

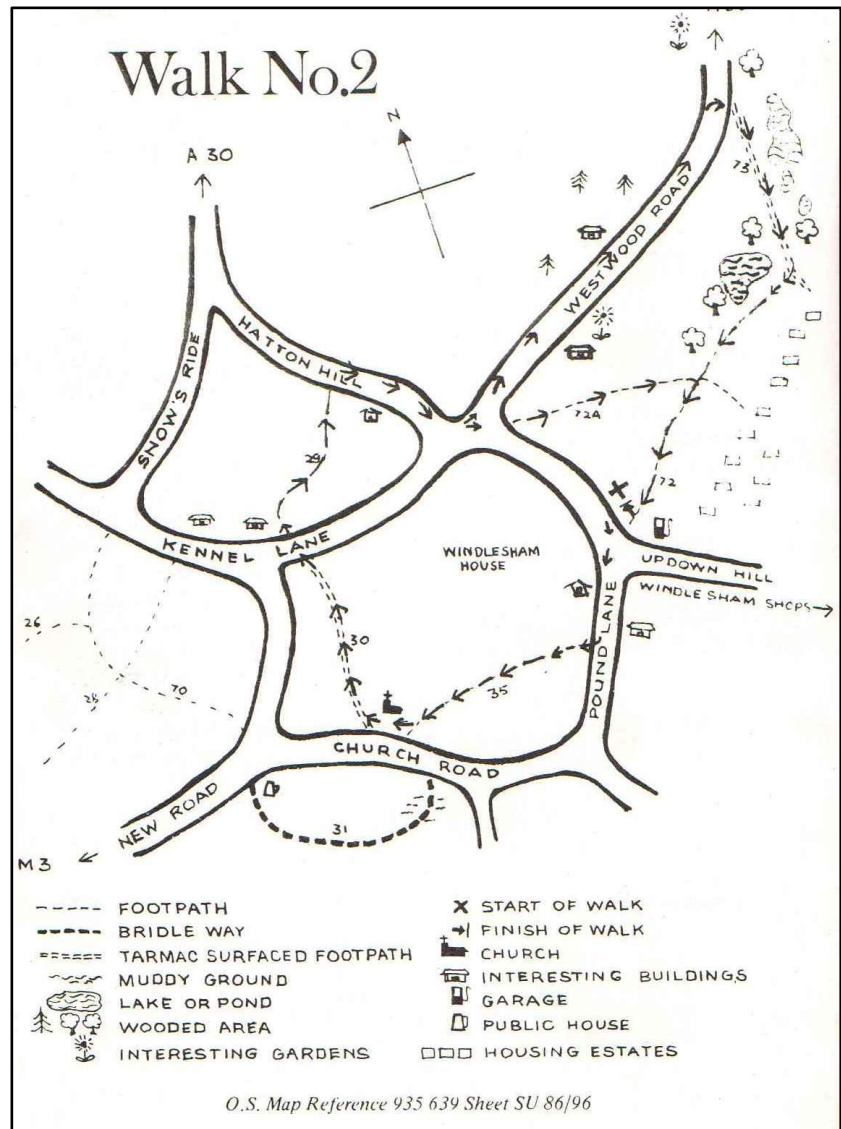
# WINDLESHAM WALKS

## Walk No.2

Start/Parking: Field of Remembrance, Kennel Lane, Windlesham  
Distance: 2 miles or 3 km approx  
Type of walk: Mostly level, two kissing gates, some road work

Leave the car park via the pedestrian entrance next to Beech Walk. To your right is a stone monument which records that the field is a memorial to those who lost their lives in the two World Wars. The field was purchased by public subscription for £2,750 from the land owner, Admiral Cochrane, in 1950. Cross the road with care and head down Pound Lane. This probably got its name from the fact that the village pound, where stray cattle were rounded up and kept until claimed, was once located here. Tucked away on the right are two small cottages, Box Cottage and Penny Cottage, which once formed part of the large estate of Windlesham House.

Just past the attractive timbered Pound Meadow on the left cross over to enter Footpath 35 via a kissing gate and a plank bridge over a ditch. This quiet path runs between paddocks; some of the trees in the hawthorn hedge



on your right are mirabelle plums whose sweet and juicy fruit is worth gathering in summer.

Go through another kissing gate and follow the path round to pass in front of the church, past the War Memorial, and into Footpath 30 which runs between two sections of the graveyard. At the entrance to the extension to the cemetery the path swings left and narrows to eventually emerge in Kennel Lane. Turn left and by The Post House cross straight over into Footpath 29, known as Sandy Lane. This shady and inviting path winds its way between paddocks and gardens and the playing fields of Woodcote House

School can be glimpsed through gaps in the holly hedge on your left. Then it becomes a driveway leading to some houses before meeting Hatton Hill. A section of road work follows but there is much of interest to be seen on the way.

Turn right along Kennel Lane, passing the Hatton Hill Day Nursery and pre-School, a building which was formerly Freemantles School and before that a cottage hospital and maternity home. Many local residents drew their first breaths here!



At the junction with Kennel Lane turn left to walk past Bowling Green Cottage. If you want to shorten the walk, cross over to the corner of Westwood Road and Kennel Lane where Footpath 72A will take you on to the Field of Remembrance. You can either follow this path through a beautiful avenue of beeches to the children's play area, then turn right and follow the path back towards the car park, or take an even shorter cut across the playing field to the car park.

For a longer walk, and the chance to see some spectacular houses, turn left along Westwood Road. This is a lovely road in all seasons, but particularly in the autumn thanks to the abundance of overhanging trees which make a glorious canopy of colour. In spring rhododendrons make a further burst of colour, and there are glimpses of tall magnolias in the well-kept gardens. There is no pavement and some cars travel at speed along the road, so take care to walk facing the oncoming traffic. Soon on your right you will come to Fox Hollow, which was once a world-famous heather nursery and is now a private residence. It is well worth stopping to look at the mellow brickwork and timber of the house.



There are several other mansions to admire, each in its individual way an example of interesting architecture fitting into natural surroundings. Further on, to your left, is Savannah, a house which would not look out of place in the Deep South with its white pillars and simplicity of line complementing the tall trees which surround it.

Shortly after a sharp bend to the left look out for a footpath sign on your right and a staggered metal barrier leading into Footpath 71. Follow this shady path between high fences and tall trees to where it meets a wide gravel track. Turn right and a little further on you come to Lady Owen's Pond. This is situated in a wooded extension to the Field of Remembrance called Admiral's Field, which was bought in 1986 from the trustees of Admiral Cochrane's estate. There is a seat where you can rest and enjoy the peaceful surroundings.



Continue along the track past the popular children's playground to arrive back at the car park.

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*Left, Lady Owen's Pond, named after Cornelia Ramsay Owen, who was the mother of Admiral Cochrane. Her name is also commemorated in Owen and Ramsay Roads, Windlesham.*