

Bromley Pub Walk No. 52

Knockholt Station to Knockholt Pound

A 3 mile, mostly rural, walk between the station and the village sharing the same name

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

Approx. Distance:	3 miles
Approx. Time:	1 hour & 15 minutes



Gradients:

- There are some short sections of path with a steep gradients

Type(s) of path(s):

- Mostly grass and tarmac

Stiles / Gates:

- This route has numerous stiles, some of which are high

Road Walking: (ie. roads without footway or verge)

- Some roads on this route do not have footways or verges including:
 - Pound Lane, approx. 400 yards
 - There is a narrow grass verge along all but approx. 30 yards of Rushmoor Hill, however after periods of wet weather this verge can be slippery, therefore road walking may be unavoidable at such times (approx. 500 yards)



Livestock or crops:

- This route passes through fields which may contain crops or livestock, including horses

OS Grid References:

- Knockholt Station: TQ 485629
- Knockholt Pound: TQ 482595

Maps:

- OS 1:25 000, No. 147

Connection to other Bromley Pub Walks:

- From Knockholt Station:
 - 25 to Pratts Bottom
 - 26 to Chelsfield [Bo-Peep]
 - 29 to Chelsfield Village
 - 32 to Cudham
 - 50 to Halstead

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Connection to other Bromley Pub Walks *continued*:

- From Knockholt Pound:
 - 53 to Pratts Bottom
 - 54 to Downe
 - 55 to Biggin Hill [Aperfield]
 - 57 To Shoreham
- This route follows some of the same paths as sections of:
 - 25, Knockholt Station to Pratts Bottom
 - 32, Knockholt Station to Cudham
 - 50, Knockholt Station to Halstead
 - 51, Pratts Bottom to Halstead

Pubs:

- Knockholt Pound:
 - [Harrow](#), Harrow Road, Knockholt. TN14 7JT
 - [Three Horseshoes](#), The Pound, Knockholt. TN14 7LD
- 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
- Knockholt Pound:
 - R5 Orpington circular: Orpington > Green St Green > Pratts Bottom > Halstead > Knockholt > Cudham > Green St Green > Orpington
 - R10 Orpington circular (as above, but in the opposite direction)

Notes:

NB. This route crosses the former Broke Hill Golf Course. At the time of editing this edition (Aug 2022) the golf course is closed and developers are seeking approval to build housing on the site

The Route:

Starting at Knockholt Station

- Leave the station via the exit adjacent to the ticket office and walk up the station approach to London Road. *This road is the boundary between Greater London and Kent*
- Cross the (often busy) road and turn left along the footway/verge. After approx. 50 yds. take the footpath through the kissing gate
- Follow the signs and take the path as it winds left then right 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, go straight ahead through the kissing gate in the hedge
- *(Routes 25 & 51 to Pratts Bottom go right at this point at this point)*
- After the kissing gate, go continue straight ahead along the path which follows the field boundary. At the end of the field follow the path into the adjacent field and then continue to follow the field boundary (this time on the right) until joining Church Road




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Church Rd

- Cross the road, turn left and walk along the footway towards the village of Halstead
- After approx. 200 yards, as the road bends slightly to the left, take the footpath through the gate on the right. Two paths leave at this point, take the path which goes diagonally left, not the one going very sharp right
- (*Routes 50 and 51 continue along Church Road into Halstead Village*)
- The path initially runs next to a beech hedge, prior to heading into the trees, and then behind a house, to a stile onto a small private golf course
- Go slightly to the right across a 'green' into a wooded area, where the path follows a winding route, mostly downhill
- The path then opens out onto a large open 'green'. Head diagonally right and proceed up the hill
- Towards the top of the hill (approx. 200 yards before the top) look for a footpath marker on the right side, where the path enters into a wooded area
- After the wood, the path then runs adjacent to the fence of a large garden centre, all the way to Rushmore Hill. (*NB. This path can be very muddy after long periods of rain*)

Rushmore Hill

- Turn left into Rushmore Hill (no footway). *Note that this road can be very busy at times, not least due to traffic entering and leaving the garden centre*
- After passing the entrance to the garden centre, it is possible to walk along the narrow grass verge, however after periods of wet weather this verge can be slippery, therefore road walking may be unavoidable at such times (approx. 500 yards) 
- Upon reaching the junction with Randle's Lane, turn right into Randle's Lane, then after about 20 yards go left into a narrow path through the hedgerow, just beyond a yard with large steel gates
- This path then continues over a stile into a yard. Go straight across the yard to another stile, then follow this path through a gate, to yet another stile
- The path then runs parallel to the rear garden fence of large house into the corner of the field, where there is a stile adjacent to the farm gate
- The route now crosses two further fields, often containing horses. The gate on the far side of the second field may not be immediately visible, as it is within the hedgerow. Head towards the large electricity distribution pole, which is not far from the gate
- The path then enters a large open field. The route heads diagonally right, towards the diagonally opposite far corner. The public right of way across the field is marked by posts
- Shortly before joining Pound Lane the path enters a track bounded by hedgerows to take you onto Pound Lane

Pound Lane

- *For Routes 53 to Pratts Bottom and 54 to Downe turn right and walk right along Pound Lane*
- Turn left into Pound Lane (no footway) and follow the road all the way to the green at **Knockholt Pound** 
- The [Three Horseshoes](#) pub faces the green, for the [Harrow](#) turn left and walk along Harrow Lane
- *For Route 55 to Biggin Hill (Aperfield) take Chevening Lane at the left of the Three Horseshoes*
- *Route 57 to Shoreham starts just beyond the Harrow pub*



