

HORSHAM RIVERSIDE WALK



The six sections of the Horsham Riverside Walk.



INTERPRETATION BOARDS can be found here on each section, giving guidance, illustrations of wildlife and nearby locations of historical interest

- A** Warnham Bridge (Warnham Road B2237) to Farthing Bridge (Guildford Road A281)
- B** Farthing Bridge (Guildford Road A281) to Tan Bridge (Worthing Road B2237)
- C** Tan Bridge (Worthing Road B2237) to Domesday Bridge (Hammerpond Road)
- D** Domesday Bridge (Hammerpond Road) to New House Farm (Crawley Road A264)
- E** New House Farm (Crawley Road A264) to Chennells Brook Bridge
- F** Chennells Brook Bridge to Warnham Bridge (Warnham Road B2237).

NAVIGATION and SAFETY

A North directional compass bearing is indicated with a path guide on each board

FOLLOW THE WAYMARKERS which guide you along the Walk.

Always carry a compass



PLEASE KEEP DOGS UNDER CLOSE CONTROL AT ALL TIMES

BE AWARE, the path may be very muddy and slippery in places.

HORSHAM RIVERSIDE WALK - A MAP OF THE PATH



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CIRCULAR PATH SUMMARY

The Horsham Riverside Walk follows meandering Wealden streams and the upper river Arun, forming a circular route of about 13 miles in extent. The walk is divided into six sections, the complete walk starting and finishing near Warnham Local Nature Reserve, although each section can form a short linear walk.

The path takes us downstream along Boldings Brook or the Red River, both streams flowing south from Warnham Mill Pond, then joining. Following the flow of Boldings Brook, a tributary of the river Arun, we cross the Guildford Road where the river flows under Farthing Bridge. The path rejoins and follows Boldings Brook to the western limit of the walk where we turn and follow the course of the river Arun upstream, past the old part of Horsham Town near the historic Church of St Mary, and across to join the footpath through Chesworth Farm.

Leaving the Arun near Amiesmill Bridge and now following a tributary, the Horn Brook, upstream, we reach Doomsday Bridge and continue past Highland Copse along the stream where it flows now from the north, across Hampers Lane and through Leechpool and Owlbeech Woods.

We cross Forest Road and follow the footpath over fields and through woods north east, then turning west we join Chennells Brook and follow it downstream towards Warnham Mill Pond. **Follow the Waymarkers along the path in either direction, anticlockwise or clockwise.**

THE RIVERS, A HAVEN FOR WILDLIFE

The rivers along the Riverside Walk pass through a diversity of wildlife habitat - damp and ancient woodland, heathland and farmland. The healthy rivers create places where creatures can live undisturbed, with plentiful food plants growing on the river banks, from huge oaks to the smallest wild flowers and seeds. Everything has its place, in shade, in sun, in shelter or on high ground.



Beautiful Demoiselle Damselfly (male)

You will find Interpretation Boards along the route with illustrations of some of the wildlife which may be seen. The Riverside Walk can be followed at any time of the year, changing with the seasons. Be aware that some parts of the route can be very muddy or flooded after rain as the rivers follow their natural course into the Arun and down to the sea along the ancient river beds.

HORSHAM RIVERSIDE WALK:

The rivers and their riverine ecology form important wildlife corridors linking the nature reserves of Warnham LNR, Chesworth Farm and Leechpool and Owlbeech Woods. Warnham Local Nature Reserve can be visited for a small admission fee (no dogs) but entry to its Visitor Centre and Cafe is free. There is a car park at the entrance off Warnham Rd.



The Riverside Walk along the Arun near St Marys Church and Horsham Cricket Fields

The Walk passes through the old part of Horsham Town where the Arun flows near St Mary's Church at the end of the historic Causeway. Upstream the Arun flows through Chesworth Farm which can be explored along several trails. Further north, following the Horn Brook, a tributary of the Arun, the Walk takes us to Leechpool and Owlbeech Woods where there are diverse wildlife habitats to be found. **Enquiries: HDC Parks and Countryside Tel. 01403 215256**



**Respect
Protect
Enjoy**

HORSHAM'S RIVERSIDE HISTORY:

Warnham Millpond was created during the 17c by excavations for iron ore during the days of the Iron Industry. Next to the sluice gates is Warnham Mill which replaced the original mill used to drive hammers crushing the stone containing iron ore.

The great English poet Percy Bysshe-Shelley who lived at Field Place in Warnham probably learnt to sail on the Millpond. Walking south we come to the Hills Farm area which was once part of the historic Hills Estate with extensive gardens designed by Capability Brown. Shelley used to visit Hills Place on the Guildford Road as a young man.

St Mary's Church Horsham in the 19th century with the Provender Mill millpond and the River Arun.



Crossing Worthing Road, we pass by Prewitts Mill then Provender Mill and a WW2 Pill Box on the river Arun, with the Remembrance Gardens and the Church of St Mary nearby. Continuing east across Denne Road we walk past the Chesworth Estate through Chesworth Farm. Further east we reach Hammerpond Road with its history of the Wealden hammerponds, part of the ancient St Leonards Forest, then walk through fields near the ancient Motte and Bailey to return to Warnham Mill.