

Horsell Walks B5: Horsell Birch to Heather farm, the Wetlands and Forge Common

Horsell Birch to Horsell Common to Heather Farm and the Wetlands. Return via Forge Common
Time: approx. 70 minutes, Distance: 2 miles

1. High Street to Horsell Birch: With your back to Beijing Restaurant, set off to your right, past Seymours estate agent. Continue along High Street crossing several roads before reaching Horsell Birch.
2. Horsell Birch to Littlewick Road: Continue straight across the unmade road onto the grassy area and by the dog waste bin enter the woodland in front of you and go through double gates. Follow the path (ignore first path on right) which gradually bears round to the right into an open area. Continue until you reach another set of double gates. Once through turn left into Viggory lane and be ready to cross busy Littlewick Road.
3. Grasslands to Horsell Common Road: Cross and go through the double gates. Immediately turn right onto footpath then in 50m take the left fork onto a fairly wide track. Continue straight and then turn right at next cross path by a small oak. Continue through open heather land. When you reach 4 tracks converging, take the left path into woodland walking straight towards the dark holly boundary when you will see the path and turn right. Soon you will reach a double gate where the ground is muddy in wet weather. Go through the gates and continue straight on the track and reach Horsell Common Road
4. To Chobham Road: cross and go straight onto footpath opposite. Keep on this path, ignore path to right and after 100m turn. Go towards the Heather farm white sign board and busy Chobham Road. Cross Chobham Road onto the track leading to the Wetlands and Heather Farm café.
5. The Wetlands: Heather Farm café can be seen ahead and to the left. Enter the Wetlands via one of the gates in the fencing surrounding the wetlands area. From Autumn to early spring, there is a flock of Badger-faced sheep in this area, cropping the grass.
6. To Chobham Road: Retrace your steps to busy Chobham Road
7. Chobham Road to South Road: Straight across on to the "Triangle". Take care. Continue straight ahead for approx. 50 m then turn right by 3 trunked pine. Continue for a short distance (about 30m) and turn left onto the path with heather either side. Keep straight ahead until you reach busy Littlewick Road. Go straight across into woodland. At T-junction, turn right and continue across cross path through woodland of pine and silver birch. The path at this point on Forge Common becomes quite narrow but soon veers left and emerges onto a grassy area to the right of a group of houses on South Road. Go to South Road and turn right.
8. South Road to Horsell High Street: Cross South Road and turn right to Morton Road. Continue up Morton Road and after seeing Woking High on your left, turn right into Meadway Drive. At the end of Meadway, turn left into Horsell High Street.