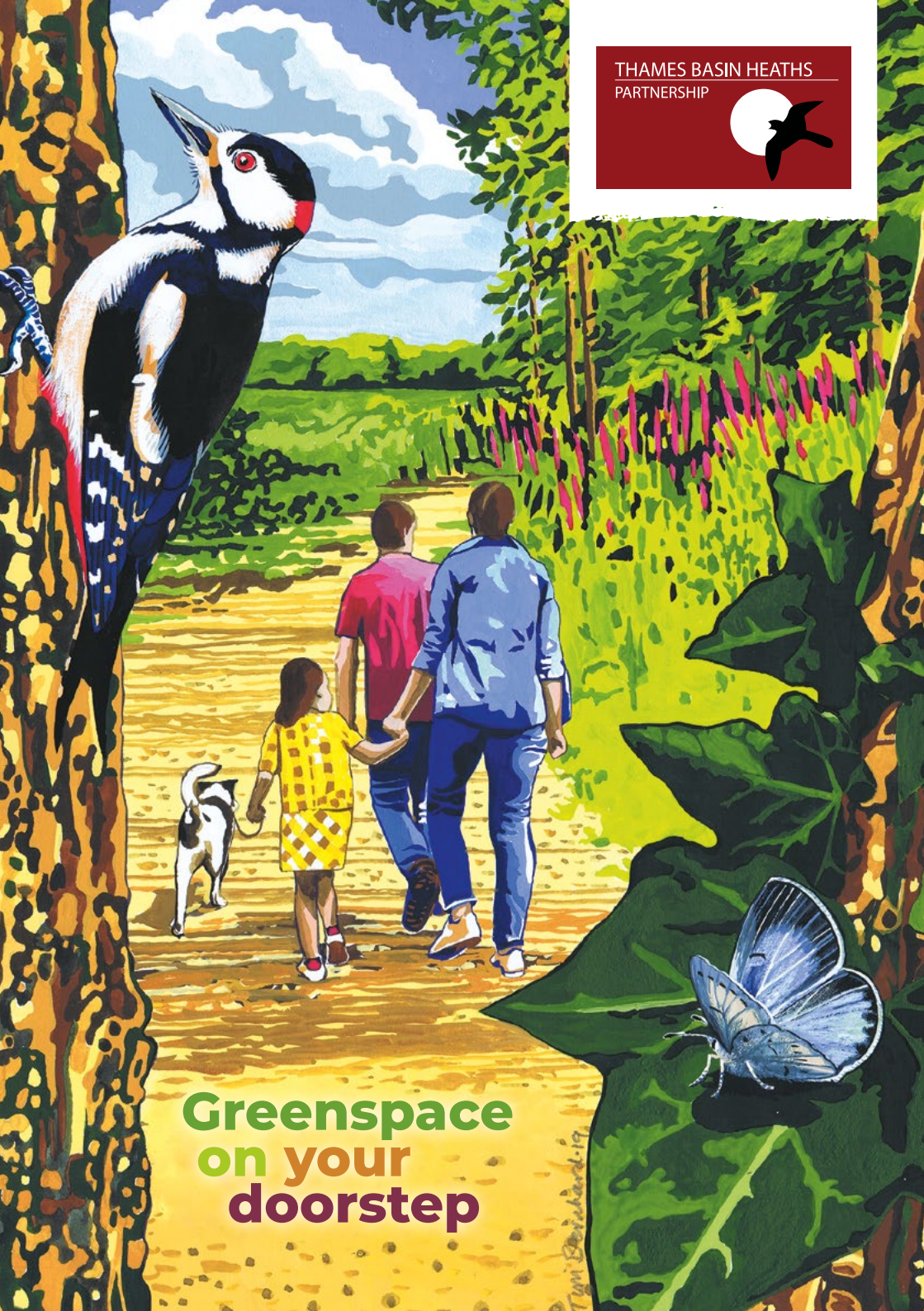


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## Key to amenities.



Free car park



Disabled parking



Toilets



Café



Bins / dog poo bins



Fenced



Water (river or pond)



Views



Benches



Surfaced paths



Shaded, open or mixture



Links to longer walks

## A few things to bear in mind...

- Car parks listed offer at least 2 hours free parking. Most have poo bins, some even provide free poo bags.
- Postcodes aren't useful if there's no house near the entrance. We've given the nearest postcode, but recommend using websites like [gridreferencefinder.com](http://gridreferencefinder.com) and [streetmap.co.uk](http://streetmap.co.uk) to lookup the Ordnance Survey grid reference locations.
- Distances given are typical walk lengths and not necessarily the longest walk possible.
- We've indicated where greenspaces look securely fenced, but we haven't checked all fences and can't say with certainty that it's safe for dogs off lead. Please always use your judgement.

