

THE GOATHURST COMMON AND IDE HILL WALK

Walk Overview

Distance: 3.6 miles (5.7km)

Time: 2.8 hours

Description: From village pump to village green through some of the most beautiful countryside this country can offer.



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1. Old pump house



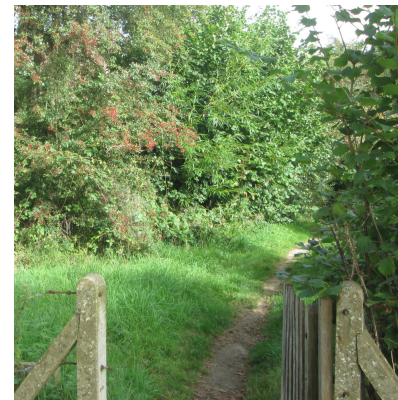
2. The Greensand Way



3. View along Greensand Way



4. St Mary's Church



5. The footpath to Cordon's Farm



6. The stile back to the road

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Leave the Pheasant Plucker and turn left along the road. Cross over beside 'Whitley Cottage' and take the footpath opposite. Continue down until you come to the house 'Beech Grove' on the left beside the lane. Turn left onto the lane and continue down for approximately three hundred yards to the crossroads. Go straight over (beware of traffic) and continue down the lane going past 'The Oast House' on your left hand side. Continue for approximately one hundred yards and you will see the old pump station on your right. (Pic 1) This used to be the main fresh water source for Goathurst Common, it was restored in 1994. Continue down the lane and by the post box; take the left hand fork and continue for approximately another three hundred yards to the crossroads. Cross over the main road and go into the car park to the right. There is a footpath beside the sign, which takes you into the woods: 'The Greensand Way' (Pic 2) After the fork take the path to the right and continue straight on through the woods. After approximately two hundred and fifty yards there is a good viewing point with a bench and interesting views to the south. (Pic 3) Continue along beside the fence where the path overlooks the valley. The path will curve around to the right and then in a loop through the woods. This will eventually bring you to the road. Cross over and turn left down the hill on the path. At the bottom of the hill take the lane on the right Sign posted Ide Hill.

Pass the village hall on the left hand side and continue up the hill for approximately three hundred yards to the village of Ide Hill the beautifully kept common green and St Mary's Church. A good place for a short rest and perhaps a look around the church. (Pic 4) Take St Mary's Lane past 'The Cock' Continue right to the small gate at the end beside the houses. (Pic 5) Join this footpath and after a few yards go through the lynch gate into the field. The path will take you straight across to Gordons Farm. Go through the gate and turn immediately right onto the signed footpath. After a few yards turn left through the gate beside the paddocks. Then through the lynch gate. After approximately one hundred and fifty yards across the paddocks take the next lynch gate. Follow the footpath down and over the stile. (Pic 6) followed immediately by a second stile. Turn right onto the lane opposite 'Little Norman Fields' Continue down the lane to 'Brook Place' and on up the hill with some beautiful views to the south as you go up. At the top of the lane is the cross roads and the open green. Take the right hand fork and after a few yards take the footpath on the left beside 'Beech Grove'. Continue for approximately three hundred yards until you come to the main road. Cross over and The Pheasant Plucker is to the left.

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