

Walks Around Pirbright Village

Pirbright has a rich network of footpaths, originally created to link farms to each other and to the church and centre of the village.

This pamphlet of nine local walks was commissioned by the Parish Council as an aid and encouragement to residents and visitors wishing to explore our attractive village and the surrounding countryside.

The walks are circular, between 2½ and 6 miles long and may easily be combined to make longer rambles. Most start at the Parish Shop in the village centre, where parking is available in one of the car parks on the Green or, for customers, at The Cricketers and The White Hart. The remaining walks, start at the Royal Oak pub on the A324, where parking is also available for customers.

The walk directions are described in detail assisted by freehand sketch maps. These are generally in proportion but not precisely to scale and distances quoted are approximate. Map references relate to the Ordnance Survey Explorer Series No. 145,1-25,000 scale. The terrain is not difficult being generally flat with only minor hills. Notes indicate where stiles are present or mud may be encountered in winter.

Please observe the country code, keep to footpaths, shut all gates, light no fires, leave no litter, pick no flowers and keep dogs on leads near livestock. Kiss at all kissing gates if suitably accompanied and enjoy Pirbright to the full.



The Mill pond (Walks 1 & 6)

Walk No. 1

Route : Village Centre – Church Lane – Mill Lane – Hazleacre Hill – Admiral's Walk – Mill Lane – Church Lane : 2½ miles

Start Point : Parish Shop. Map ref : SU945557.

Terrain : Easy, gentle hills, little mud, stiles.

1. Take the footpath beside the telephone box across the green and at a crossing path turn L. Cross the A324 into Church Lane and at the churchyard look out for the massive granite monument to H M Stanley. Just past the church turn L on a signed footpath keeping the fence to your L. Go through a kissing gate onto a fenced path and turn R at Mill Lane passing the Manor House, Mill House and Manor Farm and a well stocked duck pond. Opposite 'The Glen' on the L turn R past a metal gate and take the LH signed footpath up Hazleacre Hill. At the top turn L through 2 metal gates. Cross a stile and keep beside a fence to reach a track..
2. Turn L and opposite a post box in the wall, turn R at a fingerpost, then immediately R again on a narrow path through holly bushes. At a fork keep L, go over 2 crossing paths and downhill to a track opposite 'Duchies Cottage'. Turn L and just past 'The Duchies' go ahead on a waymarked footpath. At a 'T' junction turn L, then R at the next waymark uphill. This is Admiral's Walk. At the end turn R into Mill Lane. Opposite 'The Glen' turn L past the metal gate and this time take the RH footpath up the field to a kissing gate at the end. Cross a footbridge to a fenced path and at Church Lane turn R. A footpath on the R can be used to keep you off the road during the narrow section up to the church, then continue back to the village centre.

