

Walk 1:

Churt Crossways, Lampard Lane, Ivy Lane, Barford, Power's Pond, Whitmore Vale, Windy Gap, Hindhead Golf Course, Green Lane, Avalon Orchard, Old Barn Lane, Jumps Road, Old Kiln Farm, Old Kiln Lane, Recreation Ground

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Summary: Churt is a village in the Surrey Hills, on the extreme west of Surrey and adjoining Hampshire, and one of 18 parishes within Waverley Borough in the County of Surrey. This walk is circular, starting and ending at the Crossways in the centre of the village – but it can be started or ended at any point. It covers many footpaths around the village of varying widths and terrain, surfaced lanes, National Trust woodland, a golf course and the village recreation ground. There are a couple of steep ascents so the walk is not well suited to small children. Walking boots or sturdy trainers recommended.

Distance: 5.4 miles / 8.7km **Elevation gain:** 195m **Time:** 2-3 hours

Grid reference and postcode of start-point at Crossways:

SU 855 382 / GU10 2JA

Parking, if required at Redhearn Green, accessed via Old Kiln Lane:

SU 853 385 / GU10 2NT

Map: OS Explorer Series 133, Haslemere



Power's Pond

Walk Detail

- 1. From Churt Crossways walk northwards and cross the A287 on the Zebra crossing, pass the bus shelter and take the first turning on the left, Lampard Lane. Continue up the lane for about 350m past Barford Court, turn sharp left by a bridleway sign and proceed down the track (Ivy Lane) past Ivy Cottage on the left. On meeting Barford Stream don't cross at the bridge, but keep to the narrow path uphill to the left of the stream.
- 2. At the road by Churt Pumping Station, cross straight over and follow the lane past Old Mill and after 140m take the bridleway on the right and on past Barford Mill. At Power's Pond, keep to the bridleway which goes straight ahead to the left of the pond. At the junction of footpaths keep straight ahead, and on meeting the road (Whitmore Vale) after approximately 400m, proceed straight ahead.
- 3. After about 180m, turn left by a footpath sign (opposite Woodland View and where a footpath also comes in from the right-hand side of the road)) and begin a steep ascent on the narrow path out of Whitmore Vale. After about 50m, there is a left fork continue on either path uphill until you reach a kissing gate. Go through the gate and continue for a short distance with the path widening. Ignore an uphill left fork and continue on the main path along the side of the hill to the third bench. About 40m after the bench, turn left up a narrow slightly hidden path with fir trees on either side. Climb this path between two fences to the A287.
- 4. Cross over the main road and follow the footpath signed immediately opposite. Follow the Foot Path signs painted in large red letters across Hindhead Golf Course. After about 180m, the path meets a track, turn left at a sign onto a surfaced path for 20m and then turn right (red painted Foot Path sign propped up on tree) and pass behind a green. Again signed, the path drops down to the fairway, where turn half left and cross, then climb the path on the other side between trees. After a first set of a few steps, cross a track to a second set of steps marked 'Public Footpath'. Pass through a gap in the fence at the top and turn left on meeting the track.

- 5. As the track meets the woods, keep straight ahead and down through woodland. Ignoring side paths, keep ahead gradually downhill and on meeting Green Lane turn left for about 150m, turn right on a sharp left hand bend and follow a grassy path between two fences with Avalon apple orchard to the right and paddocks on the left-hand side. At the end of this narrow path, pass through a gap in the hedge to the left of a gate, turn left at the road and proceed down Old Barn Lane past Avalon Farm.
- 6. At the bottom of Old Barn Lane, cross over Hale House Lane to the footpath opposite. This narrow path eventually leads on to a driveway which meets Jumps Road. Turn left and on past Crabtree Lane on the left and Moorside Cottages (2 cottages built in 1365 by the Bishop of Winchester). Soon after, turn left into a driveway by a footpath sign with house names including Old Kiln Farm and Pixie Cottage. Very shortly take a right fork and right again at Pixie Cottage, and after 70m take a narrow unsurfaced path to the right. On meeting a track cross straight over and through the gate opposite. At the end of the path turn left into Old Kiln Lane.
- 7. After passing Old Kiln on the right, proceed uphill, pass Old Kiln Close, then on dropping downhill take the first turning left, Redhearne Fields and so into the Recreation Ground. Head for the bottom right corner of the rec and proceed along the footpath, at the end of which turn right to the Crossways.

