

A Walk around - Galleywood Common



Start: Horse & Groom
Post Code: CM2 8PJ
Grid Ref: 700029 Explorer 183
Approx. 5 miles

Para	Description	Approx miles
1	<p>Leave pub car park to left of service road passing Galleywood Common information board on left and white posts. Cross the road (Margaretting Road) and continue on greensward. Stay on grass passing little wood on left. At end, cross track/road to the right of the Large car park. At end of car park, bear left to finger post and footbridge on edge of main road, take care, very fast road traffic.</p>	
2	<p>Cross road and head down lane opposite. Pass through a gate and follow public footpath sign to left, through the kissing gate and on along path, hedge on left. At end turn right, hedge on left and down to go over footbridge. Continue same line of travel ditch on left. In field corner through gap to left and across to the footbridge. (Bridle Way), Over footbridge (A12) and straight ahead. Cross plank bridge to road. Turn left.</p>	
3	<p>At right hand bend, go ahead and over a stile. Continue ahead in paddock to stile on left. Cross stile and turn right with hedge on right, negotiate a muddy stretch (not far). At corner, swing to right. At junction of paths go straight ahead on permissive path. Examine trig point (which isn't.!) and horse hitching rail and mounting block. Continue with hedge on right.</p> <p>Pass beehives over to right and in corner, turn left within the field. On reaching the road turn left.</p>	

4	<p>Cross the bridge. (A12) (Baddow Park). Turn left to marker post on left then bear half right across grass to marker post in hedge. Through the gap and ahead with the marker post arrow, hedge on right. Look out for marker post on right and turn in near the poplars. Soon turn right on path with a building on left the other side of wire mesh fence, conifers on right. Cross the track and ahead with hedge on right and fence and house on left. At the end of the fence straight ahead towards, and pass wood.</p>	<p>Approx 3 miles</p>
5	<p>In the bottom corner, do not cross footbridge but stay left with track. At the next corner bear left, <u>do not turn right</u>. Soon cross a footbridge on right into a copse, then ahead to another footbridge and steps up. Continue ahead, hedge on right. At the white topped marker post keep ahead, <u>do not turn right</u>. Keep ahead at the marker posts and at the field corner turn right over footbridge.</p>	
6	<p>Continue ahead in the next field and in the top right hand corner emerge from field into an enclosed path. Bear left on private road. At junction with Pond Road turn left.</p>	
7	<p>Stay on left side of Pond Road. At Stock Road, cross to finger post and gate and go ahead. In <u>50 yards at end of fence</u>, turn right up the greensward heading for the white railings. Emerge onto Margaretting Road and cross to minor road opposite signposted Galleywood Parish Church. (St Michaels)</p>	
8	<p>Keep ahead passing church on right. At house named 'Two Oaks' turn left and ahead to reach pub.</p>	<p>Approx. 5 miles</p>

Devised by Anita Stamp

