**THE HORSLEY DIAMOND JUBILEE TRAIL**

**About this walk**

The Horsley Diamond Jubilee Trail is a circular walk through the Parishes of East & West Horsley and Effingham using mainly public footpaths and bridleways, to link up woods and open spaces with public easy access, including: The Forest, Effingham Common, Great Ridings Wood, Oldlands Wood, Effingham Forest and the Sheepleas.

The total distance of the trail is approximately 14.5 km (9 miles), and it rises to over 175m (570ft) at its highest point along the broad ridge of the North Downs. The walk takes you through open country, woods and farmland, with the minimum of road walking. Proceeding at a comfortable pace, allow 4 to 5 hours, of great historical interest, on easy paths.

The walk was named the Horsley Jubilee Trail because it was not until the year of the Queen’s Golden Jubilee that the complete trail became possible due to the acquisition of The Forest, and the designation of a new right of way, which provided the final link in the circuit. It has been upgraded to commemorate the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee and to improve access.

**A Map of the Horsleys**

Based on the Ordnance Survey ‘Map of the Horsleys’ it has been upgraded to commemorate the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee. There are several road crossings that require care, and these are listed in the route description.

**Directions**

Start from Horsley Station, although the walk can be commenced at many other points. The numbers relate to the map.

1. **From Station**, turn right, then right again down steps to reach road. Cross with care to opposite pavement, by railway bridge. Turn right, continue, to but not over, the junction with East Lane passing several interesting Loevels buildings on opposite side of road. Cross Ockham Road North to footpath directly opposite. Follow path along right verge of The Drift. Turn left along Twin Bridges, then left again to join footpath to Effingham Common.

2. **At top of hill**, take right turn, then continue down steps to reach road. Cross with care to opposite pavement, by railway bridge. Turn right, continue, to but not over, the junction with East Lane passing several interesting Loevels buildings on opposite side of road. Cross Ockham Road North to footpath directly opposite. Follow path along right verge of The Drift.

3. **Cross road diagonally left, following bridleway Old London Lane into woods. Go past a footpath gang right over a footbridge is about 150m. From a return to East Horsley and the Station may be made. In another 135m Great Ridings Wood/ Woodland Trail display board is reached on left.

4. **Turn left by display board and go through horse barrier. In 50m, fork right at waymark and follow footpath through woods. Another crossing a bridge, continue up the slope turning left at waymark. Take clear track ahead for 300m, turning right downhill to surfaced track. Leaving the Ockham Lane entrance of Great Ridings Wood, cross level diagonal left to join footpath through Parrott’s Copse. Follow waymark to regain Old London Lane. Turn left continuing to Dirtham Lane, and its A246.

5. **At a junction of bridleways, turn right along trackway to reach Crocknord Road. From best view of Crocknord Farm, go a few paces left along bridleway, then return route. At road, turn the blind bend to the left, cross carefully to bridleway opposite, which soon goes downhill passing under three Loevels bridges to reach Green Dene.

6. **Turn right along pavement to get clear view in both directions, cross road with caution to bridleway opposite. Keep crossing a waymark, turn right on bridleway passing under Stoney Bridge. Turn left on bridleway at end of bridge, then right on a footpath. Continue to cross traffic islands to get to Crocknord Farm. At top of hill, take left turn at driveway to reach road. Cross with care to opposite pavement, by rail crossing. Bear left, then turn right on bridleway, with fields to left. Traverse tracks and meet crossing a bridleway, and turn right. Return Road car park is to the left. Parking Angel Dalm, the Millponds Wyeponds to the right with excellent views. From viewpoint continue down grassy slope to a shallow valley then bear left and up another slope. Go through a horse barrier, then bear left past St Flory’s car park opposite. Pass through another horse barrier and cross two level crossings to reach A246 at St Mary’s Church, founded in 1920.

7. **Turn left along pavement, cross road with caution to bridleway. Go through gate taking right footpath to reach road by village green, turn left continuing to reach road by village green, turn left continuing to pass through another horse barrier and cross two level crossings to reach A246.

8. **At a junction of bridleways, turn right along trackway to reach Dirtham Lane, and its A246.**

9. **With steps left on a footpath, cross traffic islands to get clear view in both directions, cross road with caution to bridleway opposite. Keep crossing a waymark, turn right on bridleway passing under Stoney Bridge. Turn left on bridleway at end of bridge, then right on a footpath. Continue to cross traffic islands to get to Crocknord Farm. At top of hill, take left turn at driveway to reach road. Cross with care to opposite pavement, by rail crossing. Bear left, then turn right on bridleway, with fields to left. Traverse tracks and meet crossing a bridleway, and turn right. Return Road car park is to the left. Parking Angel Dalm, the Millponds Wyeponds to the right with excellent views. From viewpoint continue down grassy slope to a shallow valley then bear left and up another slope. Go through a horse barrier, then bear left past St Flory’s car park opposite. Pass through another horse barrier and cross two level crossings to reach A246 at St Mary’s Church, founded in 1920.

**Church House:** a magnificent building just past the church is worth seeing before crossing the A246 in pavement opposite. Squires Garden Centre with a restaurant and coffee shop is a short drive away. Continue to the left along pavement, then cross road to steps opposite the Station.