Much more detail, including maps, photograph galleries and hints about longer walks, on our website at:

[tbhpartnership.org.uk/sites](http://tbhpartnership.org.uk/sites)







# Local country walks across Surrey, Hampshire & Berkshire!

Welcome to the second edition of “**Greenspace on your doorstep**”, our guide to places to walk in the Thames Basin Heaths area.

This 2019 edition has 62 entries. That's 18 new listings since the 2017 edition! It's all thanks to the great work of our local councils and their ground-breaking strategy to protect your local heathlands. Each entry has been set aside to give us additional places to get fresh air and exercise with the family or the dog. You'll find them across Surrey, Hampshire & Berkshire, so we hope you enjoy discovering the ones on your own doorstep and perhaps further afield.

We don't manage any of the places listed, but we work very closely with the local councils who do. So please let us know what you think, we love hearing from you. We'd be thrilled to include some of your photographs in the next edition or on our website, with due credit of course. So if you fancy a small piece of fame, do send us your photographs and we'll include them. Ones of you and your family enjoying themselves, or the meadows in spring and summer, would be especially welcome. Please send them via Facebook, Twitter or email, and we'll be delighted to hear from you!

**To find out more about the work of the Thames Basin Heaths Partnership, and how the places in this booklet are helping to protect internationally important heathlands on your doorstep, visit us at...**

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## 1 May's Farm Meadows

Car park on Hyde End Lane, Ryeish Green RG7 1EP.  
Grid ref SU 71895 67919.

Wildflower meadows to explore close to Shinfield. Be sure to investigate either side of Hyde End Lane. A path takes you from the car park into the adjacent land, but there are other fields to discover on the other side of the road too.



## 2 Clares Green Field

Pedestrian entrance just off Ryeish Lane (near the junction with Clares Green Road), Shinfield RG7 1EN. Grid ref SU 72017 67075.

Tucked away in a corner of Shinfield. There's a figure-of-eight walk, taking in the fields on both sides of the track that runs between here and May's Farm Meadows. There's a link into Five Acre Field too.



## 3 Five Acre Field

Pedestrian entrance on Ryeish Lane, Shinfield RG7 1EN. Grid ref SU 72381 67285.

Lovely little wildflower meadow, handy for the new housing development at Ryeish Lane. With a link into neighbouring Clares Green Field, giving access to longer walks, including through to May's Farm Meadows.





#### 4 Langley Mead

Car park on Hyde End Road, Shinfield RG2 9EP. Grid ref SU 73162 67123.

Nowadays it's rare to see a traditional wildflower meadow, but restoration at Langley Mead is turning back the clock. Seed brought in from nearby meadows will bring back the wildflowers, and regular visitors will be able to enjoy their gradual return.

      2.8km



#### 5 Hazebrouck Meadows

Pedestrian entrances on Biggs Lane, Arborfield RG2 9LS. Grid ref SU 77543 65652.

New greenspace for Arborfield Green, where Arborfield Garrison once stood. Now thoughtfully laid out to encourage wildlife, with wildflowers, ponds, hibernation areas and an impressive bat barn! The perfect place for local people to get a breath of fresh air.

      2.3km



#### 6 Rook's Nest Wood

Car park on Barkham Ride, Finchampstead RG40 4EU. Grid ref SU 78875 65814.

Nice little place to stop off for a walk. Around 15,000 native trees have been planted as part of its transformation from farmland to public greenspace. Many were planted in 2010/2011 and they are starting to mature nicely.

        1.6km

#### 7 Old Forest Road Meadows

Pedestrian entrance on Old Forest Road, Wokingham RG41 1LA. Grid ref SU 79820 70479.

Short walk along the Emm Brook and through wildflower meadows. A green sanctuary for wildlife and locals alike.

    1.5km



#### 8 Eldridge Country Park

Pedestrian entrance on Bingham Drive, off Bell Foundry Lane, Wokingham RG40 5QF. Grid ref SU 80907 70117.

A well-surfaced path leads you on a meandering route around this greenspace for the Eldridge Park development.

