

Footpath No.10 – “Bluebell Walk”: Huntingford Bridge to County boundary with Surrey

This path continues as Surrey FP58 to meet Old Lane

Note: This path has gates, stiles and steep steps.

Go through the kissing gate (Pic 1) north of Huntingford Bridge, and follow the direction of the finger-post across the field to another gate (Pic 2).

There is a set of steep, rustic steps directly on the other side of the gate (Pic 3) which need care, leading up to a junction of paths (Pic 4). Turn right (there is a paper ‘footpath’ sign attached to a tree) along a level path through woods (Pic 5). In the season these woods are full of bluebells.

Following a stile (Pic 6) the well-used path continues, eventually dropping with views of the river valley to the right (Pic 7) until it reaches a T-junction with a redundant kissing gate to one side (Pic 8).

Turn left (beware: there is no sign here and the track to the right looks tempting) and enter a field (Pic 9) often populated with grazing cattle.

The next gate (Pic 10) marks the county boundary with Surrey. If the gate is closed, there are two stiles to negotiate – neither has a waymark on it, but we assume the first is in Hampshire and the second in Surrey.

Here Headley FP10 ends and Surrey FP58 begins.

To continue the walk, pass through a further gate or over its stile (Pic 11) until you come to a 3-way finger post in the hedge (Pic 12). Turn left here and strike out across the field towards a gate on the opposite side which is normally left ajar (Pics 13 & 14). [Sometimes this field is ploughed and you have to make your own path.]

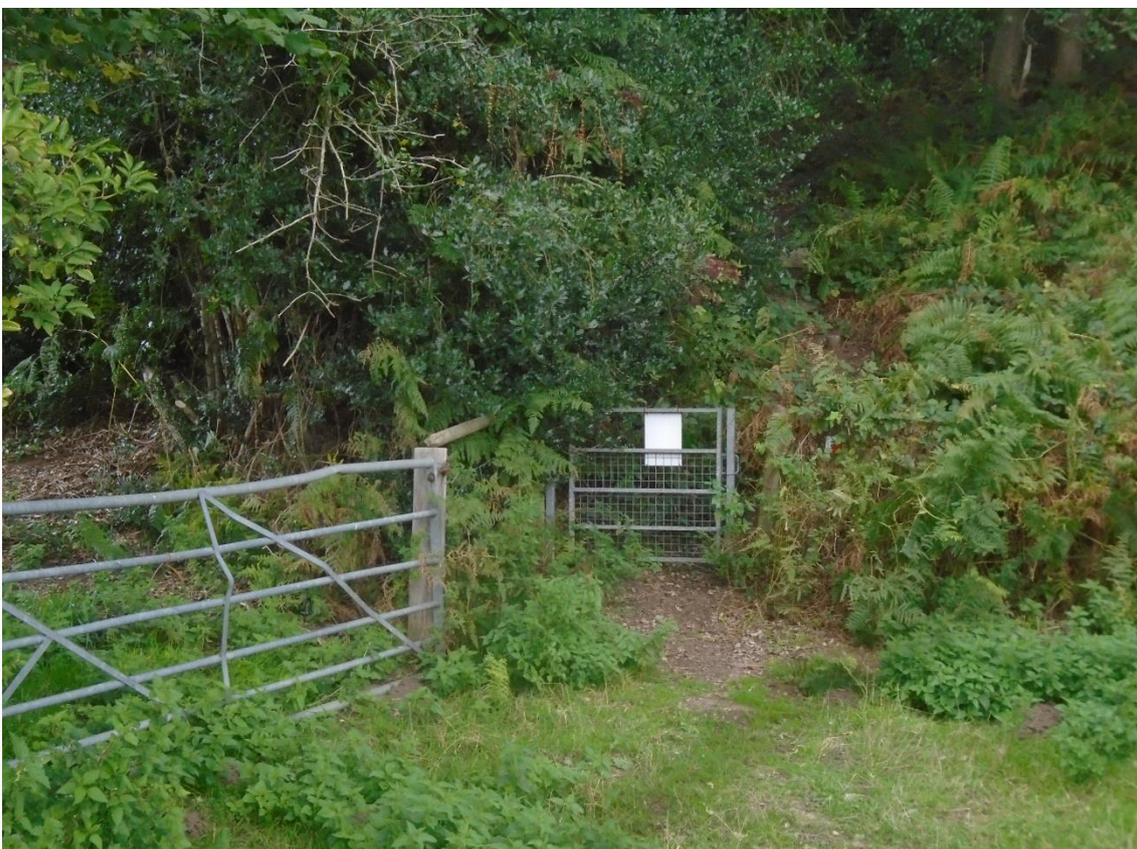
Pass through the gate and soon arrive at another gate with a stile beside it – though there is space for the slender to slide through unhindered (Pic 15). This leads out to Old Lane (Pic 16).

