

11 Walk straight ahead down Snag Lane to Cudham Lane North. Here turn right then cross over and go through a kissing gate on the left taking the left hand path, 233, through farmland. Follow around the left hand edge of the field descending past a pylon, under a horse barrier and up into the beech woods of High Elms Estate. This historic estate is a part of the ancient parish of Downe, in the lands of William the Conqueror. Purchased in 1808 by Sir John Lubbock the estate comprises of a nature reserve, visitor centre, formal grounds and golf course.

12 Walk 30m and turn right at the junction. Continue on this path for some distance until you reach a fenced footpath and bridleway. Turn left here up the hill, over the cross path and up 'Beech Walk', a local landmark which was devastated by the 1987 storm.

13 At the top of the beech avenue go through the kissing gate on the right into the woods and continue along the path which briefly runs along the edge of the golf course and back into the wood reaching some steps.

14 Climb the steps and continue on the main path. At the cross paths turn right and continue straight on for 400m until you reach the barrier at Old Hill Lane.

15 Cross the lane, turn right and walk 30m down the lane. Take footpath 250 on the left and at the fork, take the left hand path through the woodland, down the steps to the main road. Cross the main A21 road ahead, taking due care, and down the steps opposite. Finally enter the village high street and walk on to The Queen's Head pub returning to the start point.



## How to get there...

### BUSES:

R1 St Pauls Cray to Green Street Green  
R5 Orpington to Green Street Green  
R10 Orpington to Green Street Green  
R11 Sidcup to Green Street Green  
358 Orpington to Crystal Palace

### TRAIN:

Nearest station: Chelsfield

### CAR:

Turn onto Green St Green High Street A223, off the main A21 at Green St Green.

### PARKING:

Green St Green High Street car park – PAY AND DISPLAY or limited on-road parking in the High Street and surrounding roads.

Please check: [www.tfl.gov.uk](http://www.tfl.gov.uk) for further details or call Traveline on 0871 200 22 33.

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## Additional Information...

An energetic walk of 7.5 miles taking the walker across undulating farmland and woodland. The walk passes the villages of Green St Green, Chelsfield and Pratts Bottom.

### Short cut from Point 8:

Turn right and walk down Rushmore Hill until you reach All Saints Church. Take footpath 261 on the left. Follow the path straight ahead, across two fields towards Charmwood Farm. At the farm turn right and follow the path out on to the A21. Here turn left and follow this road, passing open farmland and stables. At the roundabout, cross the road with care and turn right into Green St Green High Street.

*Green St Green or Grenstrete, means Roman Road overgrown with grass, from the Latin 'strata' or 'paved way.' It was once a Kentish hamlet, set in the ancient parish of Farnborough. In the 1800s it was frequented by pleasure parties being close to Knockholt Beeches, once a favourite Victorian holiday resort. The village grew with the establishment of Oak Brewery by Mr Fox in 1836.*

# Walks



## around the Borough



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# Green St Green

Life is better outdoors...

**Starting point:** High Street car park, Green Street Green Village

**Distance:** 7.5 miles

**Duration:** 4 hours

**Short cut route:** Point 8 to Point 1

# Green St Green

Main route

Short cut



1 Start at the car park (pay and display) next to The Ember pub in Green St. Green High Street (opposite Lynne Close). Turn right out of the car park onto the High Street and right again into Lezayre Road. Walk to the top and turn left into Glentrammon Avenue. At the end turn right into Glentrammon Road, a post box marks the entrance to the recreation ground on the corner of Highfield Avenue. Cross to the left hand side of the road and enter the recreation ground here.

2 In the park bear diagonally right and continue through the line of trees. Keeping the play area on your left, go straight towards the exit between the houses opposite. On reaching Windsor Drive cross over and turn left. Continue for about 800m to the junction with Warren Road, passing the Chelsfield pub and station.

3 Turn right up Warren Road and take the first left into The Highway and immediately enter the car park by Chelsfield Green. The Green is managed by The London Borough of Bromley as a summer meadow, increasing the diversity of local wildflowers and insects. It also contains a picnic area. Follow the path through the car park and green, running parallel to Warren Road. After 600m, just before the green narrows for the second time, turn right and cross Warren Road.

4 Follow the diagonal path across the field and arrive at the Church of St Martin of Tours. This Norman Church has changed little in the last 800 years, the tower houses the oldest surviving peal of bells in Kent. As you enter the Churchyard take the right path round the Church and exit by the front entrance through the car park, turning right up Church Road.

5 Continue along the road until you pass Pecks Cottages on the left. Here take footpath 258 on the left. Bear right and follow the waymarkers across Chelsfield Lakes Golf Course, through orchards & poppy-filled fields. Continue following the waymarkers down hill to the main Sevenoaks Road - A21.

6 Turn right and carefully cross over at the traffic island and take the brideway to the left of a sign for Broke Farm Drive. At the end, cross over Turnpike Drive and after turning right, carry on for 30m to another brideway on your left. Reaching the top, bear right uphill along a narrow lane.

7 Where the lane ends, join the wooded path and continue straight ahead. After 30m fork right, down the steps towards The Bull's Head pub. The pub was recorded here 400 years ago, close by was a turnpike; and rumour has it that Dick Turpin was known to frequent the inn. Pratts Bottom Village once contained a workhouse that was later developed into Farnborough Hospital. Close by lies the village school and playground.

8 Cross the road (Rushmore Hill) and continue diagonally across the green, towards the housing. Alternatively, turn right onto Rushmore Hill to follow the short cut route - see additional information. At the road, turn left and where it forks take the left hand path along brideway 258 passing Woodhill Farm and Hook Wood to Port Hill.

9 Continue on this path until you reach a road (Port Hill). At the road turn right and continue down this road to a T-junction. Here, turn left up a private drive, over a cattle grid to Norsted Manor. Stay on this drive and continue through the farm buildings until it ends at a gate, just past the elegant manor house.

10 Turn right at the gate and after a short distance, turn left and follow the footpath signs over the stile. Walk down the valley, through a field and up the other side to a kissing gate into Broom Wood. At the first junction take the right hand path, brideway 263 through this mixed woodland. After 400m turn right at another junction onto a long twisting path, brideway 254 leading onto a road.

