

Woking 50+ Club Walk - Thursley, Hankley Common, Kettlebury Hill
Wednesday, 21st April 2021

Covid-19 Coronavirus: This walk is with restricted numbers. You will need to pre-book your place on the walk with Hilary Thomas.

Meeting Point: Thursley Village car park, by the Recreation Ground and Cricket Pitch at the western end of the village. Park at the eastern end of the car park. The nearest postcode is GU8 6QA, but is not accurate. OS ref: SU900398. It is about 17 miles from Woking Leisure Centre and should take you about 30 minutes.

Time: 10.00 am start

Distance: 4.9 miles

Leader: Alan Sandell (01483 222903 or 0796 737 4559 on the day)

Directions: Take the A3 south from Guildford, past the Milford junction and leave at the junction signposted Thursley. Follow the signs into Thursley, keeping right at road forks. Drive through the village, with its 20 mph speed limit, to the Recreation Ground and Cricket Pitch on your right. Turn right into the car park just after the 30 mph signs and drive to the far end. There is a 2.1m height restriction on the car park.

The Walk: The walk is a fairly easy walk but it is not level. There are quite a few gentle ups and downs. It is mainly on footpaths and tracks along the edge of Thursley National Nature Reserve, across Hankley Common and along the ridge of Kettlebury Hill with its great views. There is a small amount of country road walking, and some tracks are tarmac.

A large part of the walk is on public footpaths across an Army training ground. When I walked this in late March I saw only one group of soldiers. I am assured that live firing is banned and that the public will be OK so long as they stay on the footpaths.

The coffee stop will be about halfway round, where there is a cluster of tree stumps.

There are no stiles, but there are three gates.

As with all walks please wear suitable footwear especially if it has been wet. The walk is mainly on firm or sandy ground and I don't expect it to be wet or muddy.

WARNING: The wooded areas of the walk consist mainly of tall pine trees and thus there is not much cover for those who need to "find a tree or bush". However I saw two pairs of portable loos on Kettlebury Hill which appeared to be clean and available to anyone, although I suspect they are actually for soldiers on exercise.

Lunch: None organised.

Dogs: Sorry, but because of possible trip and fall hazard that dogs present to our walkers, we regret dogs are not welcome on 50+ walks.

First Aiders: The walk leader will carry a **basic** first aid kit and a mobile phone in case of minor accidents, though mobile coverage is limited in this area. It is expected that all walkers will be prepared for the conditions. However, if any walker is a qualified first aider, would they make themselves known to the walk leader before the start.

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