

Bromley Pub Walk No. 25

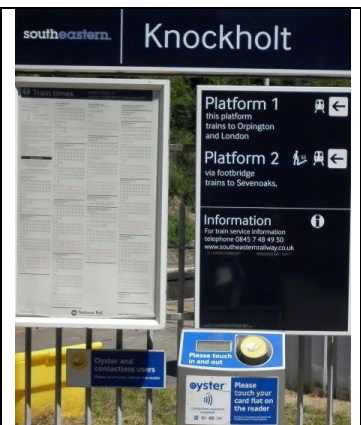
Knockholt Station to Pratts Bottom

A short useful walk, linking the Bromley Pub Walks network to Knockholt Station

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

Two possible routes are described.

- The recommended route is a longer, but more pleasant, as it takes paths through a closed golf course, fields and woodland.
- The shorter alternative route involves walking alongside the busy A21 and through suburban residential streets.



Approx. Distance:

- 1.6 miles (or 1.2 miles by the alternative route)

Approx. Time:

- 45 (or 30) minutes

Gradients:

- The walk includes a path with steps (approx. 50 steps) in Pratts Bottom

Type(s) of path(s):

- Grass, gravel paths
- *The alternative route is mostly tarmac or gravel paths*

Stiles / Gates:

- This route includes stiles and kissing gates
- *There are none on the alternative route*

Road Walking: (ie. roads without footway)

- All roads have footways (except for a short stretch of Stonehouse Road on the alternative route)

Livestock or crops:

- This route includes which go through fields which may contain crops or animals, including horses

OS Grid References:

- Pratts Bottom: TQ 472623
- Knockholt Stn: TQ 485629

Maps:

- OS 1:25 000, No. 147



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Connection to other Bromley Pub Walks:

- From Knockholt Stn:
 - 26 to Chelsfield [Bo Peep]
 - 29 to Chelsfield Village
 - 32 to Cudham
 - 50 to Halstead
 - 52 to Knockholt Pound
- From Pratts Bottom:
 - 10 to Farnborough
 - 12 to Downe
 - 19 to Cudham
 - 20 to Green St Green
 - 24 to Chelsfield Village
 - 33 to Berry's Green
 - 51 to Halstead
 - 53 to Knockholt Pound
- This route follows parts of the same paths as:
 - 24 to Chelsfield Village
 - 50 & 51 to Halstead
 - 52 to Knockholt Pound

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Pubs:

- Pratts Bottom:
 - [Bull's Head](#), Rushmore Hill, Pratts Bottom. BR6 7NQ
- There is **no pub** at Knockholt Station

Public Transport:

- Knockholt Station (Zone 6):
 - Southeastern, Charing Cross/London Bridge to Sevenoaks via Grove Park and Orpington
- Pratts Bottom:
 - R5 /R10 Orpington circular, via Cudham, Halstead, Knockholt, Green St Green

Notes:

- The recommended route is somewhat longer than the alternative, and involves more gradients, however it avoids walking alongside the busy London Rd / A21.

The Route:

Starting at Knockholt Station

- NB. *This route crosses the former Broke Hill Golf Course. At the time of editing this version (August 2022) the golf course is closed and developers are seeking approval to build housing on the site*
- This route involves a (mostly) gentle ascent up through the former golf course from the station (approx. 30m difference in level) and then a gradual descent to the top of the steps in Pratts Bottom
- Leave the station via the exit adjacent to the ticket office and walk up the station approach to London Road
- Cross the (often busy) road and turn left along the footway, *you are now on the border between Greater London and Kent*. After approx. 50 yds. take the footpath through the kissing gate.

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Follow the fenced path up the incline onto the former golf course. The path then runs straight across the former course to the boundary hedge on the far side

- Upon reaching the boundary hedge, turn right at the junction of paths, staying within the course
- *Routes 32 to Cudham, 50 & 51 to Halstead and 52 to Knockholt Pound go straight ahead through the kissing gate*
- Follow the fenced path along the hedge until reaching the kissing gate onto Stonehouse Lane

Stonehouse Lane

- Cross the road and take the footpath almost directly ahead opposite, which runs across a field and on into woodland (Pratt's Grove).
- The path does a half-left downhill and half-right uphill (*NB, this is the border of Greater London and Kent*), then leaves the woods and runs through horse pastures.
- *NB. Take care to not take any of the many paths which lead further into the woods*
- Go down through the horse pasture, then over 2 stiles, to arrive at the top of the steps down into Pratts Bottom
- *The shorter alternative route from Knockholt Stn. re-joins the recommended route at the top of the steps*
- Go down the steps (approx. 50 steps) to where the path joins the road, adjacent to the car park of the [Bulls Head](#) pub

Starting at Pratts Bottom

- The route starts on the footpath adjacent to the pub car park

Shorter Alternative Route

- *Please note that this route involves walking alongside the A21:*
- Leave the station via the exit adjacent to the ticket office and walk up the station approach to London Road. Cross the (often busy) road and turn right along the footway, you are now on the border between Greater London and Kent
- Follow the footway until just before London Road merges with the (even busier) A21 - fork left along the old Sevenoaks Road, past a row of houses on the left-hand side, this road then reverts back to the footway alongside the A21
- Continue along the footway until reaching the junction with Stonehouse Lane on the left
- *Route 24 to Chelsfield Village crosses the A21 at this point*
- Go into Stonehouse Lane, which almost immediately joins with Broke Farm Drive, take the tarmac footpath between the houses at this junction
- This footpath links through to Turnpike Drive. Turn right, then after a few houses, take another footpath on the left, between houses (opposite No 30)
- This path continues, heading slightly uphill, between large rear gardens until the path joins Stonehouse Road. Continue straight ahead along the road and then continue ahead where the tarmac road ends and becomes a track
- After a short distance, at a junction of paths turn right towards the steps
- *Routes 51 and 53 go left over a stile at this point*
- Go down the steps (approx. 50 steps) to where the path joins the road, adjacent to the car park of the Bulls Head pub

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