground. Continue along Ashmore Lane until you reach Hawthorne Lane. Turn right.

A few metres past Lordlands Farm, on your right is the Junction with Crutch Lane. In the corner of the field in front, you can see the remains of the icehouse belonging to Crutchfield Manor. Your walk continues along Hawthorne Lane, past Crutchfield Manor and to the junction with the A330.

Carefully crossing the A330 continue straight over into Penfurzen Lane. Follow this lane to its junction with Wellers Lane, turn left. Continue over the A330 into Snipes Lane. Snipes Lane connects back to Hawthorne Lane where you turn right. Continue past Ashmore Lane on your left and then turn into Berry Lane on your right. This lane is known locally as gallop hill. The incline from Nuptown Lane allows riders to put on a good burst of speed.

At the Junction with Nuptown Lane turn left and continue back to the start, which is on your left.

Please follow the Country Code

