

Bromley Pub Walk Nos. 10 & 20

Farnborough to Pratts Bottom Green St Green to Pratts Bottom

An almost entirely rural walk through farmland and High Elms Country Park.

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



Please note that this guide covers both Routes 10 and 20, since they follow the same paths between High Elms Country Park and Pratts Bottom.

Approx. Distance:

- 4.25 miles from Farnborough
- 3.9 miles from Green St Green

Approx. Time:

- 2 hours

Gradients:

- The route is through undulating terrain with some steep ascent/descents

Type(s) of path(s):

- Mostly gravel or stone paths, some grass and tarmac

Stiles / Gates:

- This route has one stile and several kissing gates

Road Walking: (ie. roads without footway)

- Snag Lane is a (normally quiet) narrow lane with no footway (approx. 300 yards)
- Lambardes Close and Norsted Lane, in Pratts Bottom, approx. 200 yards



Livestock or crops:

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

OS Grid References:

- Farnborough: TQ 443643
- Green St Green: TQ 455633
- Pratts Bottom: TQ 472623

Maps

- OS 1:25 000, No. 147
- Almost the entire route is covered on the Bromley Council walking guide for 'Green St Green Circular'

The **Bromley Pub Walks** 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.

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Connections to other Bromley Pub Walks:

- From Farnborough:
 - 05 to Keston
 - 07 to Leaves Green
 - 08 to Downe
 - 09 to Cudham
 - 21 to Petts Wood
- From Pratts Bottom:
 - 12 to Downe
 - 19 to Cudham
 - 20 to Green St Green
 - 24 to Chelsfield Village
 - 25 to Knockholt Station
 - 33 to Berry's Green
 - 51 to Halstead
 - 53 to Knockholt Pound
- This route follows some of the same paths as routes:
 - 08 Farnborough to Downe
 - 09 Farnborough to Cudham
 - 11 Green St Green to Downe
 - 12 Downe to Pratts Bottom
 - 33 to Berry's Green
 - 53 to Knockholt Pound

Pubs / Clubs:

- Farnborough
 - [Woodman](#), 50 High Street, Farnborough. BR6 7BA
 - [Change of Horses](#), 87 High Street, Farnborough. BR6 7BB
- Green St Green
 - [Queen's Head](#), 73 High St, Green St Green, BR6 6BQ
 - [Royal Oak](#), High St, Green St Green, BR6 6BJ
 - [Rose & Crown](#), Farnborough Way, Green St Green, BR6 6BT
- Pratts Bottom
 - [Bull's Head](#), Rushmore Hill, Pratts Bottom. BR6 7NQ

Public Transport:

- Farnborough
 - 358 Crystal Palace to Orpington Stn. via Bromley
- Green St Green
 - R1 Orpington
 - R5 / R10 Orpington circular, via Cudham, Knockholt, Halstead, Pratts Bottom
 - R11 Sidcup via Orpington
 - Note, there are several other buses to/from Orpington from stops near Farnborough Hill/Sevenoaks Rd junction, including 358 to Crystal Palace via Bromley
- Pratts Bottom
 - R5 /R10 Orpington circular, via Cudham, Knockholt, Halstead, Green St Green
 - Also note that Knockholt Station is only approx. 1.3 miles from Pratts Bottom (*see Route No. 25*)

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Notes:

- High Elms, a 250 acre estate, once the home of the Lubbock family, 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.
- There are numerous paths and trails throughout the park, which can make navigation confusing, see the detailed sketch map.
- The rest of the route is mostly through undulating farmland, including a classic chalk 'dry valley' near Norstead Manor farm

The Route:

- Please note that this guide covers two routes, since both routes follow the same course between High Elms and Pratts Bottom

Route 10

Starting at Farnborough

- Take Church Rd, then through the lychgate into and through the church yard
- At the far side of the churchyard, after the gate in the meadows, you now have a choice of 2 paths to High Elms Park, either straight ahead along the edge of the field, or left through the woods. Both routes involve crossing the often busy Shire Lane
- Cross Shire Lane and into the park itself, then follow the tarmac road up the hill to the site of the former mansion
- Go straight across the mansion site into an avenue of yew trees, then through the carpark to the clubhouse
- To avoid walking along High Elms Lane (between the car park and the start of the track up the hill) you can skirt the lower edge of the golf course by following the path at the right hand side of the clubhouse until you join the track between hedgerows which is heading up the hill
- *At the top of the hill, at the steel barriers, is the junction with Route 20 from Green St Green*

Route 20

Starting at Green St Green


- The route starts in Old Hill, off Cudham Lane North, very close to the Rose & Crown
- Take the path adjacent to the right hand side of the play area. Go through a kissing gate and then follow the path diagonally uphill across the field, parallel to the electricity poles, and into the woods of High Elms Country Park
- Continue walking in approx. the same direction for about ½ mile to the top of the hill at the junction of several paths (with steel barriers). *This marks the point where you join Route 10 from Farnborough (as above)*

Combined routes 10 & 20

From High Elms

- At the top of the hill, at the junctions of the two paths, head down the hill along a broad avenue (both a path and bridleway) and then continue through fields across the dry valley on an undulating path (mostly up!) to Cudham Lane North

Cudham Lane North

- Do not join the road, instead turn right onto a 'permissive path' adjacent to the road. This path takes you to opposite Snag Lane.
- Cross the road and take Snag Lane (no footway)  until it joins a bridleway, straight ahead, at the point where Snag Lane takes a sharp right

