



Walk 3:

Churt Crossways, Lampard Lane, Frensham Common and Great Pond, Kings Ridge, Old Kiln (Extension via Frensham Mill and Church)

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Summary: Leaving from the centre of Churt, this walk skirts the South-West and West sides of Frensham Great Pond to the Information Centre, then across the North side of the Pond, across the A287 and up onto Kings Ridge, before descending into Crosswater Lane and back to central Churt. An optional extension goes across to Frensham village before returning to Frensham Common and taking a more northerly route up to Kings Ridge. The first written records of Frensham date back to AD 965, but archaeological evidence goes back another 6,000 years. Frensham Great Pond was built around the 11th century to provide fish for the Bishop of Winchester's estate. Today Frensham Common is important as a Site of Special Scientific Interest, a Special Protection Area and a Special Area of Conservation. This Surrey Heathland habitat of heather, gorse and bracken is home to both rare birds and reptiles as well as many other more common species. Enjoy the views both towards and across the Pond.

Distance: Approx. 4 miles / 6.4 km or 6 miles / 9.7 km with extension

Grid reference and postcode of start-point at Crossways:
SU 855 382 / GU10 2JA

Parking, if required at Redhearn Green, Churt SU 853 385 / GU10 2NT or alternatively, as the walk is circular, join at Frensham Great Pond car park : SU843 406 / GU10 2QD.

