

The Fox Revived and Norwood Hill, Surrey



Moderate Terrain

4.5 miles
Circular
2.5 hours

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Access Notes



1. The walk has several gentle slopes throughout. Half the route follows tarmac lanes and stone tracks, with the other half crossing pastures and fields which can get very muddy.
2. There is a 300 metre stretch along the edge of a country lane at the start and finish of the route and also a half mile stretch along a country lane in the middle of the route. The roads do have a 40mph speed limit and narrow grass verges to walk along, but they can be quite busy.
3. The middle road stretch can be avoided if you prefer, by re-tracing your steps from the outward leg. You will cross several pastures that, although empty when we walked, may be holding cattle at times.
4. You will need to negotiate several kissing gates, footbridges and stiles, some of which are very tall with enclosed wire surrounds so dogs will need a lift over. Given the design and nature of these stiles, we would only recommend the walk for small dogs that are easy to carry over stiles.

The Fox Revived is a lovely country pub where you can choose to dine in the cosy nooks and crannies or in the airy garden room.

A 4.5 mile circular pub walk from The Fox Revived in Norwood Hill near Horley in Surrey. The walking route explores the surrounding tranquil countryside, a mix of small woodland copses and large open fields and pastures. Aside from the wildlife and livestock, don't be surprised if you don't meet another soul on your journey.

Getting there

Norwood Hill is a tiny hamlet located at the crossroads between Smalls Hill Road, Collendean Lane and Norwood Hill Road. The Fox Revived sits on this crossroads. The hamlet is located about 2 miles north west of Gatwick Airport and 5 miles south of Reigate. The pub has its own car park.

Approximate post code **RH6 0HP**.

Walk Sections



Start to Norwood Hill Road



The walk begins from the crossroads directly outside The Fox Revived. Cross over the main road (Smalls Hill Road) with care to take the side road opposite, Collendean Lane. Follow this lane, taking care of traffic, for about 300 metres to reach a public footpath waymarker on your right. Turn right here, going through a kissing gate to enter a pasture. Walk straight ahead, following the left-hand hedgerow.

In the field corner, cross the stile and follow a stretch of enclosed path leading you towards a kissing gate. Do NOT pass through this kissing gate, instead turn right immediately beforehand and follow this woodland path as it swings steadily left and then right, leading you gently downhill. The path winds ahead through this small stretch of woodland, later running with a wire fence on your left and a horse paddock beyond the trees to your right.

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You will come to a stile ahead. Cross this and take the grass track ahead which leads you into a meadow. Cross the meadow at about 11 o'clock and cross the stile at the far side, emerging out onto Norwood Hill Road.

1 → 2 Norwood Hill Road to Spencers Entrance



Cross over the road with care to take the stile ahead into a large pasture. Walk straight ahead through this first pasture, staying close to the hedge on your left. In the corner, cross the (tall!) stile and continue along the left-hand edge of a second pasture. At the end of the second pasture, turn right along the bottom boundary for a few paces and then turn left to cross a footbridge (via two stiles).

Walk straight ahead, following the right-hand edge of this third pasture (with a hedge running on your right). In the field corner, cross another stile to enter the fourth pasture. Cross this diagonally left, passing just to the left of the large oak tree in the centre of the field. At the far side, a stile leads you out to the road. Turn left along the road, using the grass verge and taking care of traffic. Follow the road as it swings left and then turn immediately right onto the tarmac access track, signed as a public footpath and the entrance drive for Spencers.

