

Garston Wood Circular Walk - Recommended by Margaret Webb of Fovant

(1) Park at Garston Wood car park. After entering gate take broad path ahead of you into wood. Ignore path opposite seat coming in from left.

(2) Go through kissing gate and fork left into field. Keep hedge on right and follow path along edge of field for 50 yards. As field opens up keep straight on.

(3) When you reach the end of hedge turn left down track and keep hedge on your left. Carry on past field which is post and wired fenced on your right.

(4) Where track sweeps left after house (at right angles to the track) bear right through over grown grass with post and wired field on your right and overhead electric cables on left. Pass cow byre on your left. End of field turn right up lane. Carry on through metal gate.

(5) When you reach a 90° angle bend to the right in track take the narrow overgrown path which goes straight on next to hedge on your left. Path goes steeply downhill between hedges and is narrow. Emerge on road. Turn right along road opposite Kete Cottage. Pass phone box to metal gate on left and bridle path sign and go through gate. Bear right 20 yards to metal gate into field and turn left up field with hedge on left and field on right. Continue past stile to left and path on right and continue to corner of field. (Path is shown on map across field) Turn right along edge of the same field. Climb over double stile at the next corner. Turn left down track between hedge and fence. When path opens into narrow field keep going straight on keeping barbed wire fence on your right across to stile (Hardy Way). Bear left towards farm buildings and then straight across field to stile on far side.

(6) Turn right along track and keep straight on to woods ignoring any other tracks. Enter woods and stay on the track. Straight on at all cross tracks.

(7) Straight on when you reach broad track. Ignore track coming in at sharp angle from left at tower. Keep straight on and ignore all tracks until you reach edge of wood at T junction of tracks.

(8) Turn right through metal gate marked "Private Woods Rushmore Estate". Ignore track to left and carry straight on. Ignore all cross tracks until

(9) you reach old gate posts, track to right at angle, post with green and red Sixpenny Handley

Round Walks signs. Turn left up uphill narrow track ie follow Red Round walk sign. After short steep climb track levels out. Keep straight on to field and follow track to right keeping field on your left. Follow track to road.

(10) Cross road to broad track (Bridleway) – house and bungalow on your left and immediately turn to right up a narrow track with yellow footpath and red

Sixpenny Handley signs on telegraph post on right of start of track. Track goes uphill and is narrow between two old broken wire fences and there is not so much woodland on right as appears on map. At cross roads of narrow tracks continue straight ahead (track diverts around fallen tree)
Follow this track which is just into woods with field on your left. At about 20 yards from end of field ignore track coming in from right.

(11) Bear left round end of field. At metal gate turn right (do not go through gate) and follow Sixpenny Handley Round Walk marker. Follow this track back to road. Turn right at road back to car park.