

Walk B4

Binsted and Wyck figure of eight route

Start at Binsted Recreation Ground (parking for several cars)

Cross road and take path to church

Turn left and follow lane around in front of the cottages and continue down a slight hill [1]

Turn right on metalled track and follow this past cottages and then downhill in a SW direction

Bear right onto descending track with poor surface. Follow this to the valley bottom [2]

Negotiate an area of possibly serious mud and standing water in the valley bottom. Continue on the track as it starts to climb out of the valley [2]

Bear left up the steep bank of the hanger (there are a few steps and a broken stile which is easily bypassed) [3]

Bear left on top of the hanger and follow the path in a southerly direction along the field edge. Ignore the path descending the hanger; continue ahead until the path trends SW across the field

Take track alongside cottages which takes you to the end of the lane from Wyck. Continue ahead on this lane

Just after Wyck Farm on your right, as the lane swings sharply westward, turn right and follow the farm track behind the farm buildings. You will now be walking north eastwards.

Follow the farm track, which soon descends to the valley [4]

When you arrive back at the valley bottom, turn left and take a path which runs northwards past two large ponds [5]

Beyond the ponds you will reach a footpath junction, at which turn right, descending a couple of steps, crossing a stream and ascending a couple more steps to reach a field [6]

Go ahead across the field and turn right and then left at the far side

Follow the path into the churchyard, cross the churchyard and leave by the gate opposite the parking space

Cross lane and follow short path back to main road thro village: cross it and return to start.

Risk assessment and general comments

This walk has no stiles but several areas of serious mud. There are some pleasant views across the Wey valley

[1] Narrow lane with no pavement

[2] There could be quite a lot of mud and standing water, as well as tripping hazards

[3] Climbing the steep side of the hanger may be made more difficult by thick mud, but the climb is a short one

[4] A lot of standing water possible on this track after heavy rain, with mud lower down the hill

[5] This path can be very muddy and the ponds may overflow in heavy rain

[6] Care needed in descent and ascent

Distance is 2.5 miles

| Hazard | Who might be harmed | Consequences | Management | Applies to this Route |
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| Road Crossing | Walkers and drivers | Collision | Inform walkers prior to setting off that they are responsible for crossing roads themselves. | |
| Road without pavement | Walkers | Collision | Obey Highway code | X |
| Uneven ground - pavements, drains, tree roots. | Walkers, especially those with poor or partial sight | Falls resulting in injuries. | Warn walkers of hazard and remind walkers along the route when necessary. | X |
| Muddy paths and wet leaves. | Walkers | Walker slips and injures themselves | Inform walkers of hazard and caution. Remind walkers at appropriate times. | X |
| Overhanging branches | Walkers | Whiplash of branch onto another walker or walking into branch. | Warn walkers before setting off and at hazard | X |
| Thorny and overgrown vegetation | Walkers | Skin lesions and stings from thorns and nettles. | Warn walkers, carry secateurs in summer | X |
| Walking next to water | Walkers | Falling into the water | Advise walkers and remind walkers at | X |

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| | | | 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 | X |
| 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 | |