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- Follow the winding bridleway until reaching a T junction of paths, where you turn sharp left under the trees
- *Turn right at this junction for routes 09 & 19 to Cudham and 12 to Downe*
- Continue walking until the next junction of paths, where you turn left (signed to Pratts Bottom)
- *For a link to Route 32 (Knockholt Stn. to Cudham) go straight ahead at this junction*
- Follow the path down through woods, into the open fields and across the dry valley. Note that both the descent and ascent are fairly steep
- At the far side of the valley climb a stile into a wooded path, which, after a short while, joins a tarmac drive past Norsted Manor Farm
- Follow the drive until you join Port Hill, then turn right
- Almost immediately there is a small steel gate on the left into a field (no signage)
- Go diagonally right up the hill, keeping fairly close to the hedge, to another gate onto a footpath
- Turn left and follow this footpath/track/bridleway downhill, until it becomes a lane (Lambardes Close), joining Norsted Lane to arrive on the common opposite the Bulls Head pub. Note that the final section of this track is used by vehicles accessing the properties alongside the track

Starting at Pratts Bottom

- The route starts on the green opposite the Bulls Head
- Take Norstead Lane then left into the bridleway (signposted to Knockholt)

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, seven from Leaves Green, plus one from Green St Green, all as listed above.

There are several possible options to combine Routes 10/20 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...). One option includes:

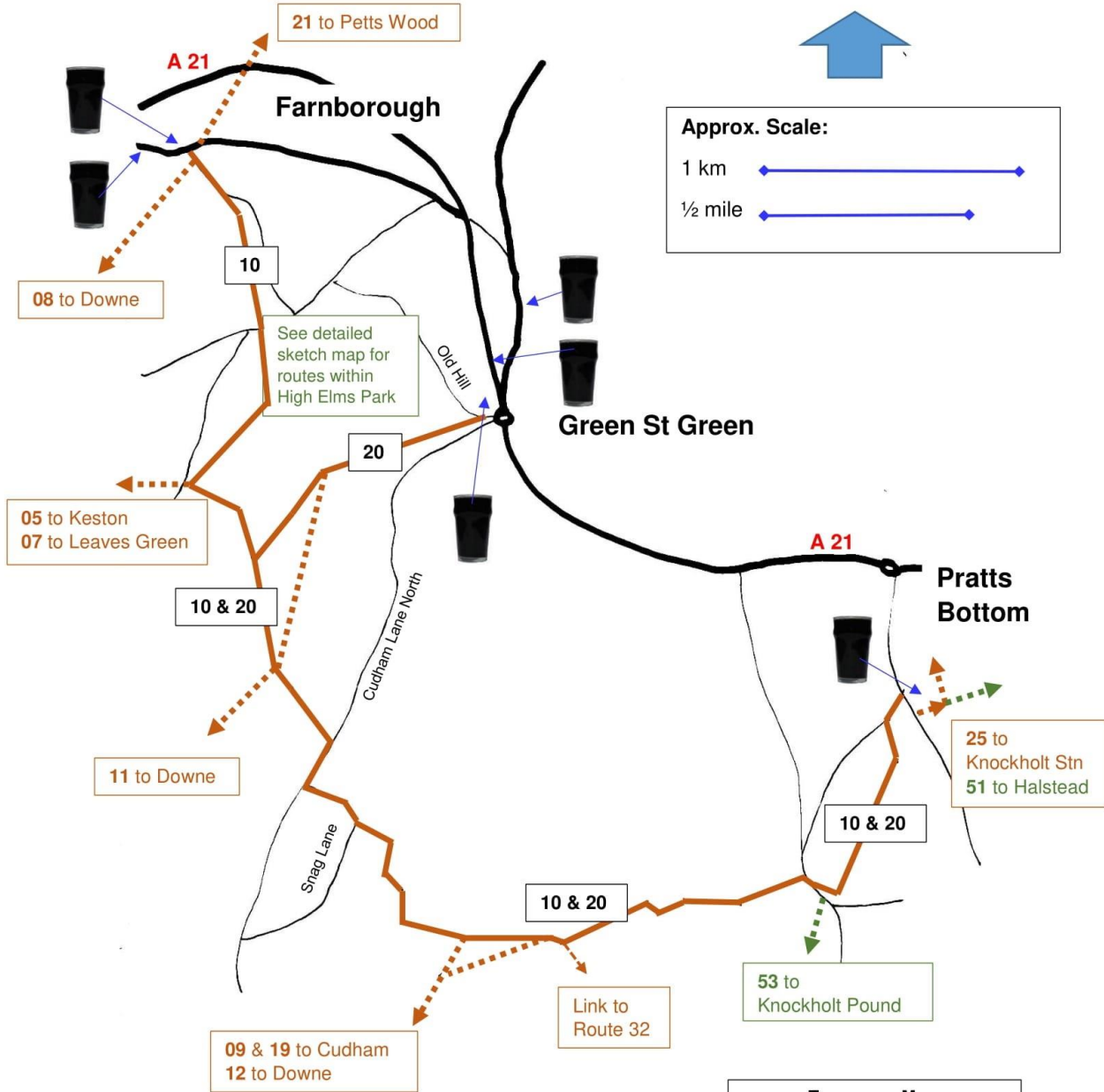
1. Knockholt Stn. / Pratts Bottom / Farnborough / Petts Wood Stn.

- One way
- Ideal for walkers arriving/leaving by train, as both Petts Wood and Knockholt are on the London Bridge/Sevenoaks Line
- Routes 25 / 10 / 21
- Approx. 9 miles
- 6 pubs and 1 club on route
- (Note that there is no pub near Knockholt Stn.)

Date of survey / updates
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Sketch Map for Routes 10 & 20



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Temporary Map.
It is hoped to improve the maps for all the Bromley Pub Walk routes

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Routes through High Elms Country Park

