

# Horsell to Hook Heath

This is a flat, comfortable walk taking in Horsell, Goldsworth Park, Basingstoke Canal, St Johns and Hook Heath. It was kindly provided by Horsell Wednesday Walkers for the summer 2019 edition of *The Woking Magazine*.

## Key facts

**Start/finish:** The Red Lion Public House, 123 High Street, Horsell GU21 4SS

**Time:** 2.5 hours

**Distance:** 5.5 miles (9km)

**Type of walk:** Flat, easy walk mainly on pavements and towpaths. Great for buggies. Please wear appropriate footwear, respect people's privacy, keep dogs under control and remember the Countryside Code.

## The route

1. Starting at The Red Lion Public House, head right along Horsell High Street. Cross at the pedestrian crossing and continue. Upon reaching No 72A turn left into a rough track between the house and shops and continue until reaching the T-junction.

2. Turn right into Bury Lane and at the roundabout bear right into Bullbeggars Lane. Continue ahead past the recreation ground until you reach a house called 'Tantallon'.

3. Cross the road carefully passing the mature silver birch trees. Take the path to the right keeping the allotments on your left. Continue ahead and turn right at the junction. Upon reaching a tarmac footpath, turn left and continue. Cross Kestrel Way carefully and continue along the public footpath through the woods.

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4. Cross Claydon Road and continue ahead, passing houses on the left and a small postbox on your right until you see Squires Garden Centre on the other side of the road.

5. Turn left onto Littlewick Road and almost immediately left again through the barrier into

Goldsworth Park Recreation Ground and follow the path, keeping the hockey and football pitches to your right.

6. Turn right at the junction and follow the path as it curves to the left and soon you will see the car park ahead. Cross the car park using the pedestrian raised path, passing the play area on your left to reach Goldsworth Lake.

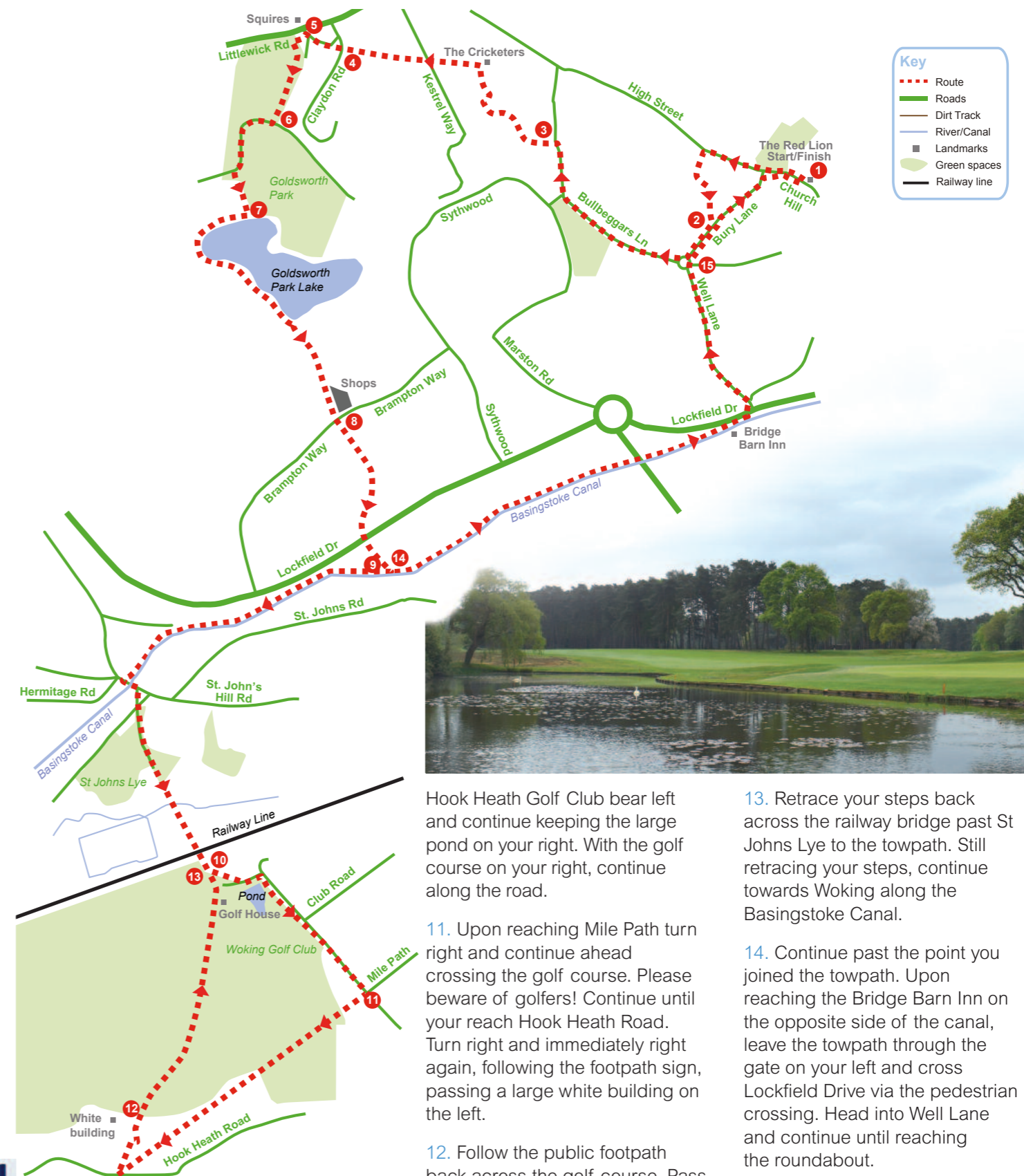
7. Turn right and follow the path half way round the lake until you see a sign to Goldsworth Park Shopping Centre. Follow this path and continue, passing Waitrose on your left, until you reach Bampton Way.

If you prefer a shorter walk, instead of turning right towards St Johns, turn left and head towards Woking. Pick up the remaining route at **Step 14**

8. Carefully cross the road and continue straight ahead and follow the signs to the Basingstoke Canal via a footbridge over Lockfield Drive.

9. Upon reaching the towpath, turn right and continue until you reach Kiln Bridge. Join the road, turning left over the bridge. Cross the road carefully and head towards St Johns Lye. Take the left hand footpath keeping the playing field on your right. This gradually rises until it reaches a footbridge which crosses the railway line.

10. Cross the railway bridge and continue. At the entrance to



Hook Heath Golf Club bear left and continue keeping the large pond on your right. With the golf course on your right, continue along the road.

11. Upon reaching Mile Path turn right and continue ahead crossing the golf course. Please beware of golfers! Continue until you reach Hook Heath Road. Turn right and immediately right again, following the footpath sign, passing a large white building on the left.

12. Follow the public footpath back across the golf course. Pass the club house and flag pole on your right to enter the car park. Bear left and continue along the log lined path. Go through the gate and turn left onto the footpath (the same one you arrived by!).

13. Retrace your steps back across the railway bridge past St Johns Lye to the towpath. Still retracing your steps, continue towards Woking along the Basingstoke Canal.

14. Continue past the point you joined the towpath. Upon reaching the Bridge Barn Inn on the opposite side of the canal, leave the towpath through the gate on your left and cross Lockfield Drive via the pedestrian crossing. Head into Well Lane and continue until reaching the roundabout.

15. Bear right and continue along Bury Lane to Horsell High Street and The Red Lion Public House is on your right.

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