     2.3km



#### 9 Kentwood Meadow

Parking for two cars off Warren House Road, Wokingham RG40 5RE. Grid ref SU 81853 70119.

Recently landscaped meadow, handy for the new housing development off Warren House Road. A well-surfaced path leads you on a sinuous route.

      1km







## 10 Keep Hatch Woods

Pedestrian entrances at Dyer Road RG40 5PG, grid ref SU 82524 69288, Montague Close RG40 5PF, grid ref SU 82486 69523, and Binfield Road RG40 5PS, grid ref SU 82738 69215.

Work is impinging on the peace and quiet of this nice little woodland. Check our website for updates.



## 11 Buckhurst Meadow

Car park off William Heelas Way, Wokingham RG40 1RE. Grid ref SU 83142 68682.

Take a loop around this nicely maturing meadow and you'll find a treasure trove of habitats. A highlight is the fantastic reedbed, home to dragonflies, birds and amphibians. Surfaced paths allow you to enjoy the extent of the meadow, no matter the weather.



## 12 Peacock Meadows at Jennett's Park

Car park on Swift Fields, Bracknell RG12 8DS. Grid ref SU 84505 67828.

With heaps of space and good paths, this is the ideal spot for dog walks, picnics and jogging. Or even brass rubbing! Crossing over Peacock Lane will take you to another field bordering ancient woodland.



## 13 Piglittle Field

Pedestrian off Chapman Drive, Amen Corner, Binfield RG42 4FZ. Grid ref SU 83732 69249.

One of the nicest surprises during the research for "Greenspace on your doorstep" was our first visit to Piglittle Field. On a clear day, you can see all the way to the Chiltern Hills. Well worth seeking out!



## 14 Pope's Meadow

Car park on St. Mark's Road, Bracknell RG42 4BA. Grid ref SU 84461 69973.

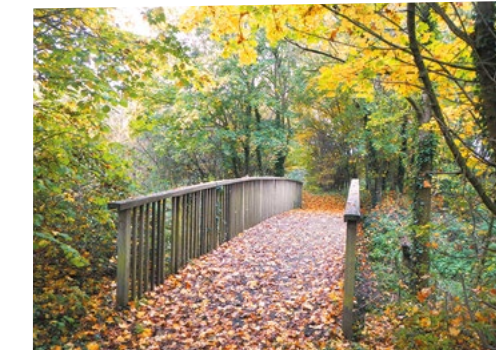
Pope's Meadow is a lovely walk through grassland, a wooded copse and pond-side habitats, among spectacular mature oak trees. It's been awarded a prestigious Green Flag Award and has a play area for young children.



## 15 Cut Countryside Corridor

Car park at Larks Hill on Harvest Ride, Warfield RG42 2QA. Grid ref SU 87052 70798. And at Jock's Lane Recreation Ground on Binfield Road, RG12 2BH. Grid ref SU 85875 70254.

The Cut Countryside Corridor is an interesting ramble along the River Cut. Linking Larks Hill, Piggy Wood and Garth Meadows. With options taking in Jock's Copse, Tinker's Copse and Cabbage Hill.







## 16 Cabbage Hill

Car park on Forest Road, Binfield RG42 5RR.  
Grid ref SU 86147 71306.

If space and a breath of fresh air is what you're looking for! The perfect spot for a picnic or to watch magnificent birds of prey soaring above. Take 'The Grand Tour' of Cabbage Hill and the Cut Countryside Corridor and you have around 6kms of paths to explore!



## 17 Frost Folly Park

Car park on Weller's Lane, Warfield RG42 6EN.  
Grid ref SU 87303 72602. Closed overnight.

Tranquil place for a walk, with lovely views towards Warfield Church and the surrounding countryside. Lots of areas set aside for wildlife, with mature trees and well managed hedgerows that are a haven for all sorts of wild birds.



## 18 Lily Hill & Longhill Parks

Car parks on Lily Hill Road RG12 2RX and Long Hill Road, Bullbrook, Bracknell RG12 9UE.  
Grid refs SU 88752 69466 & SU 89354 69274.

Let yourself be charmed by characterful Lily Hill Park. There's something new to discover around every corner, including England's longest picnic bench! Extending your visit, a stone's throw away are Longhill Park and Clinton's Hill.



## 19 Englemere Pond

Car park on Swinley Road (B3017), Winkfield Row, Ascot SL5 8BB. Grid ref SU 90066 68425.

