

Walks Around Pirbright Village

Pirbright Walk No. 2

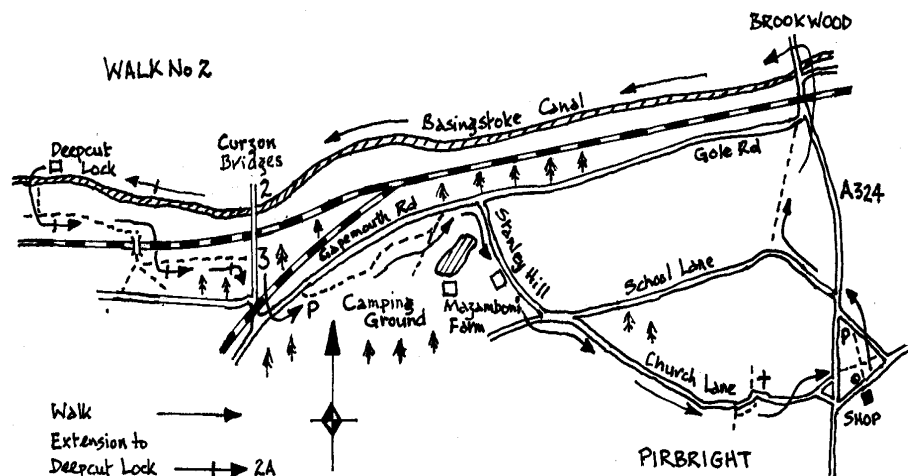
Route : Village Centre – School Lane – Gole Road – Basingstoke Canal – Curzon Bridge – Gapemouth Road – Stanley Hill – Church Lane : 4½ Miles.

Option to extend to Deepcut Lock : 5½ miles.

Start Point : Parish Shop. Map ref : SU945557.

Terrain : Easy, flat, no stiles.

1. Take the footpath beside the telephone box across the green to the car park. Continue along Avenue de Cagny, cross the A324 and turn L into School Lane. Pass the school and about 100 yards past Dawney's Rd on the R turn R on a signed footpath. At the end cross Gole Rd, go under the railway arch, keep L and turn L onto the Basingstoke Canal towpath for 1½ miles.
2. At the brick built Curzon Bridge leave the towpath, turn L and go to para 3.
2A. **For the longer walk** pass under Curzon Bridge and continue for ½ mile to the signed Deepcut Lock. Just past here turn L at a fingerpost, then L again on a tarmac drive. Continue through a gate and over the railway, then turn L on a path running parallel to the railway. Back at the track over Curzon Bridge turn R.
3. Go under the railway arch and turn L on Gapemouth Rd. There is a good grass path running just inside the Camping Ground on the RH side. Where this ends after 600 yards at a locked gate rejoin Gapemouth Rd and turn R into Stanley Hill. On your R. is Furzehill, built by Henry Morton Stanley (who "found" Livingstone). At a 'T' junction turn L then R into Church Lane. Pass the church and continue back to the village centre.



Pirbright Walk No. 3 (see map on next page)

Route : Village Centre – Brookwood Cemetery - Brookwood Station – Basingstoke Canal – A322 Bagshot Rd – Oaktree Rd – Sparvell Rd – Sheets Heath – Queens Rd – Basingstoke Canal : 4 Miles.

Option to extend via Stafford Lake : 4¾ miles.

Start Point : Parish Shop Map Ref : SU945557.

Terrain : Generally flat and all weather. Only one bad wet patch in winter that is easily avoided. No stiles.

1. Follow para 1 of Walk No 4 and at the station entrance in Brookwood Cemetery go under the subway to the car park.
2. From Brookwood Station car park cross Connaught Rd and go ahead up Sheets Heath Lane to cross the canal bridge. Turn R along the towpath to the A322 and turn L along the road. After traffic lights fork L into Oak Tree Rd.
3. At a mini roundabout for the short walk turn L into Sparvell Rd. At the end continue on a fenced footpath, cross a footbridge and maintain direction when the path widens to a track, then to an unmade residential road. Ignore all side turnings to reach a gate leading to Sheets Heath. Continue across the heath and exit via a cattle grid. Turn immediately L on a footpath and go to para 4.
3A. **For the longer walk** go straight over the mini roundabout and on to the end of the road, where turn L round Grindstone Handle Corner. Keep ahead R at 2 forks. The path bends R through woods and at a fork go R along the LH edge of a large clearing towards a house. Turn L on Stafford Lake Rd and pass the Princess Christian Homes (vacated at the time of writing, 2005). At a signpost keep ahead on Bridleway No. 144 and continue past a wooden gate into woods. At a fork keep ahead R. Pass houses and turn L on a road. Bear R to pass a metal barrier and in a few yards fork L following a line of telegraph poles. After 100 yards fork L on a footpath and at a fork go L to a waymark post. At the next waymarked 'T' junction turn L. (If the way ahead here is impassable due to mud turn R instead as far as Queens Rd, where turn L down to the canal bridge.) Otherwise cross a footbridge and go ahead through woods soon with a fence on the L to reach a tarmac road with a cattle grid to your L. Cross over to a footpath.
4. Go downhill to Queens Rd and turn L to the canal bridge, where turn L along the towpath back to the bridge and retrace your steps to the station. Turn L under the subway and follow para 2 of Walk No. 4 back to the village centre.

Walk No. 4

Route : Village Centre – Dawney’s Hill – Brookwood Cemetery – Brookwood Station – St Edward’s Chapel – Chapel Lane : 2¾ miles.
Start Point : Parish Shop. Map ref : SU945557.
Terrain : Good, flat, all weather, no stiles.

1. Take the footpath next to the telephone box. At the car park turn L along Avenue de Cagny and at the end turn R and R again into The Gardens. Past ‘Holly Grange’ take the footpath on the L. Go over a drive and take the LH path into woods. At a fork go R then turn R on the tarmac drive into Brookwood Military Cemetery. The gates are open between 9am and 7.30pm daily. Gates close at ‘dusk’ if earlier than 7.30pm. At a ‘T’ junction turn R and at the next ‘T’ junction turn L, soon passing the American, Czech and Polish sections. Go through a gate into the civilian cemetery and in about 150 yards turn L and make your way up across the grass towards the entrance to Brookwood Station.
2. Turn R on the cemetery road in front of the station and at a ‘T’ junction turn L along Long Ave., then R on Railway Ave., formerly a cemetery railway line. Continue across Cemetery Pales into the southern half of the cemetery. Proceed along St Cyprian’s Ave. Reach St Edward’s Orthodox Chapel and turn R along St Chad’s Ave. Pass 3 turnings on the L, then turn L down St Mark’s Ave. This long path leads out of the cemetery onto Pirbright Common. At a path junction on the common take the central path and at a crossing path turn R. Reach Chapel Lane, where turn R back to the village centre.



Pirbright Common to Chapel Lane (Walk 4)



St Edwards Orthodox Chapel, Brookwood Cemetery (Walk 4)

