



The management of heathland dates back to the early farmers who cleared the land of trees and grazed their cattle close to their homesteads, on the 'common land'. This resulted in nutrient-poor soils, particularly on the sandy substrata of the Surrey Hills, and a vegetation cover consisting mainly of heather, gorse and bracken. Heathland management at Frensham today tries to replicate the effect of grazing animals. Without management the open landscape would quickly disappear as the trees spread, driving out the important and rare species of reptiles, insects and birds that exist on the heathland.

Heathland

caused the River Wey to flood. relocation in the Annals, which tell of colossal storms in the area in the 1230s, which present position in the valley. We may surmise a more realistic explanation for the site or the reason for the relocation. However, local legend states that the Devil objected moved from its original site to where it stands today. There is no record of the previous St Mary's is mentioned in the Annals of Waverley where it is recorded that the church was

St Mary the Virgin Church



St. Mary's Church

Travel Information

For local train and bus information call Travel Line South East on 0871 2002233 or visit their website: www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk

SurreyHills Board

Works to develop policies and programmes to protect the beauty of the Surrey Hills for the safe use and enjoyment of all. The Surrey Hills was designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in 1958 and is one of a family of nationally protected landscapes. For further information on the Surrey Hills visit www.surreyhills.org

SurreyHills Society

The Surrey Hills Society is an independent charity promoting the positive enjoyment and care of the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty for those who live, work in or visit the area. The Society encourages people to explore and learn about the special qualities and distinctiveness of the area. For further information on the Surrey Hills Society visit www.surreyhillsociety.org

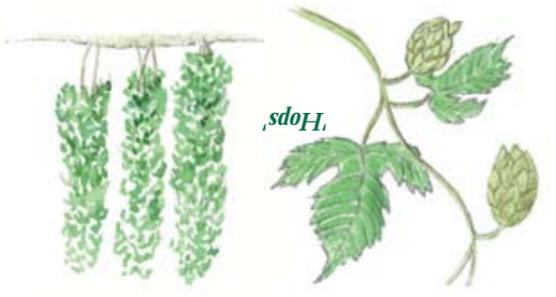


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After picking, the hops were dried in kilns, sometimes referred to as Oast Houses, and then compressed into large sacks called 'pockets' before being sold to the brewers.



Pitt Farm



The hops were ready for picking by September and had to be picked within a very short space of time. This required additional labour from the surrounding towns and villages. The picking season lasted for about two weeks and during this time temporary accommodation had to be arranged for the hop picking families either in barns or in specially constructed 'barracks'. During the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, the nearby town of Farnham and its surrounding villages were renowned for hop growing. In 1839 there were thirty acres of hops being grown in the Frensham area but by 1900 this had increased ten fold. Hops, which are used in the brewing of beer, were grown up poles sixteen feet or more tall. These poles were often made from larch, ash or alder.

'Hopping'

This is one of a series of three walks starting from Frensham Great Pond Visitor Centre in the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

It is advisable to wear stout walking boots as some paths may become muddy during wet weather.

Holly Bush pub, the village shop and the Visitor Centre. covered by Ordnance Survey Explorer map 145. Refreshments are available from the This 6 mile, 3 hour walk begins and ends at Frensham Great Pond Visitor Centre and its Discover the peace and tranquillity of Frensham Village and its surrounding countryside.

About this Walk

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FRENSHAM WALK
Hops & Heather

This attractive walk around Frensham takes you through heathland and woodland with stunning views across the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