Englemere Pond is a jewel. In spring the reedbeds are full of chattering warblers, warm summer days bring out a multitude of dragonflies, and on summer evenings house martins and swallows swoop low over the water. It's not hard to see why it's a Local Nature Reserve and SSSI.



## 20 Allens Field

Car park off Liddell Way, Ascot SL5 9UZ. Grid ref SU 91978 67788. Open every day 7:30am - 4pm.

If you're looking for somewhere to start your dog with agility training, Allens Field has a unique selling point! It's the only 'Greenspace on your doorstep' with agility equipment. Find it in the woodland on the far side. Also wildflower meadow, woodland and streams to explore.



## 21 Oakham Woods

Pedestrian entrance at Swords Drive, just off Old Wokingham Road, Crowthorne RG40 3DU.  
Grid ref SU 84154 65352.

Cosy patch of mixed woodland on the Old Wokingham Road in Crowthorne. Very handy for residents of Oakham Park and on the Wokingham Way.







## 22 Great Hollands Wood

Car park on South Road, Wokingham RG40 3EE. Grid ref SU 85097 66286. Open every day from 8:30am till dusk.

A short wander through pine and rhododendron on the edge of Great Hollands Recreation Ground. The recreation ground is not officially part of the walk, but makes a nice extension and offers a number of facilities including a children's play area.

   1km



## 23 Buckler's Forest

Car park off Woodcote Green, Crowthorne RG45 6LN. Grid ref SU 84373 64824. Open sunrise to sunset or 6am to 9:30pm.

A huge open space in what used to be the grounds of the Transport Research Lab. Once used to test innovative ideas such as mini-roundabouts and cycle lanes! Now perfectly landscaped for running, cycling or walks with the dog.

       3.6km



## 24 Broadmoor Farm Meadows

Car park next to Crowthorne Rugby Club at Lower Broadmoor Road, Crowthorne RG45 7HD. Grid ref SU 85255 63621.

With meadows and wooded knolls, this is a tranquil spot for a pleasant walk. When we visited in December 2018 the gorse was in flower, giving the meadows a heathland feel. We felt quite at home!

     2.3km

## 25 Horseshoe Lake

Car park on Mill Lane, Sandhurst GU47 8JW. Grid ref SU 82031 62019.

Water-lovers will enjoy this gentle walk along the River Blackwater and around the lake. It's a great place to brush up your waterfowl identification. So if you don't know your widgeon from your gadwall, this is the place to head in winter!

      ~2km



## 26 Ambarrow Court & Hill

Car park on A321, Wokingham Rd, Sandhurst GU47 8JD. Grid ref SU 82444 62669.

Lovely nature reserve with two waymarked trails. The first explores the grounds of a once magnificent country estate, now a popular easy-access route. The second takes you up the intriguing Ambarrow Hill. Sadly, not a burial mound, just an interesting natural feature!

