

Walk 10:

Barford, Ivy Lane, Simmondstone, Frensham Great Pond, Kings Ridge, Frensham Little Pond, Tilford, Millbridge, Frensham Church, Mill, Frensham Pond Hotel, Wishanger, Lampard Lane. Originally created and published in 1994 by Michael Stenning Revised in 2021 by Churt Environment Working Group

Summary: An interesting walk combining views of both Frensham Great and Frensham Little Ponds before walking on to Tilford, then returning to the Little Pond and on to Millbridge and Frensham Village and then back to Churt. A few muddy paths in wet weather but generally easy going.

Distance: 12 miles / 19.2 Km **Elevation gain:** 240 m Time: Approx. 4 to 4½ hours

Grid reference / postcode of start-point: SU 855 382 / GU10 2JA

Parking, if required at Redhearn Green,

accessed via Old Kiln Lane: SU 853 385 / GU10 2NT

Map: OS Explorer Series 133, Haslemere





Tilford Old Bridge

Pond near Frensham Pond Hotel

Walk Detail

- 1. From Churt Crossways take the road signposted to Headley leading downhill past the school and keeping to the footpath on the right of the lane. At the bottom of the hill turn right along the footpath beside the pumping station. On meeting the stream keep straight ahead along a track until this meets the tarmac road. Turn left for 30m and then left again into Simmondstone Lane. At the bottom of the hill turn right into the bridleway by Simmondstone Cottage and keep left where the track forks and then straight along the main track running along the foot of the woodland to Pond Lane.
- 2. Turn right with Frensham Great Pond on your left. Just before the A287 turn left on a bridleway and then right to cross the A287. Turn left along the bridleway on the other side which runs parallel to the road. On meeting the bus stop sign situated on the straight stretch of road opposite the pond, turn right and take the path up to the top of Kings Ridge. At the top cross over the track running along the top of the Ridge and take the path slightly right leading downhill. Turn left at a junction of paths then immediately right onto a tarmac road passing three cottages on the right and eventually crossing a bridge beside a ford.
- 3. After about 100m, as the lane begins to go uphill there is a finger-posted bridleway on the left. Do not take the bridleway but take the track to its left. Follow this track close to a stream on your left and a post and wire fence on your right for about 700m when you come to a junction of paths by a long boardwalk. Turn right on the main path alongside Frensham Little Pond on your left. Follow the path round the Pond, crossing the bridge over the outlet. On meeting Grange Road turn left for a few metres until the dirt track leading to the Little Pond Café. Turn right opposite, left at the T-junction and right in 30m downhill crossing the River Wey on the wooden footbridge at Tancred's Ford. After passing through the farmyard take the track on the right. This is a long path which joins the Frensham/Tilford Road at Reeds Farm.
- 4. On meeting the road turn right and at the T-junction turn right into Tilford. Over the bridge take the righthand fork and after 35 m turn right onto a footpath by Malt House, pass through a gate and straight on. The path passes by the river and will then meet a track where you turn right. Continue along this track and where it bends take the path leading off to the right through trees just past White Cottage. On emerging from the woods turn right along a sandy track ignoring side paths. When you reach a skewed junction take the bridleway on the right, then within 20 m turn left. Keep straight on to a tarmac road and turn right until the A287 at Millbridge.
- 5. Turn right over the bridge and uphill past Millbridge Court Events Venue. Take the 1st left by Marindin Hall. At the next junction turn left and left again through a gate into Hollowdene Recreation Ground. Aim half right between the two levels of the ground and through a Kissing Gate. Turn half right taking the track leading downhill and across a footbridge. The path climbs with a field on the left leading onto a tarmac

- road. At the junction with Hammonds Wood on the left (sign on ground) and Lime Tree Barn across from it, turn left downhill and cross the river by a footbridge on the path to Frensham Church.
- 6. At the road turn right continuing past Frensham Manor and as the road bears sharp right at the river go left through the wrought iron gates of Frensham Mill and follow the track. The track follows the river. At a junction of paths keep left passing a pond on the right. At the road turn right passing to the right of Frensham Pond Hotel and along Bacon Lane. After 1.6 km and on a sharp right bend turn left into the drive of Field House.
- 7. From the brick wall entrance proceed for 35 m, then right by a footpath sign for 10 m, through a gate into a field and follow the left hand edge of field for approximately 230 m. Where the edge of the field bears right, leave the field by a gate. Cross the stream and up to a bridleway by Coppice Cottage (unsigned). Turn right for 140 m and on meeting a post double marked with bridleways on both right and left forks, take the bridleway on the left fork leading uphill. The track is badly eroded here and there is an alternative footpath to the left and uphill of it. At the top of the track you will join the path alongside Fallowfield. Keep straight ahead on the tarmac roadway for about 300m when you will join, Star Hill. Continue straight ahead and the road becomes Lampard Lane. You will soon meet the A287 main road in the village, turn right and proceed for about a further 250m back to Crossways.