Map: OS Explorer Series 133, Haslemere



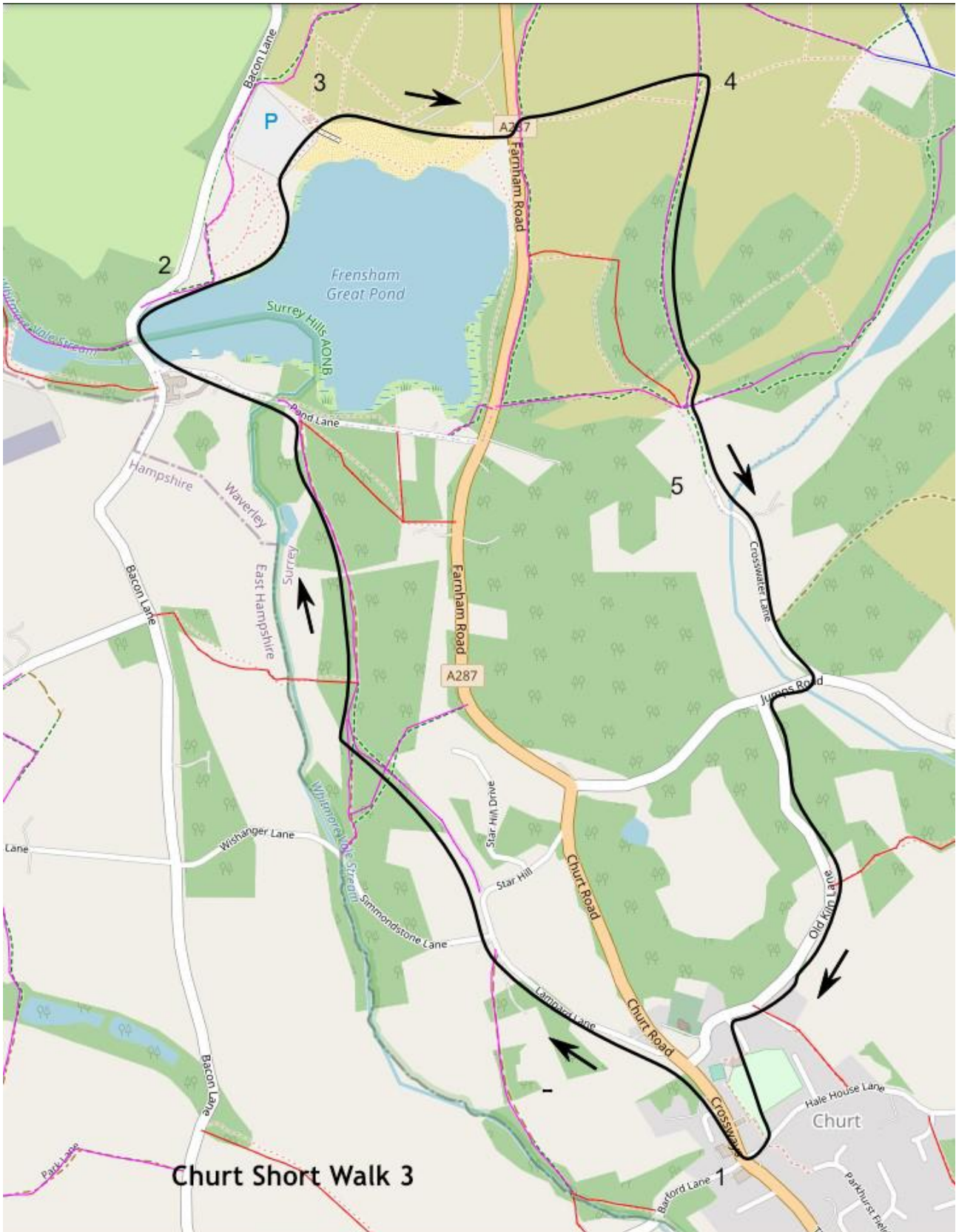
Frensham Great Pond

Walk Detail

1. From Churt Crossways walk northwards, cross the A287 on the Zebra crossing, pass the bus shelter and take the first turning left, Lampard Lane. Continue up the lane for about 350m, keeping straight on past Simmondstone Lane and where the road (now Star Hill) bears sharp right continue straight ahead for approximately 300m. At the house called Fallowfield, take the bridleway to the left of the drive. As the bridleway drops keep straight on, ignoring paths left and right. At the bottom bear right where the path meets a track and continue until it meets Pond Lane. Here turn left past Frensham Pond Sailing Club and continue round the pond by turning right at the Frensham Pond Hotel*.
2. Following the road round the Pond as it continues to curve to the right, take the first bridleway on the right alongside the Pond. After about 50m, where the bridleway goes left, continue straight, through horse/cycle barriers, alongside the Pond and then across the front line of the Frensham Great Pond car park to the Country Park Information Centre.
3. Passing the Info Centre on your left take the main path straight ahead, which has wooden fencing on either side of the sandy path. On meeting a wide junction of several paths, ignore the wide descent to the beach and take the path on your right towards the A287. When the path forks after another wide sandy area take the left fork and then after making left then right jogs reach the bus stop and cross the A287 to the bridleway opposite. Cross this and go up the footpath to the top of King's Ridge.
4. At the top turn right past two fenced Neolithic Barrows and proceed along the top of the Ridge keeping to the main track which is a bridleway until it descends. Cross diagonally right and turn left

onto the short stretch of bridleway which goes downhill with a field on the left and past Harold's Hill, a house on the right and into Crosswater Lane. There is an alternative footpath instead of the bridleway for the final part of Kings Ridge - this footpath bears off to the right about 150m after the last Barrow, and gives very good views over the Pond.

5. Continue along Crosswater Lane until meeting Jumps Road, turn right for approximately 100m and then left into Old Kiln Lane. Follow the lane uphill and after passing Old Kiln on the right, continue uphill, then on dropping downhill take the first turning left, Redhearne Fields and so into the Recreation Ground. Head for the bottom corner of the rec and proceed along the footpath, at the end of which turn right to the Crossways.



* For those wishing to walk the **extension**, the route starts from the Pond Hotel (see end of 1 above)



- A. At the Pond Hotel turn left for 20m and then at the end of the car park, turn right along a footpath. Continue along the narrow and slightly overgrown path and shortly you will pass a pond on the right.
- B. After crossing a footbridge turn left and after about 170m, left again to follow a bridleway by a fenced field which soon passes alongside the River Wey. Eventually the path climbs and passes between hedging and a stone wall, after which proceed down the track to Frensham Mill, pass through the gap to the right of the 5 bar gate and out through ornamental wrought iron gates.
- C. At the road turn right to Frensham Village. The Norman Church of St. Mary's on the left is well worth a visit. Proceed up the street and just past the church, take the tarmac path on the right by a blue painted cottage named 'Toll House'. Later the path crosses the road which serves the housing estate; take the path opposite until Bacon Lane is met.
- D. Turn left for 20m, then take the path leading uphill to the right on to Frensham Common, after 50m take the left fork. Continuing on this track which has footpath signs, ignore a left hand fork and proceed straight ahead. You will reach a firebreak. Cross straight over, follow the narrow footpath for about 130m when you will join a bridleway.
- E. Turn left on the bridleway and follow it to the A287. Cross the A287, passing through a 5 bar gate on the other side of the road. Proceed straight ahead and up the bridleway onto Kings Ridge.
- F. Turn right and follow the ridge passing Neolithic barrows on the right and enjoying views to the right of the Great Pond and views to the left of the Little Pond. Join the main walk at 4.