

Walk B2

Binsted and Wheatley (circular by lane and track)

Start at Binsted Recreation Ground (parking for several cars)

Follow pavement on south side of road, walking east for about half a mile in the direction of Blacknest

Turn right at the second lane (Wheatley Lane)

Walk down lane past Forge Farm and turn right onto a wide track at the crossroads of lane and tracks at Wheatley

Follow farm track past buildings and across fields. This continues to a barn, veers right and then left and joins a metalled lane near Hay Place [1]

Turn right up lane and left onto road in Binsted village. Follow the pavement along the south side of the road

Opposite the village pub (on left), turn right back to the Recreation Ground.

Risk assessment and general comments

This walk would be fine in wet conditions. Although there is a half a mile of pavement walking along the Binsted road, the route passes some interesting buildings. Some nice views east from the first part of Wheatley Lane and also from the first part of the farm track (east and west).

There are no stiles or gates.

[1] The farm track is firm and provides a good surface, with only occasional muddy patches: easily avoided

Distance is 2.25 miles

Hazard	Who might be harmed	Consequences	Management	Applies to this Route
Road Crossing	Walkers and drivers	Collision	Inform walkers prior to setting off that they are responsible for crossing roads themselves.	X
Road without pavement	Walkers	Collision	Obey Highway code	X
Uneven ground -	Walkers, especially	Falls resulting in injuries.	Warn walkers of hazard and remind	

pavements, drains, tree roots.	those with poor or partial sight		walkers along the route when necessary.	
Muddy paths and wet leaves.	Walkers	Walker slips and injures themselves	Inform walkers of hazard and caution. Remind walkers at appropriate times.	
Overhanging branches	Walkers	Whiplash of branch onto another walker or walking into branch.	Warn walkers before setting off and at hazard	
Thorny and overgrown vegetation	Walkers	Skin lesions and stings from thorns and nettles.	Warn walkers, carry secateurs in summer	
Walking next to water	Walkers	Falling into the water	Advise walkers and remind walkers at hazard	
Golf course	Walkers	Being struck by golf ball	Obey all notices posted by golf club	
Stiles	Walkers	Knee, hip or back problems	Advise before leaving and take alternative route if necessary.	
Steps	Walkers	Fall resulting in injuries	Warn walkers before setting off and at hazard	
Railway crossing	Walkers, Rail Passengers	Walkers being hit by a train, injury to rail passengers	Use extra caution when crossing and inform relevant rail personnel if a very large group is crossing.	
Cyclists	Walkers, Cyclists	Cyclist/walker could collide with each other	Inform walkers before and during walk	
Dogs, cattle, horses, bulls, livestock, etc	Walkers and animals	Bites, stampeding, kicks and other injuries	Avoid entering fields with bulls and be cautious with other livestock/animals	
Ploughed fields with undefined paths	Walkers	Fatigue, tripping and falling	Warn at start of walk	