

Walk with the Bridge: Shamley Green and Winterfold

An interesting walk through woods and sandy heath land with good views. Note this walk can be muddy, depending on the time of year and recent weather.

Length 6 miles
Ascent 228m

1. Park in Shamley Green near the crossroads by the Red Lion pub (Woodhill lane) - <https://w3w.co/freezers.boards.plump>.
2. Walk east along Woodhill lane way from the main road. Take second footpath on left (sign for "Shamley Wood Estate"). Turn right over stile onto footpath once you reach the iron gates, onto public footpath.
3. Pass through kissing gate onto narrow path with hedge on right. At junction bear left up hill on bridleway.
4. At the top turn right on bridleway between 2 wooden fences. Continue on path which follows a ridge . *After a barn if you look to the left and you can see St Martha's*. On the right there is a former sand quarry.
5. As you approach a road, turn right off bridleway past gate to the road. Cross the road and continue along the bridleway. There are drives to the right and woodland to the left.
6. Turn left at Mayor House farm - (just after wagon wheel) onto footpath with stables to right and left. Footpath takes you slightly to the right and on marked path between fields. *Note views of North Downs ahead to left*.
7. Path ends at stile partly hidden by holly bushes. Climb over stile and cross sunken lane onto footpath.
8. At road turn left then almost immediately right onto footpath. Cross



another sunken lane following footpath sign and continue downhill.

9. Cross small wooden bridge over tiny stream and turn right onto bridleway. Continue on the bridleway for about 1400m ignoring crossing paths and continue uphill eventually passing some ponds.
10. At junction where there is a sign saying private straight on, take right turn uphill following yellow footpath sign.
11. As the path then goes downhill towards a hedge in front of some houses, turn left . At next junction bear right on footpath. Follow footpath signs to road.
12. Cross the road and carry straight on through disused car park. Before turning right onto the Greensand Way by the viewpoint, take a short detour left to the small shelter (see picture, left - "A shelter of cedar shingles that captured the thoughts and memories of visitors") and then retrace your steps.
13. When entering car park, turn left and follow path down steps and across the road (left then right). Path goes gradually turn hill. Follow GW at each junction.
14. Path goes between line of gorse bushes and into a field. Continue downhill and go to the right of the lake.
15. When the path comes to a lane (Stroud Lane), turn right onto the lane and then left in 100m on footpath.
16. As you approach the road, turn left following the GW sign - there will be a line of trees on your left.
17. Where a footpath (GW) goes left, continue on the path straight ahead. This will take you through a kissing gate, between some gardens and back to Shamley Green.

We now follow the Greensand Way (marked GW) nearly all the way back to Shamley Green.

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