     1.5km



## 27 Swan Lake Park

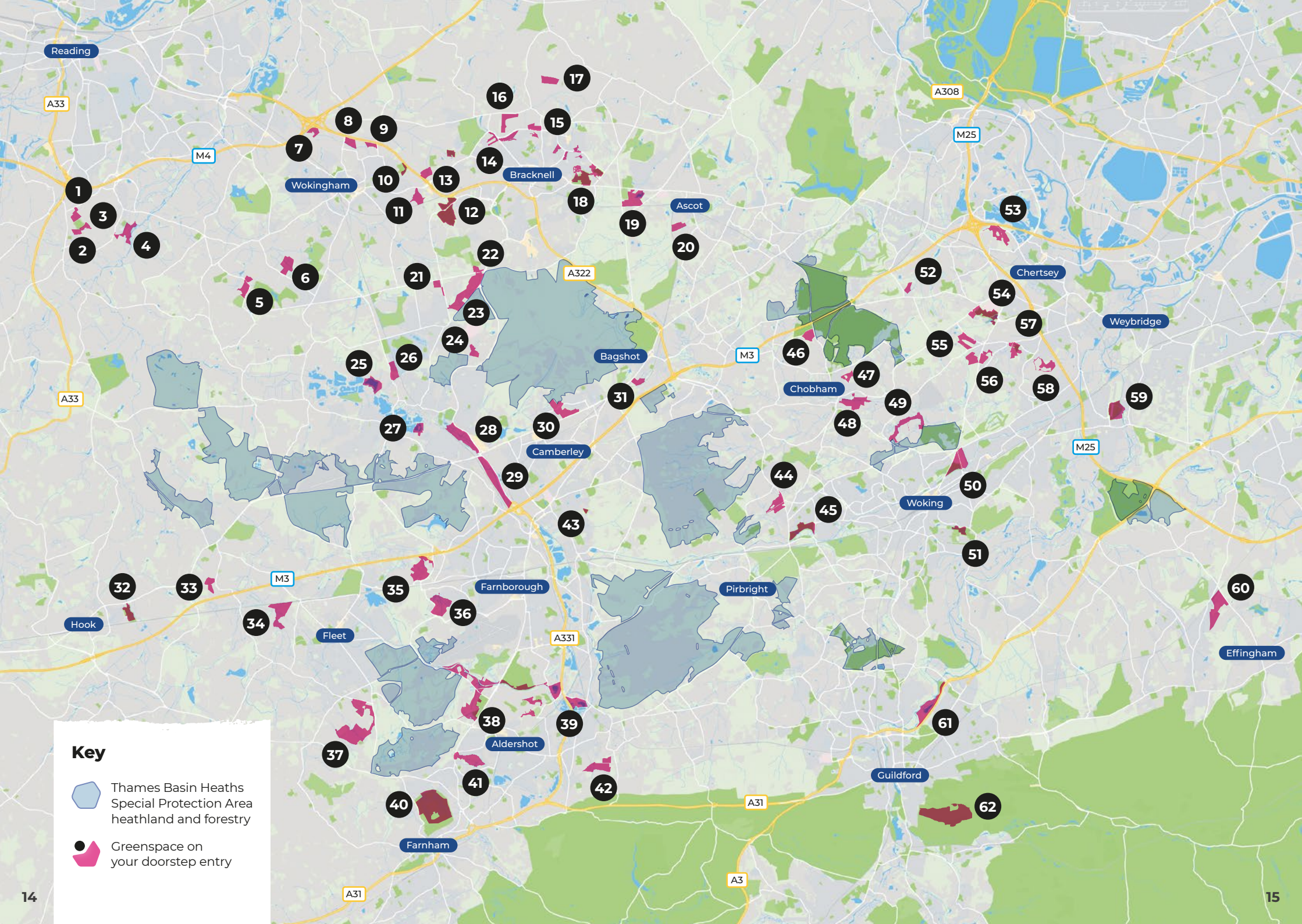
Car park on Swan Lane, Sandhurst GU47 9DA. Grid ref SU 83578 60836.

A nice place to enjoy watery delights, swans are aplenty here, not surprisingly! A pleasant walk through a meadow and around a fishing lake. You'll find that most paths are well surfaced and you can pick up the Blackwater Valley Path for a longer walk.

      1.2km







### Key

-  Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area heathland and forestry
-  Greenspace on your doorstep entry





## 28 Shepherd Meadows

Car park off the A321, Marshall Road, Sandhurst GU47 0FL. Grid ref SU 84871 60709.

Award-winning park named after wildlife artist and campaigner David Shepherd. In the spring and summer the meadows are carpeted in wildflowers. Explore too neighbouring Sandhurst Memorial Park, or head upstream to Hawley Meadows.



## 29 Hawley Meadows & Blackwater Park

Car park on the A331, Camberley GU15 3YH. Grid ref SU 86057 59133.

A lovely green stretch of river bank. Make the most of your walk by following the River Blackwater south, as far as the M3 flyover, and then north, following the railway and through a gate into wooded Blackwater Park.



## 30 Diamond Ridge Woods

Pedestrian access and limited parking in laybys on College Ride, Camberley GU15 4EZ. Grid ref SU 88041 61511.

Woodlands open to the public and handy for Camberley.



## 31 Earlswood Park

Beside Waitrose on London Road, Bagshot GU19 5DG. Grid ref SU 90643 62540. 3 hours free parking at Waitrose.

Visit in May and you're in for a treat! The rhododendrons are a little bit special. Once part of a national collection, a kind of library of rhododendron varieties. There are other horticultural surprises too, as this land was once home to a garden centre.



## 32 Bassetts Mead Country Park

Car parks at the top of Holt Lane and just off Doctor's Acre, Hook RG27 9UW. Grid refs SU 73695 54783 & SU 73586 54558.

