
Elmbridge self-guided walks

Arbrook and Claygate Commons

5.7km circular walk (approximately 1 – 1 ¼ hours)

Walk information

This walk links the 2 wooded commons of Arbrook and Claygate and takes in the picturesque open countryside in-between, including a view of the 'Horse of the South.'

It is suitable for most reasonably fit occasional walkers. The walk is mainly flat but includes a gently sloping path up and over the railway after you exit Arbrook Common, and a short upward incline in Woodlands Close as you enter Claygate Common. The majority of the walk is on woodland and countryside paths so strong waterproof footwear is advisable. The walk is not suitable for the less mobile or children in urban pushchairs. There are no toilets or cafes on route.

Please note the section of the walk near the 'Horse of the South' can get very waterlogged after persistent heavy rain so perhaps the walk is best avoided at these times.

Car parking

Arbrook Common Car Park, Arbrook Lane, Claygate, Surrey, KT10 9EG



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Drive right to the end of Arbrook Lane to find the car park – parking is free. Free street parking is also available further up Arbrook Lane.

Public transport

Train: Claygate train station. Follow the yellow route from the station on the map to join the circular walk route. This adds 0.6 km to the route, approx. 8-10 mins.

Bus: K3 Esher to Roehampton Vale. Stop: Arbrook Lane.

The walk start point

Arbrook Common car park (or anywhere on the circular route.)

The walk route

Leave the car park at the far end, walking towards the woods. Veer left, cross the wooden foot bridge and take the left-hand path.

Follow the path down the left-hand side of the woods and continue ahead and keep left at a junction of four paths. At the next T junction, turn left out of the woods – signposted ‘Claremont Road’.

Follow this path ¼ mile, to go over a footbridge and then uphill until you have crossed the railway bridge.

Once over the bridge, continue straight ahead (Claremont Road) and take the second turning on the right (Beaconsfield Road).

Walk to the end of this quiet suburban road and turn left into Vale Road. Walk to the next junction (about 150m).

Cross the road to go up Woodlands Close opposite (a slight slope) and walk to the end where there is a path leading into the woods (Claygate Common).

Once in the woods, turn right onto a wider path. Once on the path, you should have houses on your right.

Stay on this path until you’ve been through a wooden barrier and arrived at a road (Holroyd Road). Turn right in the direction of a red post box, cross over and walk down this road.

At the end of the road (just past the post box) turn left into the start of a bridleway (on corner where Holroyd Road and Coverts road meet).

Walk along the bridleway which slopes gently up to a bridge over the A3 and then down the other side. You will then find yourself following the edge of a large field on your right.

At the far end of the field, turn right – signposted ‘Arbrook Common’. You will follow this path for about 1 mile – passing under the railway, then through a tunnel under the A3.

Once under the tunnel, follow the path in between some large open fields until you reach the woods (Arbrook Common) ahead of you.

Enter the woods. At a junction of 5 paths continue ahead, bearing right slightly. After about 80 yards, following a bend to the left, take the 2nd path on your right - a small path accessed in between 2 wooden railings.

At the next junction, by a wooden bench, turn left over a small ditch with 4 wooden boards crossing it. After a minute or so, you will see a wooden barrier ahead. At the junction just in front of this barrier, turn right.

After a couple of minutes, you pass a wooden barrier as this path joins another bigger path. Veer right onto the bigger path and follow this back to the car park.

Footnote

We hope you enjoyed your walk. If so tell your friends, if not, or you have encountered any problems please tell us at: Health@elmbridge.gov.uk or call 01372 474574

Healthy Walks program

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elmbridge.gov.uk/sports-and-health/healthy-walks-and-cycle-rides/

Walk map