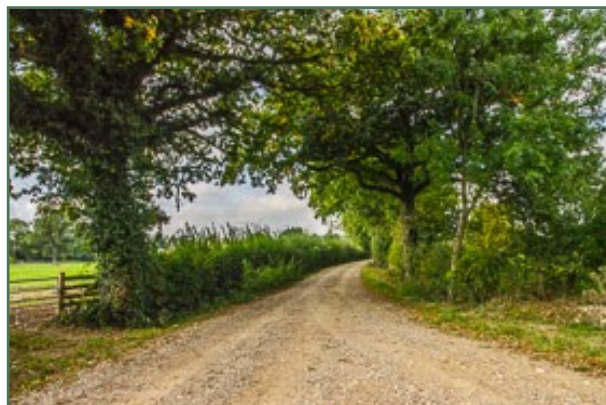
2 → 3 Spencers Entrance to Pudding Lane Crossroads



Follow the access drive ahead. After passing a house on your left, pass through the gate ahead. Ignore the kissing gate on your left, instead follow the stone track. You will reach a crossroads within the stone track, with a large turning area at its centre. Turn right here and follow this branch of track heading south.

The track leads you past a pretty woodland on your right, Telvet Copse, then continues on between dense hedgerows with open fields beyond. Continue for about half a mile, passing through the next gate ahead to reach a crossroads with another track (known as Pudding Lane), marked with a fingerpost.

3 → 4 Pudding Lane Crossroads to Edolphs Farm



You are now at the halfway point in the walk and you have two choices. The main walking route back to the pub, includes a half mile stretch along the road (this has a 40mph speed limit and narrow grass verges but can get busy). If you would prefer to avoid this, now is the time to turn around and re-trace your steps back to the pub. Otherwise, turn right at this crossroads and follow the stone track known as Pudding Lane.

Where the main stone track swings hard right, do NOT follow this. Instead go straight ahead, passing through a metal gate to join a stretch of grass track (which can get very muddy). Beyond the grass stretch, keep ahead to merge with a tarmac access drive which leads you to a junction with Norwood Hill Road and Stan Hill.

Turn right along Norwood Hill Road, taking care of traffic and using the grass verges as much as possible for your safety. Continue ahead into the 40mph stretch of road and follow this as it bends right, passing a large farm on your right, Charlwood Place. Just after the farm buildings you will get a glimpse through the arched gateway of the old house itself. This timber-framed farmhouse dates from 1590.

Stay with the road as it bends left, passing a handful of properties on your left. Continue ahead and, just before the road bends right, you will pass the entrance for Edolphs Farm on your left.

4 → 5 Edolphs Farm to End



Keep ahead to pass Edolphs Lodge on your left and, a few paces later, you will see a footpath sign on your left (which you should recognise from the outward leg). From this point you will be retracing your steps back to the pub. Cross the stile and cross this first pasture at about 1 o'clock, passing just to the right of the large oak tree.

Cross the stile in the corner and follow the left-hand edge of the second pasture. Cross the footbridge (via two stiles) and follow the right-hand edge of the third and fourth pastures (crossing a couple of stiles along the way) to emerge back onto Norwood Hill Road.

Cross over with care and take the stile ahead into a meadow. Walk at 11 o'clock and join the short grass track which leads you to a stile. Cross this to join the woodland path, which winds ahead, climbing steadily. Ignore the kissing gate on your right, instead swing left and cross the stile into the pasture. Walk straight ahead along the right-hand boundary and exit onto the road via the gate. Turn left along the road, taking care of traffic, and this will lead you directly back to The Fox Revived for some well-earned hospitality.

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Walking Safety

For your safety and comfort we recommend that you take the following with you on your walk: bottled water, snacks, a waterproof jacket, waterproof/sturdy boots, a woolly hat and fleece (in winter and cold weather), a fully-charged mobile phone, a whistle, a compass and an Ordnance Survey map of the area. Check the weather forecast before you leave, carry appropriate clothing and do not set out in fog or mist as these conditions can seriously affect your ability to navigate the route. Take particular care on cliff/mountain paths where steep drops can present a particular hazard. Some routes include sections along roads – take care to avoid any traffic at these points. Around farmland take care with children and dogs, particularly around machinery and livestock. If you are walking on the coast make sure you check the tide times before you set out.

