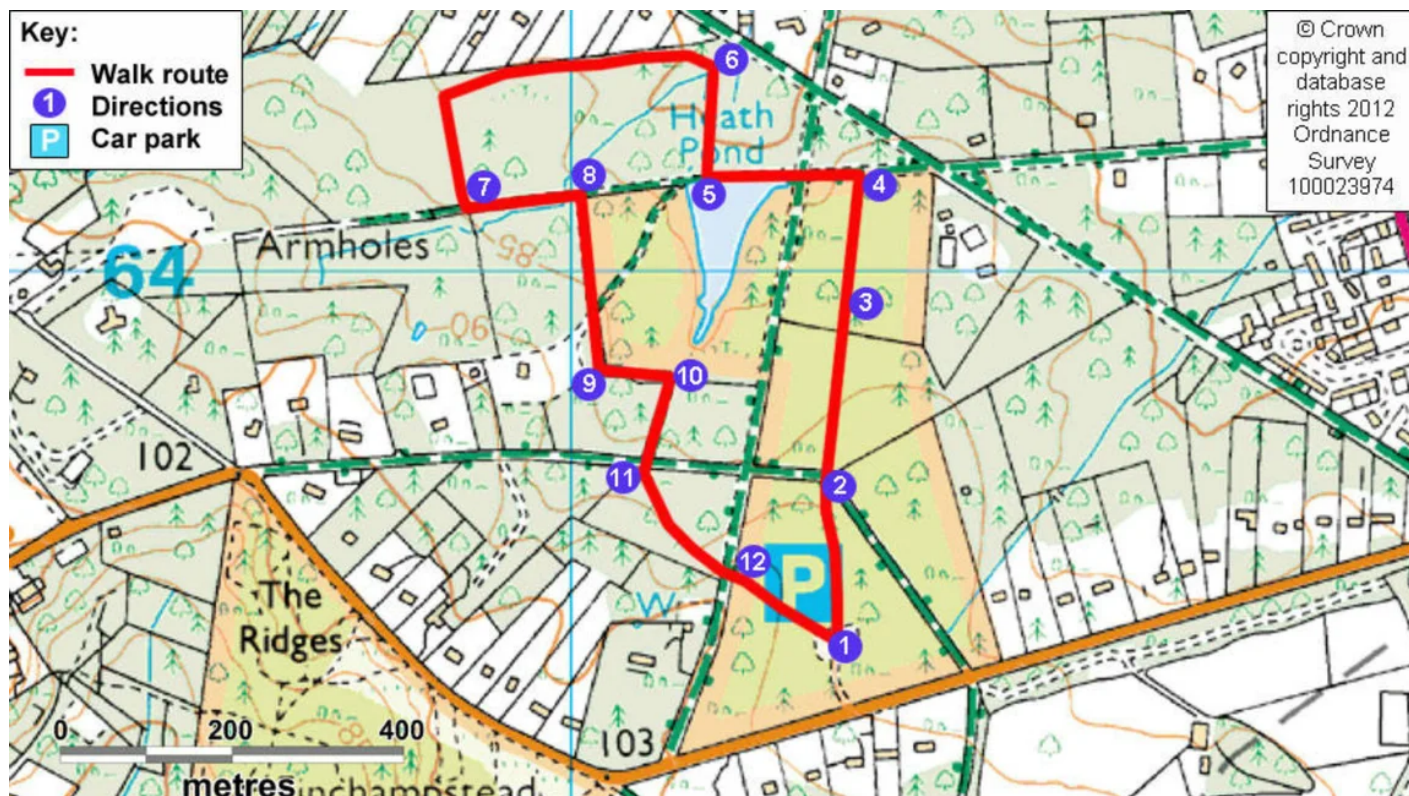


SURREY

Simon's Wood trail

An area of wet woodlands and lowland heath providing an increasingly rare habitat which supports life for many birds and invertebrates. On this walk, you can explore the views, flora and fauna of the broadleaved and coniferous woodlands, the naturally created Heath Pond, and the rare delights of a heathland habitat.



Information

Address: Simon's Wood car park, Wellingtonia Avenue, Finchampstead, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG45 6AE

OS map: OS Map

Activity: Walking

Easy: The terrain is fairly even, however areas can be muddy in the winter. For further information, please see section marked Terrain.

Dog friendly: Dogs welcome under close control. Please dispose of dog mess responsibly.

Full trail: Miles: 1.3 (km: 2.08)

Access: Challenging

Duration: 40 mins

Terrain

The terrain is fairly even, however areas can be muddy in the winter. Boardwalks have been provided over permanently wet locations. The area is fairly open, with naturally made paths. Do explore the woodlands, but please keep the heathland peaceful for the wildlife that lives there.

Total steps: 12

Start point: Simon's Wood car park, Wokingham, Berkshire RG45 6AE

1. From the car park, enter the woods through the access between the welcome board and leaflet stand. Follow the naturally formed path through the sweet chestnut trees.
2. Walk straight across the track to the path opposite.
3. Where the path forks, follow the arrow sign.
4. At the next track, turn left. You're now walking on the old Devils Highway, the Roman road that once ran between London and Silchester.
5. You're now at Heath Pool. Walk over the surface drain, and turn right into the woodland.
6. Continue left over the boardwalk. Please keep your dogs on a lead around the heathland as disturbance can affect the cycle of the birds that breed here.
7. At the track, turn left, back onto the old Devils Highway.
8. Turn right at the sign. You're now walking through a mix of broadleaved and coniferous woodland. Watch your step as it can get boggy here.
9. Follow the arrows and boardwalks through the woodlands.
10. You're now in another area of heathland.
11. Cross the track – taking a quick right then left – and continue through the woodland.
12. Cross another track, follow the arrow and continue past the sweet chestnut trees back to the car park.

End point: Simon's Wood car park, Wokingham, Berkshire RG45 6AE