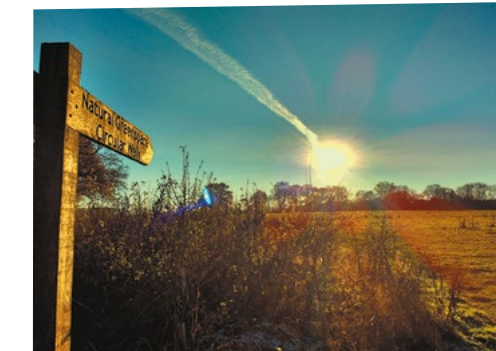
Bassetts Mead may be small, but it definitely delivers. The river bank is a prime location, especially on a hot day when dragonflies are out. But explore the meadows, ponds and copse too, where excellent information boards tell you all about this lovely little place.



## 33 Queen Elizabeth II Fields

Pedestrian entrance off Damson Drive, St. Mary's Park, Hartney Wintney RG27 8WR. Grid ref SU 76445 55647.

Small wildflower meadow convenient for the St. Mary's Park housing development on Dilly Lane.







### 34 Edenbrook Country Park

Car park off Emerald Avenue, Fleet GU51 5DW.  
Grid ref SU 79051 54126.

We've watched this place with interest as it matures into a wonderful reserve for wetland wildlife. Follow the surfaced paths that lead you round the interesting meadows, ponds and boardwalks. And, handily, it's right next door to Hart Leisure Centre with toilets and café.

 2.6km

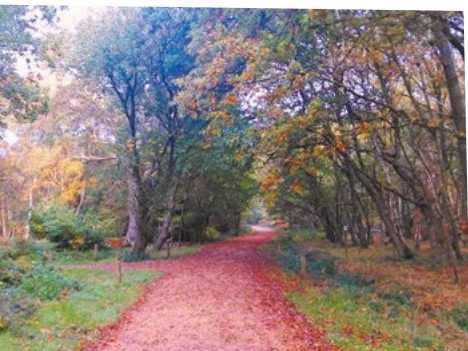


### 35 Bramshot Farm Country Park

Car park off Bramshot Lane, Fleet GU51 2RU.  
Grid ref SU 83323 55733.

Bramshot Farm is a thoughtfully designed greenspace. A choice of trails allows you to stick to dry land on the 'Leaping Hare Loop' or branch out on the unsurfaced 'Old Oak Way'. Find charmingly carved benches and picnic tables, and stately oaks.

 2.5km



### 36 Southwood Woodland

Parking on Kennels Lane, Farnborough GU14 0LL.  
Grid ref SU 84314 54508.

Beautifully laid out woodland with surfaced paths, signed trails and wonderfully carved information boards. This much loved place has its star turn around the end of April, when the bluebells, and other woodland flowers, are at their best.

 1.6km

### 37 Naishes Wood at Crookham Park

Car park off Naishes Lane, Church Crookham GU52 8TJ. Grid ref SU 81347 50828.

Formerly Queen Elizabeth Barracks, home to the Gurkha Rifles. Now delightful woods and meadows. As you explore the network of paths you'll come across fine views and a unique collection of World War II pillboxes.

 6km



### 38 Wellesley Woodlands

Car parks around Aldershot, including Fleet Road, nearest postcode GU11 2HL.  
Grid reference SU 85153 52468.

Fantastic new greenspace for Aldershot. Once a military training area, these woodlands have been transformed into an inviting public space for everyone to enjoy. Named after Arthur Wellesley, better known as the 1st Duke of Wellington!

 10km



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### 39 Lakeside Nature Reserve

Car park off Lakeside Road, Ash Vale GU12 5AA.  
Grid ref SU 88924 51852.

A tranquil spot with a lovely view across the lake. Extend your walk along the Blackwater Valley Path, waymarked path towards Hollybush. There's a great play park too, complete with zip wire and mini-climbing walls.

 1.4km



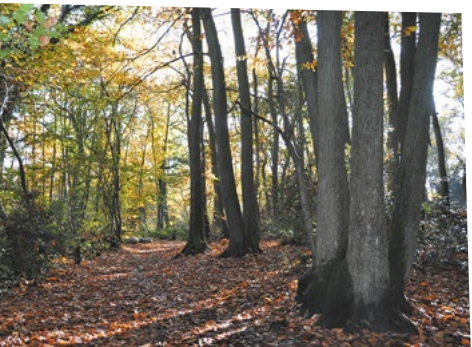




## 40 Farnham Park

Car parks off Folly Hill (A287), Farnham GU9 0AU. Grid refs SU 83776 47532 & SU 83652 47882.

