Tilford Institute

This striking building was designed by Edwin Lutyens in 1893, and contains stonework taken from the chapel across the road. The Institute was given to the village in memory of Charles Archibald Anderson, from the Anderson family of Waverley Abbey House. Today the Institute is an ideal meeting place for the villagers and is versatile in its use from pavilion for the Cricket Club to stage for the Tilford Players.

About this Walk

This picturesque walk takes in Frensham Great and Little Ponds, and the River Wey. Discover the medieval bridges at Tilford and an abundance of local wildlife. This 8 mile, 4 hour walk beginning and ending at Frensham Great Pond Visitor Centre or the Rural Life Centre and is covered by Ordnance Survey Explorer map 145. Refreshments are available from the Barley Mow pub, the village shop and the Visitor Centre.

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

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.

Tilford Bridges

Tilford has two medieval bridges which form part of a notable series of bridges along the River Wey between Farnham and Guildford.

It is thought that the monks of Waverley Abbey built the bridges possibly in the 1230s when the Annals of Waverley Abbey tell us that a great flood occurred which damaged many bridges in the area.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, better known as the creator of Sherlock Holmes, used Tilford as a setting in his romantic novel ‘Sir Nigel’, in which the chivalrous hero is depicted attempting to hold Tilford Bridge against the squires and knights of Edward III.

Grey Wagtails

The Grey Wagtail is often seen close to rivers and streams dabbling in mud in search of aquatic insect larvae. This bird is easily recognisable by its grey back and lemon underside, particularly rich beneath its tail.

Kingfisher

This enchanting walk takes you through countryside rich in birdlife to the medieval bridges of Tilford in the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Travel Information

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

Surrey Hills 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

Surrey Hills 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.surreyhillssociety.org

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