Note: Turning left along Old Lane gives a link to FP8 and other paths back to Headley. This is part of the “Four Bridges” circular walk.

Pic 1: Follow the direction of the finger post across the field.



Pic 2: The steps begin straight after the gate.



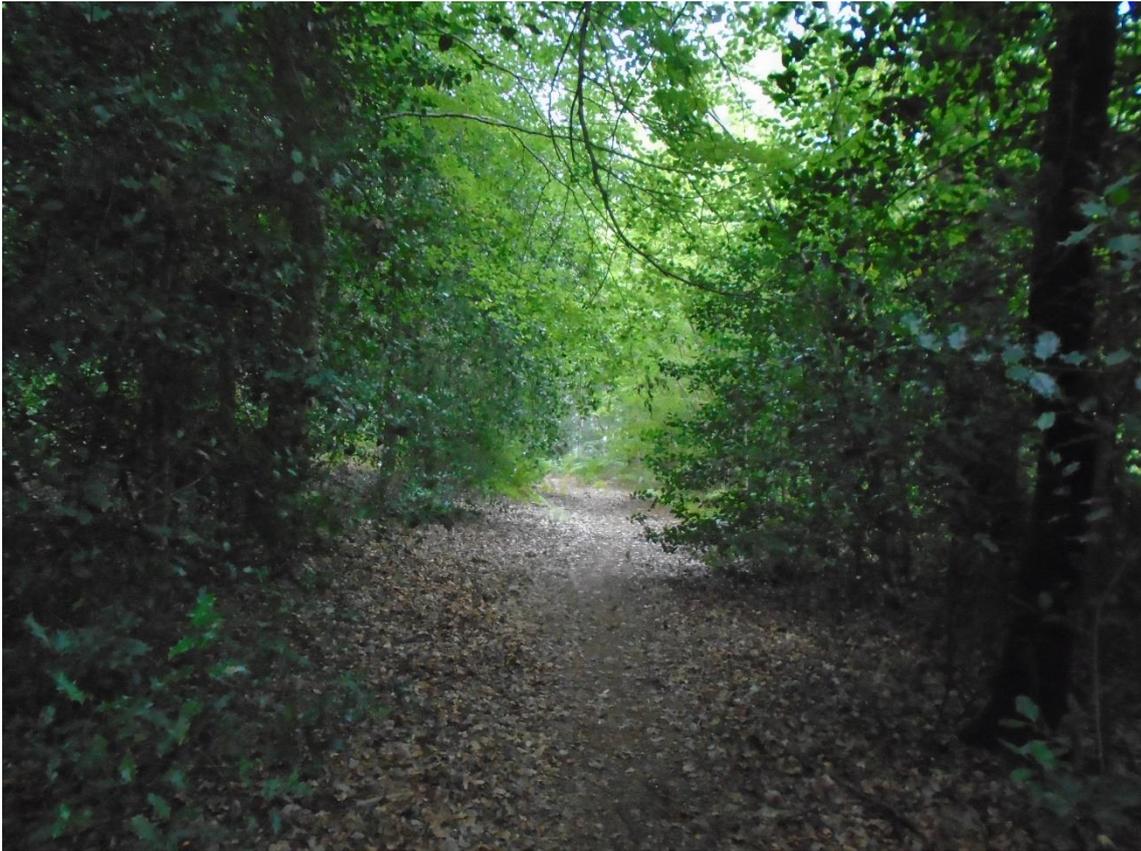
Pic 3: These steps (and there are more of them) can be tricky.



Pic 4: 'Footpath' sign is on the piece of white paper on the far tree.



Pic 5: The bluebell wood, in season.



Pic 6:



Pic 7:



Pic 8:



Pic 9: Be prepared to meet cattle here.



Pic 10: The county boundary? No signs on the stiles.



Pic 11: Gates are closed when animals are in the fields.



Pic 12:



Pic 13: Sometimes this field is ploughed, and the path is not so easy.



Pic 14:



Pic 15: A slim test!



Pic 16: Exit to Old Lane

