

Walks Around Pirbright Village

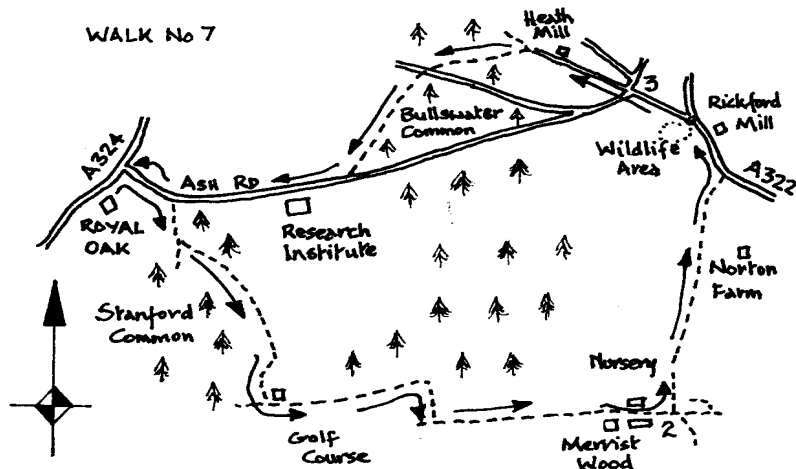
Pirbright Walk No. 7

Route : Royal Oak – Stanford Common – Cobbett's Hill – Merrist Wood – Fox Corner – Heath Mill – Bullswater Common: 4 miles.

Start Point : Royal Oak. Map ref : SU945543.

Terrain : Generally flat and well signed. First section can be very wet in winter, stiles.

1. Turn R out of the pub and R again into Ash Rd. Where the road bends L turn R past a barrier onto a footpath. At a waymark fork L and keep to this path to Cobbett's Hill Cottage. Cross the drive and turn L round the hedge corner, cross a stile and follow signs along a field edge with a golf course to your R. Continue around the perimeter fence to a footbridge, where turn L and through a gate. At the next gate bear half L to a stile and footpath leading into Merrist Wood College grounds. Bear half R across the grass to a fingerpost and follow the road through the campus.
2. Just past The Courtyard Cafeteria on the L turn L on a signed footpath (sign is on the wall). Turn R briefly through the car park, then L into the Nursery entrance. Keep straight ahead and when the concrete ends fork R on a track that narrows to a footpath. Maintain direction with Norton Farm over to the R and at the main Guildford Rd turn L. Pass the photogenic Rickford Mill, on your R and turn L round the Fox Corner Wildlife Area.
3. At the next corner go ahead into Heath Mill Lane. Pass the mill, cross a bridge and at a 3 fingered post fork L into woods. Go over a crossing path and at a fork keep L ahead. Cross a road to a signed footpath that leads across Bullswater Common. Exit via a double gate, go ahead to the bus stop, cross the road and turn R along the pavement and back to the pub.



Rickford Mill House (Walk 7)



Heath Mill (Walks 5 & 7)