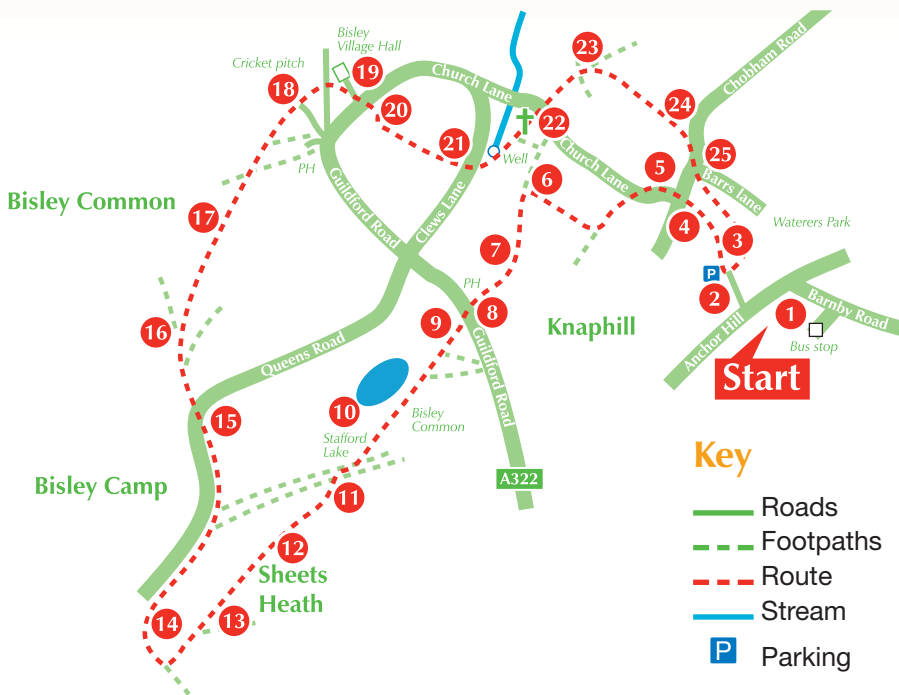


# Out and about

Make the most of the autumn's mild weather by taking in this easy and pleasant route to Sheets Heath and Bisley. Starting in Knaphill, and going through woodland and heath, public transport can easily be used to take you to and from the start of the route. Alternatively, use the car park at Waterers Park Recreation Ground.

Many thanks to the Woking Ramblers for kindly providing, and checking, this walk route.



## Key facts

**Start/finish:** Barnby Road, Knaphill

**Distance:** 8km (or 5 miles)

**Time:** Allow 2.5 to 3 hours, plus extra time if stopping for refreshments.

**Type of walk:** Mostly flat, easy walking, but can be muddy in places.

Buses from Woking to Knaphill take up to 10 minutes, and the 91 service runs every eight to 10 minutes throughout the day. Ask for the Nursery Road stop in Barnby Road, Knaphill.

NB: If coming by car, please park at Waterers Park. The route starts at the bus stop (1) but passes the car park after about 300 metres (2).

## The route

**1.** Cross Barnby Road opposite pavement. Continue in same direction as the bus for 100m to reach the junction with Anchor Hill. Cross Anchor Hill to driveway opposite (Cresswell Corner sign on left).

**2.** Follow into Waterers Park, with children's play area ahead. Bear slightly left of play area, going across the grass towards brick building opposite. Pass this building on your left.

NB: The car park is behind this building, and walkers starting there should walk the few metres into Waterers Park, turn left at the corner of the building and join the route at this point.

**3.** Aim for a track leading into the woods, marked by a wooden post on the left with a yellow way mark arrow. Keep ahead and go through gap in the fence onto a clear path.

**4.** Eventually reach wide crossing track. Turn left for few metres before turning right again to emerge onto grassy clearing. Once across clearing, bear left through the trees to field-gate at road junction with Warbury Lane opposite.

The Woodland Trust welcomes people to its woods and encourages you to wander freely.

**5.** Cross the road and go up Warbury Lane for 200m. Opposite footpath sign on right, turn left and follow path. After 200m turn right over stile.

**6.** Go through two kissing gates and turn left onto bridleway.

This path was known as Kiln Lane, and is part of an ancient route used by monks travelling between Chertsey and Waverley Abbeys.

