

3 - Byfleet – Wisley Circular Walk

The 6 km / 4 mile route passes a church, pub, golf course, the historic Byfleet Manor House and stretches of the Wey Navigation and the River Wey. An optional extra loop (one mile) is included to view the weir and river near Byfleet Mill house.

Starting Point: St Mary's Church, Byfleet.
(OS Explorer Map 145/160 grid ref: 061610)

Go West along Rectory Lane, at the bend go straight ahead down an unmade track (Murray's Lane) passing over the M25 motorway and continue to the Wey Navigation. Turn Left along towpath passing the refurbished Dodd's Bridge and on to the Anchor public house and lock.

Take the footpath on Left just before the bridge, but first tarry a while at the Lock! You are now entering Wisley Golf Course and you will find that the 'Public Footpath' signs have been customised in blue and white as befits one of the most exclusive golf clubs in the country. Follow the hard surfaced path and turn Left at the tee junction by the green 'TORO' cubicle. Walk past the wooden footbridge on the Left and ignore Left between Green and Tee and go on for 110 yards then turn Left and leave the Golf Course.

Walk beside the River Wey to the road, turn Right and cross the river bridge and go along Wisley Lane to Wisley. Continue past the telephone box turning and take the next turning on Left passing a Post Box. Turn Right over stile and follow wide grass path. Go on past gate to local Archery practice field and through woods for about 100 yards and turn Left at waymark post (sign missing) and soon follow narrow track (through nettles !) for a short distance to stile. Just past stile go up steps on Left to the bridge and go over M25. At the bottom of the slope go Left through two gates and follow Right Hand edge of field to Stile/Gate. Go on through woods, over 'railway sleeper' stile and along Right Hand edge of field to stile and turn Left down sandy track by River Wey. Cross the bridge over the river and enjoy the view.

Once over the bridge the footpath branches immediately Left and passes in front of the boundary wall and historic gateway of Byfleet Manor House, but fences have been erected across the footpath and it is necessary to now climb four stiles to enjoy a close up look at this 17th century

piece of Byfleet history. The footpath continues Left past the old stables. (If you want to extend the walk, follow the directions given below.) Once past the old stables the route leads to a wide concrete pathway that crosses the market garden to a gate. On leaving the gateway walk straight ahead down Fullerton Road and turn Left into Celtic Road and follow this past the school and round a Right Hand bend to arrive back at St Mary's Church.

OPTIONAL EXTRA LOOP

Instead of turning Left to pass old stables, turn Right and follow the metalled road that after 100 yds runs into a bridleway (a finger post shows this position and points Right back towards the bridge). Keep on the bridleway (Mill Lane) until it turns sharp Left. At this point you can enjoy a view of the weir and River Wey over the parapet wall. If you want a closer look at the river there is a gate just a few yards to your Left. Return to Mill Lane and continue past bungalows and houses on Right and eventually turn Left at opening beside broken metal gate. Follow wide concrete path across market garden and pass through kissing gate which is partially hidden in the hedge to the Left. Follow the defined route across the field to a stile. Turn Right and retrace your steps along the metalled pathway and bear Right past old gates to re-join main walk route.

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