

THE CHILSTON PARK WALK

Walk Overview

Distance: 2.5 miles (4km)

Time: 1.5-2 hours

Description: Heading South down Boughton Road the walk takes you into Chilston Park.



1. Turning right to Boughton Road



2. View across the Manor park



3. The style over the fence



4. The grove of Oaks



5. The style by the iron gate



6. The Copper Beech on the heath

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Leave The Wishful Thinker and turn left to the cross roads, then turn right onto Boughton Road, signposted Boughton Malherbe. Continue down the lane for approximately two hundred yards and over the M20 Motorway bridge. Immediately after the bridge take the footpath on the left in the hedgerow. Once over the style continue down to the next fence following the hedgerow on the left. Continue over the style and up along the edge of the field to the grove of ancient Oaks. Pass through the grove, continuing in an easterly direction for approximately two hundred yards. You will see a footpath sign pointing across the field in a south easterly direction. This is an old entrance carriageway to Chilston Manor. Follow this diagonally across the parkland, passing beautiful ancient trees such as Copper Birch, Oak, Ash and Horse Chestnut.

After approximately seven hundred yards you will approach a farm gate. Keep to the left of this gate signposted footpath, and then over the style into the field. Head across the field in a south easterly direction for three hundred yards through the line of mature trees. Go over the style and head towards the gate visible in the top left hand side of the field. Exit out onto Bowley Lane by Bowley Farm and turn left with the sheep shearing pens now on your right hand side. Continue along the lane for approximately three hundred yards and over the M20 motoway bridge and then the Eurostar bridge. After approximately 100 yards turn left at the 'T' junction onto Lenham Heath Road. After approximately six hundred yards take the lynch gate on your left onto the heathland. Turn right onto the path by the Scots pine trees and continue along with views of Chilston manor to your left. Continue along the path for approximately two hundred yards and down the slope and exit once again onto Lenham Heath Road and continue up the road to your left.

After approximately two hundred yards pass the entrance to the solar farm on your right. Continue over the Eurostar bridge and take the lynch gate to your left on the bend into Chilston Ponds conservation area. Turn left onto the footpath and continue to the pine tree and lynch gate. Turn right after the gate and continue for approximately one hundred yards to the metal farm gate which has a lynch gate to the left hand side. Turn left once again onto Lenham Heath road and follow it up and back to The Wishful Thinker.

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