

Active in Redbourn Walk No.2 Redbourn to Rothamstead



Overview

- Distance 10k / 6 miles
- Flat terrain. Also suitable for mountain bikes and runners.
- Mix of streets, field paths and quiet trails/ roads including Nickey Line and Bluebell wood (Knott Wood).
- Cross busy A5183 and the roundabout at the foot of hill to Harpenden.
- Cricketers Pub on the common, snacks and drinks on the High Street (various).

Route description

(1) Start at cricket pavilion on Redbourn Common. Head east along the avenue, cross road and into enclosed “Ruins” alleyway signed to High Street. On reaching High Street turn left and head north up High Street and turn right into Harpenden Lane at new library & fire station. 300 metres along Harpenden Lane and

(2) turn left into grassy lane, marked Porridge Pot. Follow lane and veer right at wooden bench, proceed until you meet by pass – 400 metres. Cross busy A5183 with care at two kissing gates and head across large field on lightly marked path towards golf course, go through kissing gate in opposite corner, and heading to your right walk alongside golf course on your left and eventually after 250 metres turn right to join a track, then immediately turn left. Head up a slight incline along the track for 100 metres before heading left at a kissing gate. Keep to the left, with a fence and then golf course to your left and alongside riding school, to your right, on a marked path for 200 metres including through a kissing gate, with golf course now to your immediate left and head upwards on a slight incline through a bushy area, meeting a second kissing gate

(3) Head up to your left through wood on well marked path. The golf course is again to your left as you proceed along this path, then on rejoining golf course after 300 metres turn right and after 50 metres go through gap in fence and turn left onto Nickey Line. Walk 400 metres heading towards Harpenden on the Nickey Line (H) and arrive at a 4-way junction and follow signs to your right through a kissing gate to Rothamstead Park.

(4) Follow marked paths and signs to Rothamstead Park, heading along a track with a hedge to your left for 150 metres, then turn left towards Rothamstead Park and proceed for 400 metres with a hedge to your right, and take a right along tree / bush lined path on both sides. Large Houses to your left as you turn

right.

(5) Proceed for 250 metres and as you leave this enclosed path you arrive at the fringes of Rothamstead Park (do not enter the park), turn right

(6) Along a grassy path for 250 metres and then left along unmarked road for 150 metres, right for another 150 metres and then right again (Rothamstead Farm buildings to your left) along concrete road for 250 Metres.

(7) Turn left at end of this concrete road (sign marked bridleway), then after 150 metres at a sign again marked bridleway turn right again along fenced pathway crossing a minor track until you arrive at the fringes of Knott Wood

(8) Keep on path alongside trees (to your left) until you rejoin Nickey Line and head left towards Redbourn village. Head west for 800 metres until you meet and then cross roundabout with care

(9) Following National Cycle Route Number 57, and stay on Nickey Line, on right hand side of by pass. Continue along Nickey Line for 1000 metres passing travelers site on your right, over old railway bridge at southern end of High Street. Continue for 500 metres until path slopes downwards and take a right onto Chequer Lane

(10) Head along for 100 metres with St Michaels Care Home on your right, before crossing the road and joining a path along the moor before rejoining at a road junction where the Jolly Farmers is sited (now a private house). Turn back onto the common itself and head along an avenue of lime trees for 250 metres before reaching your starting point at the cricket pavilion. (11)

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