

CHILSTON PARK ROAD AND FIELD WALK

Walk Overview

Distance: 4.5 miles (7.2km)

Time: 2-3 hours

Description: A tour around Chilston Park and the beautiful surrounding countryside.



1. The stile in the first field



3. Pointing to the old Manor road



2. The grove of Oaks



4. The stile by Popes Hall



5. St Nicholas Church Malherbe

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Leaving The Wishful Thinker turn left and then immediately right onto Boughton Road. Pass Chilston Home Farm on your right and continue down the lane for approximately two hundred yards. Go over the M20 motorway bridge. Immediately on your left you will see a sign 'Footpath' Take this and go down over the small bridge and the style into the field. Go directly across the field staying close the the edge on your left hand side. At the bottom of the field you will see a style into the next field. Go over this and keep heading along the path to the edge and up towards the coppice of ancient Oak trees. One up on the mound continue on the path following the edge on your left. Once out of the coppice you will come to a sign 'footpath' pointing diagonally across the field. Follow this right across the field and through the ancient Beach and Ash trees for approximately three hundred yards. Continue until you come to the metal gate. Pass on your left and use the style over the fence to get onto the track behind the gate. After a few yards follow the track round to the right and continue towards Chilston Manor.

Pass directly in front of the manor on your left. After approximately thirty yards you will see a small road to your left. Take the path to the right of Dower House and onto the foot path to the right you will pass a magnificent Horse Chestnut tree on your right. Once past Park Cottage take the footpath opposite the old red brick garden wall on your left. This leads into a field. Go over the style and turn immediately left along the edge of the field. Continue for approximately two hundred yards and then take the metal lynch gated own into the field. Head across diagonally in a South Easterly direction for approximately two hundred yards to the next style. Cross over and follow the footpath directly across in a Southerly direction for approximately five hundred yards to the top of the field and the road. Enter the stone pillared entrance which was the gate to Popes Hall. Keep to the right and go into the small farm paddock. Continue across and over the style onto the footpath.

Cross the field with spectacular views on both sides of the footpath to the North Downs on the right and across Weald to the South. Continue on the greensand ridge for half a mile in a Westerly direction. Once you come out onto the road at Boughton Malherbe, it is worth going to the left to view St Nicholas Church. The manor of Malherbe once belonged to the De Malherbe family of French origin. The estate then passed to the Wotton family. Return to the road and continue round the bend to the left and on up and over the ridge for approximately three hundred yards until you come to the crossroads. Go straight over and down the hill for approximately eight hundred yards past Lewsome Farm entrance. Continue on the road past Chilston Park entrance on your right. After approximately three hundred yards cross over the M20 motorway bridge and continue up to The Wishful Thinker.

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