

12 Turn right along the lane and walk on past the woodland, Reddens Shaw. Carry on down the lane towards the houses. At the junction in the lane, bear left and carry on towards the gate.

13 Just after the gate, turn left opposite two large ash trees. Walk along footpath 240 through a narrow woodland to the corner of a field. Here bear left and descend to the corner of another field. Here, turn right and follow the fence line to the valley-bottom, and then up through a woodland.

14 Turn right at the junction and follow the path through the woodland to Crown Ash Lane, byway 240. At the end turn right and follow the path to Oaklands Road. Cross this ancient Roman road and walk up the path opposite towards Salt Box Hill.

15 At the footpath junction fork right at the steps up footpath 295 (alternatively you may wish to take the left hand path to Main Road and visit the St George's memorial chapel opposite and the airport. A Spitfire and Hurricane flank the gates). The path wanders through a valuable mixed woodland to the houses at Victoria Gardens (take care when stepping over a large Badger hole). Turn right at the houses and go down the steps. At the bottom of the steps turn left and follow the road round to the right and then to the left. Walk on and turn left at no.35, up footpath 265A, up a steep slope then up some steps.

16 At Sunningvale Ave turn right then continue for 200m then turn left at no. 23A, up footpath 265 into Jugg Hill Wood. Walk up the steps and turn right. This 20 acre Bromley owned Beech and Ash woodland supports a wide range of wildlife. Turn left at the next path and climb the steps to a small green. Here head straight on between a large beech and oak. Cross Main Road to return to the start at the village green.



How to get there...

BUSES:

R8 Orpington to Biggin Hill
246 Bromley North to Chartwell
R2 Petts Wood to Biggin Hill
320 Biggin Hill to Catford
464 Tatsfield to New Addington

TRAIN:

Nearest station: Chelsfield

CAR:

Turn into Jail Lane, off the main A233, in Biggin Hill.

PARKING:

On road parking in Jail lane, or limited parking in Spitfire car park on Church Road, Biggin Hill.

Please check: www.tfl.gov.uk for further details or call Traveline on 0871 200 22 33.

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Additional Information...

An exhilarating 7 mile walk linking Bromley and Surrey's countryside. There are panoramic views to the Biggin Hill Valley and Aperfield, Skedds Hill, Norheads and Tatsfield Village. Please be aware that this route finishes with three sets of steep steps.

Short cut from Point 13:

Continue straight on at the two large ash trees, to the end of Norheads Lane. Turn right then left into Melrose Road then cross Sunningvale Avenue. Directly in front is footpath 265A, climb, turn left and enter the wood. Take the second path on the right, to rejoin the route shortly after Point 16.

Biggin Hill was originally a part of the Ancient Manors of Cowdham and Apuldre later known as 'Aperfield' or 'Apple Field'. Biggin Hill is famous for its role in 1940 in the Battle of Britain and was the home of the crack 'Tiger' squadron.

Walks



around the Borough

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Biggin Hill

Life is better outdoors...

Starting point: The junction of Main Road and Jail Lane, Biggin Hill

Distance: 7 miles

Duration: 4 hours

Short cut route: Point 13 to Point 16

Biggin Hill

1 Start by the green, at the junction of Jail Lane and Main Road, Biggin Hill. The green was a meeting place for maypole dancing and other community activities. Walk towards the Black Horse pub, passing a stone horse trough and War memorial. The Inn was rebuilt in 1908 and was one of the original coach stages on the road to Westerham and Kent. Walk on past the pub towards a block of flats named 'Mead House' after the original house c.1898. Continue on this road, past the petrol garage.

2 Turn left up Kingsmead and at the end of this road, turn right up King George VI Avenue, a lime tree lined avenue leading to Biggin Hill Recreation Ground. At the recreation ground keep to the hedge on the left, continuing along footpath 266 out of the recreation ground, past the allotments. As you enter Old Tye Wood take a right turn. At the end of the path, turn right, along Old Tye Avenue. Just before the junction of Aperfield Road, cross over and turn left up footpath 275.

3 Follow footpath 275 through a field and straight over a stile, joining the Berrys Green Circular Walk for a short distance. Continue on over 3 more stiles. Immediately, after the third stile, turn right over a forth stile and follow the hedge line.

4 Go over the next stile and walk on to Pimlico Wood, passing Foal Farm. Continue on footpath 275A through the wood and across a field to Main Road.

5 Cross carefully and turn left. Walk past St Winifred's Drive and take the next right up an alleyway to Belvedere Road, then left into Clarence Road. At the end turn right along footpath 279.

6 The path crosses a drive, over a stile then descends straight ahead through a chalky woodland. At the valley bottom cross over two stiles and into a field, full in summer of wildflowers and butterflies. Ascend footpath 18A diagonally left across the field, towards the track, (Cudham Road).



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7 Turn right here and follow the track to the junction with Rickets Hill Road. Here cross carefully, turn left and follow the verge to a green passing Tatsfield Manor on your left. Turn right at the finger-post towards the stile at the edge of the woodland.

8 Take footpath 19 and descend through a dense hawthorn woodland. Fifty years ago this area would have been grazed downland pasture, but it has now developed into woodland. At the bottom turn left and go straight on between the cottages to Ninehams Road. Here, turn left and after 50m bear right at the junction of the tracks and walk up Johns Road.

9 Turn left along Paynesfield Road, continuing on to the Ship pub and Tatsfield Village Green. The village is a good place for refreshments. At the green, bear right towards the duck pond.

10 Follow the path across the green past the children's play area, then bear right in front of the houses onto footpath 564. The path continues through housing. Go straight over at the first path junction and emerge shortly onto an unmade road. Turn left, walk on following the road as it bears to the right into Goatsfield Road. Just beyond the corner take footpath 19A on the left. The path goes between houses over a stile and diagonally right across a field to emerge at Lusted Hall Lane.

11 Turn right and carefully walk 20m along the lane, cross over and step up the bank to a stile to join footpath 281. Walk straight on across the field, passing Whelan Farm on the right and over a stile near a large oak tree. Cross the field diagonally to the next stile and enter Home Wood. Walking through the wood you can still see signs of the great storm. Follow the track down through the woodland until you reach the houses. Here, turn left by a large beech tree, then right into a field. Descend the valley, walking parallel to the fence, then up to the right-hand corner of the field and over a stile. Continue through the woodland to a finger post, bear left and walk along footpath 281 out of the woodland and straight across a field to Norheads Lane.