

Walk B5

Binsted to Home Hanger

Start at Binsted Recreation Ground (parking for several cars)

Turn left and walk along pavement

Turn left off the road (opposite small lane on right) and take path which heads due north across the fields

Turn right at the first finger post and follow path heading in an easterly direction, which crosses a large arable field, dipping and then climbing gently. Look out for Telegraph House on the right hand side

Turn left at the waymark alongside a kissing gate at the north end of Home Hanger

Follow path along the headland and turn left at the next finger post

Follow path along the top of the hanger in a generally north westerly direction. This soon dips down past an open grassy area on the left, passes through a narrow belt of woodland and ends at a stile. [1]

Cross the stile, avoiding the worst of the possible mud and continue in a NW direction across a large grassy field, heading for the left hand far corner

Negotiate a very muddy area at a kissing gate [2] and continue on a headland for a few more metres

Turn left through the hedge and take a path across the field heading SW [3]

At the far side of the field, cross a small stream on a plank bridge and continue alongside woodland (Bottom Copse) until a finger post indicates a track on the left

Turn left through the woodland [4], soon climbing out of the trees and alongside a field boundary

Carry on along the path across the fields until you meet the road, then turn right and follow the pavement into the village

Turn right at the pub and return to start.

Risk assessment and general comments

This walk has one stile and several areas of serious mud. There are some pleasant views across the Wey valley

[1] Narrow muddy descending path and high (though stable) stile with muddy area beyond

[2] Thick mud in the gateway

[3] A well-defined path across the field but can be very muddy in wet weather

[4] Areas of mud and water, though most are easy to avoid

Distance is 2.5 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	
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	
Walking next to water	Walkers	Falling into the water	Advise walkers and remind walkers at hazard	X
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.	X
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	X