**7.** Follow track to A322.

The Fox pub is on your right, if you want to stop for refreshments.

**8.** Cross busy road with care to join bridleway. Bear right at first fork and follow path alongside wooden fence. At first way mark post, bear slightly left, at the next continue straight ahead keeping to right of grassy area.

**9.** Cross gravel track into woods. Continue straight ahead, then left onto track. Cross tarmac track onto path then right onto tarmac road.

**10.** Walk past Princess Christian Homes on right. Turn left into Stafford Lake Nursery. Turn right at way mark post (yellow arrow) to next way mark and signpost.

Note a curious gate on top of the stile here. Please shut the gate securely, as there are deer on the nearby common and the gate forms part of a deer fence around the nursery.

**11.** Turn half-left across the field to sleeper bridge over ditch. Bear slightly right across field to stile, and bear left following path to far corner.

**12.** Go over stile and turn right, then immediately left onto track along edge of Sheets Heath. After 100m, pass through two swing gates on left before bearing right onto sandy track across heathland. After 600m, go through single bar gate.

**13.** Bear right onto path alongside track. Go through two gates, turn right on stony track and go down to bridge over stream. At way mark post, turn right and later pass under phone lines.

**14.** Turn right at tarmac track, going past metal barrier to road (with Bisley sign opposite). Turn right along road for 300m, keeping on right-hand side, close to verge. Bisley ranges are now on your left (Queens Road).

**15.** Get onto the pavement on your right for 200m until the bend. Cross road with care to the bridleway sign and follow path alongside boundary fence.

From this point, there is an excellent view on left of the Bisley Ranges.

**16.** Continue following fence to sharp left bend, turn right on path



into the woods (no sign) and immediately bear left at path junction. At footpath signpost, bear right along bridleway.

**17.** At clearing, continue ahead to junction of tarmac drives. Cross to bridleway, passing houses. After last house, bear left along a grassy path by common land. Fork right to sleeper bridge over ditch.

**18.** Cross gravel track along right edge of grassy area into trees. Aim left of the cricket square (if match in progress, keep to boundary to the left) to large green sign for Bisley Village Hall.

**19.** Cross road at pedestrian lights. Turn right on far pavement and immediately veer left onto village green and pass duck pond on left. Turn left on Church Lane to road junction, cross to grassy triangle and cross Church Lane.

**20.** Take footpath signposted to the right of Cobbetts Farm. Go into residential road and round right bend. Turn left onto a concrete drive beside house (No. 118b) to footpath. Meet road and cross to pavement opposite.

**21.** Continue to T-junction with Elder Road. Go ahead on a tarmac path across Clews Lane Open Space. Cross road and continue on footpath to Clews Lane.

**22.** Turn left, taking footpath on right, passing the Holy Well of St John The Baptist on the left. Continue to kissing gate into Bisley churchyard. Past the church on right going towards the road.

**23.** Turn right, cross road, and go over stile at the back of parking space. Go along right edge of field to stile and along right edge of golf course. Pass three yellow way marks. At the fourth marker, turn right then immediately left at marked bridleway junction.

**24.** After 100m, turn right at next bridleway junction. Follow path for 500m to reach road. Turn right for

150m. Take care on this busy road, walking on the grass verge on the right to face the oncoming traffic.

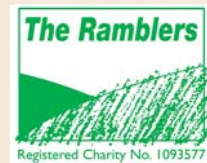
**25.** At the next road junction, cross to path behind the Barrs Lane sign to join the Woodland Trust woods. Follow path parallel to Barrs Lane for about 400m, to return to Waterers Park.

Those who came by car should leave the route here by turning right, and following the edge of Waterers Park alongside the woods to return to the car park.

To reach the bus stop, turn half-right across Waterers Park, aiming for the left corner of the play area and the footpath through to Anchor Hill. Cross Anchor Hill into Barnby Road. The bus stop for Woking is just a few metres down on the left.

Refreshments can be found at the Knaphill Café in Cresswell Parade, opposite Barnby Road.

The Woking  
Ramblers'  
Association  
will be  
including this



walk in its next programme of led walks on Tuesday 23 September, starting at 10am from the bus stop and 10 minutes later from the car park. If you plan to travel by bus from Woking, catch the first bus after 9.30am. The walks take a leisurely pace and all are welcome. For more information, contact Mike on **01483 760655**.

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