

Walk B6

Binsted, Home Hanger and River Hill Farm

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. Turn left and then right again when you meet a path crossing at right angles. The path continues across the fields, dipping and then climbing gently. Look out for Telegraph House on the right hand side

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

Follow path along the headland with views over Blacknest and continue along the path when it bears southerly towards River Hill Farm

Follow path as it leaves the headland and bears left into River Hill Farm

Join a paved track, pass the stables on your right and go through a wooden gateway and descend several steep steps to the Binsted-Blacknest road [1]

Cross the road and take the track which leaves the road slightly to the left of the point you have emerged from the steps

Follow path along the fence line and turn right (still following the fence) at the corner of the field

Cross a dilapidated stile [2] and follow a winding narrow path with a fence on the right

The path emerges at the edge of a field where you turn left at a finger post

Soon turn right at another finger post and follow the path which takes you to Wheatley Lane

Turn left and very soon leave the lane on a path along the bank, then turn right at a finger post to cross the field

** At the next finger post turn right and follow field path which later becomes a green lane and emerges on the Binsted road

Turn left and follow pavement into village

Turn right at the pub back to the parking area.

***As an alternative, turn left at this point, follow path to track and then follow route of B2 back to start*

Risk assessment and general comments

This walk has one stile and some steep steps. There are some pleasant views through the trees of the hanger.

[1] Steep steps and some possible mud but steps have wooden risers

[2] At the time of recce (2/13) this stile was extremely awkward to use

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	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	
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.	X
Steps	Walkers	Fall resulting in	Warn walkers before	X

		injuries	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	