This extensive park and Local Nature Reserve won't fail to please. With far-reaching views, a castle, circular walks and plenty of hills, streams and valleys to explore, this place has it all. Great walks, historical interest and a landscape to die for.



## 41 Rowhill Nature Reserve

Car park on Cranmore Lane, Aldershot GU11 3BD. Grid ref SU 84892 49994.

Gorgeous shady woodland, great for cooling down in summer! This wonderful nature reserve has been lovingly managed and cared for. Discover the source of the River Blackwater, the start of a green corridor on the Surrey Hampshire boundary.



## 42 Ash Green Meadows

Car park at the end of South Lane, Ash GU12 6NG. Grid ref 89512 49803.

It's well worth seeking out this huge area of fenced meadow. The perfect place for a bit of peace and quiet. From the car park, cross the disused railway line, now a surfaced footpath, and take the signposted path.



## 43 St. Catherine's Road

Pedestrian entrance on St. Catherine's Road, Frimley GU16 8NS. Grid ref SU 88984 58129.

The former playing fields of Clewborough House School have been transformed into this small, but perfect greenspace for local residents. A pleasant, compact heathland with an accessible path.



## 44 Bisley Common

Parking for two or three cars in layby on Stafford Lake, Bisley GU21 2SH. Grid ref SU 95546 58456.

Like many commons in the area, Bisley Common has been used by local residents for centuries. Once a source of fuel and other materials, and as pasture. These days the main use is exercise and recreation.



## 45 Brookwood Country Park

Car park on Redding Way, Knaphill GU21 8XP. Grid ref SU 96613 57830.

A lovely green place beside the Basingstoke Canal. Find a 1.4km surfaced path and links to longer walks along the canal. Visit during the summertime when the butterflies and dragonflies are enjoying the sunshine. And if you're lucky, you may even spot a kingfisher!







## 46 Chobham Place Woods

Car park on Valley End Road, Chobham GU24 8TN. Grid ref SU 96472 64299.

A small yet intriguing woodland, full of history, and great for a short walk. Well signposted easy-access trail taking in a historic tree-lined avenue originally planted in 1702 and a little known war memorial remembering those who went to the Crimean War in 1853.



## 47 Little Heath Meadow

Pedestrian entrance off Burr Hill Lane, Chobham GU24 8QD. Grid ref SU 97552 62571.

Lovely little corner of Chobham, a gem waiting to be discovered. Most uniquely, and a delight to come across unexpectedly, is a large pet cemetery, with graves dating back to the 1910s. Many much loved pets are resting here and it's lovely to see it restored.



## 48 Chobham Water Meadows

Car park off High Street, Chobham (behind 'Chobham Rider') GU24 8LZ. Grid ref SU 97460 61925.

2 hours free parking. A real gem of a walk, providing natural tranquillity, yet not far from Chobham High Street. You could be a million miles from the traffic! Particularly lovely in the spring and summer, when the meadows are alive and buzzing with butterflies and bees.



## 49 Heather Farm

Car park off Chobham Road (A3046), Woking GU21 4XY. Grid ref SU 99407 60599.

Friendly place to exercise your four-legged companion along the River Bourne. In hot weather, the river is a much appreciated cooling off spot! And in less ideal conditions, there's a dog-wash for hosing down a muddy pooch! And don't leave without trying the goodies at the dog-friendly café.



## 50 Woodham Common

Car park on Monument Road, Woking GU21 5LU. Grid ref TQ 01472 60130.

Woodham's Bedser Trail is a lovely easy-access trail through woodland and heathland, dedicated to Woking's cricketing heroes. Also discover Bronze Age burial mounds and a tranquil peace garden.



## 51 White Rose Lane Nature Reserve

Pedestrian entrance on White Rose Lane GU22 8JB. Grid ref TQ 01767 57819.

Little Local Nature Reserve, featuring alder woodland beside the Hoe Stream in Woking. Makes a nice walk if combined with a stroll along the stream from Woking Park Leisure Centre.







## 52 Chertsey Common, Longcross

Car park on Kitsmead Lane, Chertsey KT16 0EF. Grid ref SU 99617 65611.