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Starting at Knockholt Pound

- From the Green outside the **Three Horseshoes**, cross Main Rd and go straight ahead into Pound Lane.
- The route leaves Pound Lane, as a track on the right, shortly after the last of the houses on the right side of the road
- The path then enters a large open field. The route is heading towards the diagonally-opposite corner; the public right of way goes diagonally across the field and is marked by posts

Suggested walks to link with Route No 52

The Bromley Pub Walks guides have been arranged with the expectation that many walkers will link two or more routes together to make either circular or extended linear walks. The excellent public transport links to every pub/club (*except routes to Chelsfield [Bo Peep] and Ficklehole*) means that walks can be planned using public transport to get to/from your start/finish, or in the event of any unplanned curtailment (eg if the beer at any pub on route is so good that remainder of the walk is abandoned).

Possible circular walks involving this route include:

- **Routes 52 / 53 / 25.** Circular walk: Knockholt Station > Knockholt Pound > Pratts Bottom > Knockholt Station. Approx. **7.3** miles, with up to **3** possible pubs
- **Routes 25 / 53 / 52 / 51.** Mostly a circular walk, with a detour to Halstead: Knockholt Station > Pratts Bottom > Knockholt Pound > Halstead > Knockholt Station. Approx. **10.2** miles, with up to **5** possible pubs

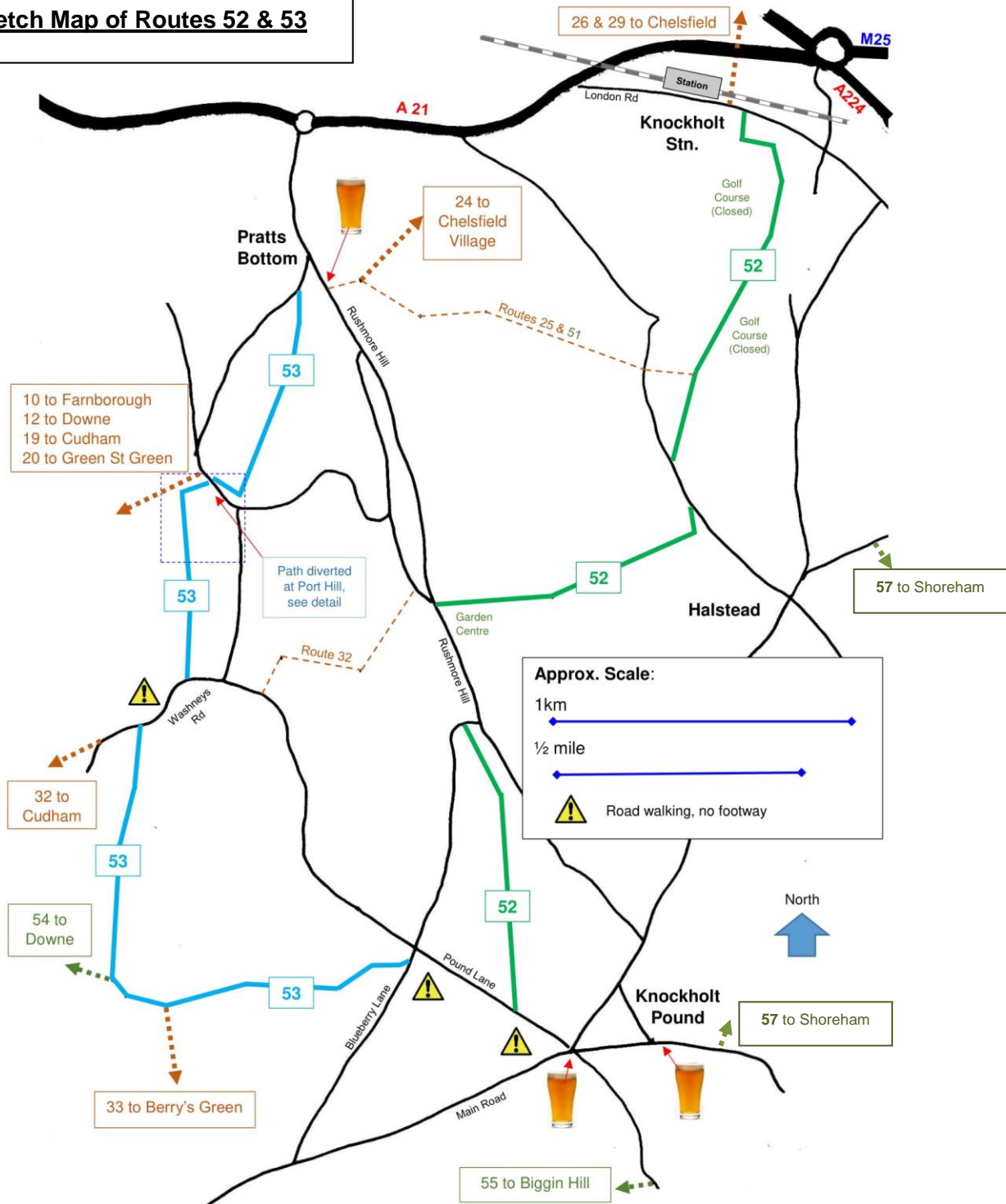
Please note that routes 52 & 53 both involve a large number of stiles, some of which are quite high. The above circular walks both include more than 12 stiles!

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Sketch Map of Routes 52 & 53



Temporary Map.

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



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