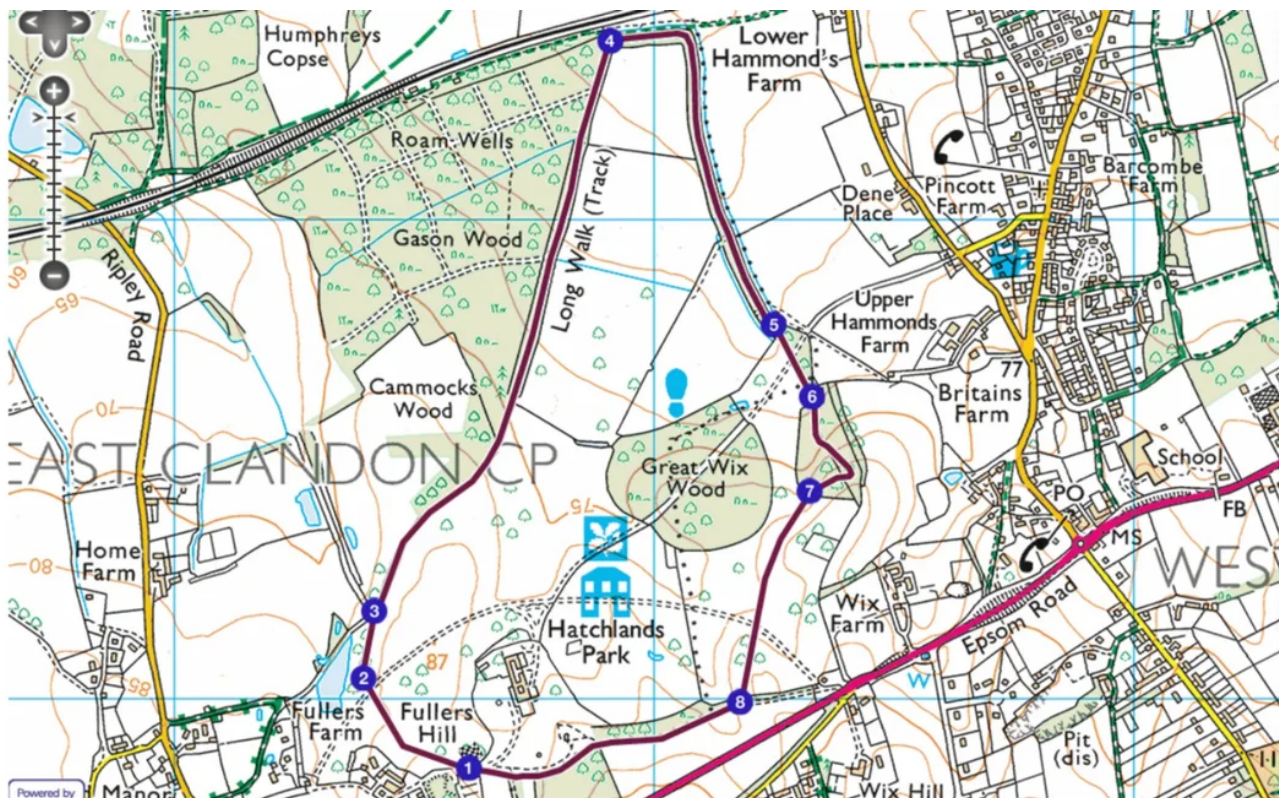


## SURREY

# The long walk at Hatchlands Park

Hatchlands Park is one of the largest country estates in the green belt surrounding Greater London. This circular walk follows the edge of the park through woodland and open parkland with distant views of the house and the wider Surrey countryside. Follow the pink arrows on our waymarker posts.



## Information

Address: Hatchlands Park visitor reception, Hatchlands, Guildford, GU4 7RT.

OS map: Landranger 186 and 187; Explorer 145

Activity: Walking

Easy: Uneven underfoot, with medium gradients. For further details, please see Terrain section.

Dog friendly: Well-behaved dogs under close control are welcome in designated parkland areas. Please ensure your dog is on a lead around livestock. Dogs on leads are welcome in the Coach House Café.

Full trail: Miles: 2.8 (km: 4.48)

Access: Challenging

Duration: 50 mins - 1 hour 30 mins

## Terrain

Natural earth paths, hard surface paths, grass paths. Woodland and open parkland, uneven underfoot, with medium gradients. During periods of wet weather low lying areas of the park can become extremely muddy.

## Total steps: 8

Start point: Hatchlands Park visitor reception, grid ref: TQ06623

1. Leave the car park, passing through visitor reception, and head straight on through the iron kissing gate into the parkland. You'll see the house and garden on your right. Continue straight ahead following the yellow waymarkers up to the brow of the hill, cross the driveway and head down a slight incline towards Sheepwash Pond.
2. Once you cross the driveway Sheepwash Pond can be seen directly ahead of you. As you approach the fence that keeps this peaceful picnic area cow-free, bear right keeping the pond to your left. Head towards the fence line and point 3 on our trail map.
3. As you reach the fence line, pass through the kissing gate and bear right to follow the paths lined with honeysuckle, cherry blossoms and specimen pine trees. In early summer, a bright display of rhododendrons line both sides of the path close to point 4.
4. At point 4 follow the path as it turns sharp right and then, shortly afterwards, right again. This is the furthest extent of our park; the fields here are often stocked with cattle, sheep or horses. As you head back towards point 5 you can see paths lined with oaks, robinia and wild service trees that are spectacular in autumn.
5. At the end of the path head through the gate and then proceed across the field towards the barn and picnic area, directly ahead of you.
6. Enter this small picnic area through the gate and continue along the path. Keeping the barn to your left continue into Little Wix Wood. Spectacular in springtime and renowned for its carpet of bluebells, follow this meandering woodland loop through to point 7.
7. Leave the shelter of the woodland via the gate back out into open parkland. Head left up to the crest of the hill where you'll find a bench at the best viewpoint on the estate. Continue to follow the grass path across the park towards the fence line and the gate at point 8.

8. Cross through the gate, switching once again from parkland to woodland, and turn right. To your left you can find centenary wood. Continue along this path until you reach visitor reception at point 1 and the end of the trail. If you'd like to stop for refreshments, turn right at reception and make your way down to the courtyard where you'll find our café.

End point: Hatchlands Park visitor reception, grid ref: TQ06623

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