An information board in the car park displays a clear map, showing the choice of routes, starting with a short loop on a well finished path. This part is secured by post and rail fencing and could make the perfect spot for a puppy's first off-lead experience.



## 53 St. Ann's Hill

Car park just off St. Ann's Hill Road, Chertsey KT16 9DB. Grid ref TQ 02822 67465. Dedicated disabled parking at grid ref TQ 02623 67394.

Admire the stunning views of Surrey and the surrounding area from one of the highest points in Runnymede. Enjoy huge redwoods and discover historical occupation dating back to the Bronze Age.



## 54 Homewood Park

Car park on Stonehill Road, Chertsey KT16 0AG. Grid ref TQ 02013 65172. 3 hours free parking - see ticket machine.

Fine English oaks lend a noble air to Homewood Park. Originally the grounds of Botleys Mansion, a lovely building dating from c.1765. Designed by architect Kenton Couse, who also happened to design number 10 Downing Street.



## 55 Ether Hill

Car park at Ottershaw Memorial Fields on Fox Hills Road, Ottershaw KT16 0ES. Grid ref TQ 01729 64152.

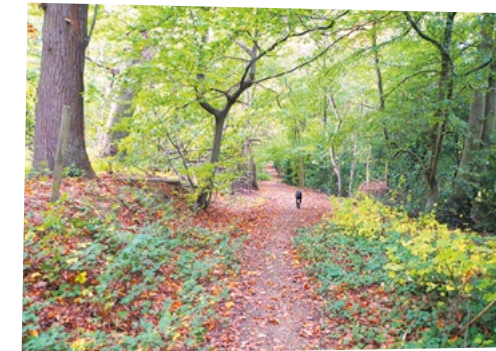
A well waymarked trail takes you around the woodlands and to the top of Ether Hill to admire a panoramic view across the Surrey countryside. Once the site of public gallows! For a longer walk, link up with neighbouring Timber Hill & Ottershaw Chase.



## 56 Timber Hill & Ottershaw Chase

Car park on A320 (Guildford Road) Ottershaw KT16 0PB. Grid ref TQ 02122 63453.

Excellent information boards describe these woodlands. Did you know that Ottershaw Chase's splendid sweet chestnut trees had a close shave when they were sold to a timber merchant? Luckily for us, the merchant went bust and the trees were saved!



## 57 Hare Hill

Pedestrian entrance at the top of Spratts Lane, Ottershaw KT15 1AZ. Grid ref TQ 03262 64000.

Fine oak trees and a hornbeam hedge hint at Hare Hill's past. Now a lovely woodland, with an interesting pond fed by a nearby spring. What a host of wildlife must live in its soggy bottom!





## 58 Franklands Park

*Pedestrian entrance on Strawberry Fields, Addlestone KT15 1EH. Grid ref TQ 03965 63399.*

Pleasant waymarked stroll through woodlands and meadows, winding around the Franklands Park housing development. Find a well-equipped play area, complete with zip wire and adventure climbing frame, plus a range of outdoor fitness equipment.



## 59 Brooklands Community Park

*Car park on Sopwith Drive, Weybridge KT13 0XF. Grid ref TQ 06523 61616.*

A unique place. Once home to British motor sport and aviation. Today it's a wildflower meadow, criss-crossed with tarmac tracks, popular with walkers, runners and families. A great place for youngsters to hone their cycling skills!



## 60 Effingham Common

*Next to Effingham Junction train station. Limited parking on lane called Effingham Common KT24 5JG. Grid ref TQ 10596 55287.*

The walk to the highest point of this lovely meadow, passing two nice ponds, is worth the effort for the view. Listen out for the resident skylarks, the soundtrack of summer! To protect these birds, dogs should be kept to paths May to August.



## 61 Riverside Nature Reserve

*Car park on Bowers Lane, Guildford GU4 7ND. Grid ref TQ 01139 52612.*

Green Flag Award-winning meadows close to Guildford. Well worth a visit for its enormous lake, picnic area and beautifully carved benches. There are boardwalk routes to explore, with an observation hide tucked away in the reeds. And the neighbouring River Wey has endless interest.



## 62 Chantry Wood

*Car park just off Echo Pit Road, Guildford, GU4 8AW. Grid ref TQ 00370 48362.*

Peaceful wooded hillside, where you can pause to admire views of an iconic Guildford landmark and also over Chilworth towards the South Downs. And don't miss the bluebells in spring! Links to longer walks on the North Downs Way are an added bonus.







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