

Bromley Pub Walk No. 7

Leaves Green to Farnborough

Despite passing close to end of the runway at Biggin Hill, this is an almost totally rural walk through rolling farmland and High Elms Country Park.

Please read the Bromley Pub Walks [introductory notes](#) for explanation about information provided in these walking guides



Approx. Distance:

- 3 miles

Approx. Time:

- 1.25 hour

Gradients:

- No significant gradients


Type(s) of path(s):

Paths through cultivated farmland and gravel paths, and on grass and tarmac in the country park

Stiles / Gates:

- This route has several kissing gates and a high stile

Road Walking: (ie. roads without footway)

- Some sections of this route include walking along roads without footways:
 - Farthing St, for approx. half a mile
 - North End lane, approx. 100 yds. 

Livestock or crops:

- This route includes some fields which may contain livestock or crops

OS Grid References:

- Leaves Green: TQ 415616
- Farnborough: TQ 443643

Maps

- OS 1:25 000, No. 147
- Much of the route is covered by the online [guide to LOOP](#) published by *Inner London Ramblers*, which includes detailed maps and description. Section 3 covers this route from Holwood Farm to Farnborough
- Part of the route is covered by Bromley Council's walking leaflet '*Leaves Green Circular*'

Connections to other Bromley Pub Walks:

- From Leaves Green:
 - 02 to Keston via Nash
 - 03 to Keston via Wilberforce Oak
 - 06 to Downe
 - 61 to Tatsfield *(Continues...)*



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- 62 to Fickleshole
- From Farnborough:
 - 05 to Keston
 - 08 to Downe
 - 09 to Cudham
 - 10 to Pratts Bottom
 - 21 to Petts Wood (via LOOP)
- On route:
 - Part of this route follows the same paths as:
 - 03 Leaves Green to Keston via Wilberforce Oak
 - 05 Keston to Farnborough
 - 06 Leaves Green to Downe
 - This route also crosses:
 - 08 Downe to Farnborough

Pubs / Clubs:

- Leaves Green:
 - [Crown](#), Leaves Green Road, BR2 6DQ
 - Note that the former [Kings Arms](#), is now a Turkish restaurant with bar, which does not serve cask ale
- Farnborough:
 - [Woodman](#), 50 High Street, Farnborough. BR6 7BA
 - [Change of Horses](#), 87 High Street, Farnborough. BR6 7BB

Public Transport:

- Leaves Green:
 - 320 Catford to Biggin Hill via Bromley
 - 246 Bromley North/South to Westerham
 - R2 Orpington to Biggin Hill
- Farnborough:
 - 358 Crystal Palace to Orpington Stn. via Bromley

Notes:

- Much of this route follows the London Outer Orbital Path, the 150 mile long path around the edge of Outer London, England, sometimes described as *'the M25 for walkers'*.
- The route also passes the end of the runway of Biggin Hill Airport and goes through High Elms, a 250 acre estate, once the home of the Lubbock family which is now a country park managed by Bromley Council, which includes a golf course. The path crosses the site of the former house which was destroyed by fire in 1967.

The Route:

- Please note that the section between Holwood Farm and Farnborough follows the LOOP, which is generally well sign-posted, although the section within High Elms Park can be difficult to follow due to the multiplicity of other paths and signage.
- We recommend that you use the excellent [online guide to the LOOP](#) published by *Inner London Ramblers*, which describes the route in considerable detail, including maps. Section 3 covers this route.

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Starting at Leaves Green

- The route starts at the opposite end of the green from the Kings Arms, about 75 yds. beyond the last house
- Go over the (high) stile and take the path diagonally across the very large open field, heading uphill towards the corner of the distant wood, near the radio mast
- At the 4-way junction near the radio mast, take the path which continues diagonally in the approx. the same direction as before, but now heading downhill
- *At this junction turn right to follow the path around the perimeter of the airfield for Route 06 to Downe*
- At the field boundary, the path passes through a kissing gate, then between houses and out onto the busy Downe Rd.

Downe Rd

- Cross the road and turn right and walk along the footway to the junction with Shire Lane and New Road Hill. Turn left at the road junction onto the track
- *Turn right at the road junction and walk along New Road Hill, (no footway) for Route 04 to Downe. Carry straight on through a kissing gate for Routes 03, 04 & 05 to Keston*
- For Route 7 we turn right, through a kissing gate
- *The route now follows the LOOP all the way to Farnborough. For detailed description and maps for the remainder of the route we suggest that you use Section 3 of the Ramblers online [Guide to the LOOP](#)*
- Route 05 now follows field perimeters until the path joins Shire Lane

Shire Lane

- Cross the road with care into Farthing St. Note, there is no footway in this section. Follow the lane, which takes a zig-zag course, until the path resumes (after approx. half a mile) 
- Continue to follow the LOOP signs across a field, and into a track between hedgerows, where you will cross Route 08 (Farnborough to/from Downe)
- *Here turn right for Downe, or left for an alternative (shorter) route to Farnborough via Route 08*
- Follow the path to North End Lane (no footway), where the path turns left and follows the road for a short distance 
- Follow the path onto the golf course and on to High Elms Lane, where the path turns left and runs parallel to the road for a short distance, then cross the road into High Elms Country Park

High Elms Country Park

- Note that some of the LOOP route signs can be difficult to spot within High Elms Park. However the route both enters and leaves the main part of the country park via the main car park and golf club car park
- Exit the country park and cross (the busy) Shire Lane, from where it is a short walk through woods and then along the edge of a meadow to Farnborough Church
- Walk through the churchyard into Church Lane, which leads into the High Street and the centre of the village. Turn left along the High St for both of the pubs

Starting at Farnborough

- The route starts in Church Lane, following the LOOP signs

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Suggested Routes to Link with this route to make longer circular or one-way walks:

There are currently five other *Bromley Pub Walk* routes to/from Farnborough, plus another five from Leaves Green, as listed above.

There are several possible options to combine Route 05 with other *Bromley Pub Walk* routes. All routes can be walked in either direction, (possibly, depending on where you want to have your final pint...). Some options include:

1. Farnborough / Leaves Green / Keston [via Nash] / Hayes Stn.

- One way
- Routes 07 / 02 / 01
- Approx. 8 miles
- 7 pubs and 1 club on route

2. Farnborough / Leaves Green / Downe / Farnborough

- Circular
- Routes 07 / 06 / 08
- Approx. 8 miles
- 7 pubs and 1 club on route

The **Bromley Pub Walk** guides have been prepared and published by Bromley CAMRA to encourage members and others to enjoy walking in the rural areas of Bromley and to visit the many pubs and clubs on the routes.

If you have any comments about the Bromley Pub Walk guides please send an email to:

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Sketch Map of Routes 7 & 8

Route 7 
 Route 8 

