

Surrey Footpath No.27a – Frensham Pond Hotel towards the River Wey

This used to be Headley FP11 before the County Boundary move in 1991. It is now, according to OS maps, on the county boundary, and management of it is with Surrey CC.

There is a clear finger post opposite the Frensham Pond Hotel (Pic 1), but it's about the only thing that is clear about this footpath!

At the time of writing (Sept 2020) the start of the path is almost impossible to find. At one point you have to weave your way round an old iron gate (Pic 2).

After passing what appears to be a home-made sewage plant on the right, the path becomes clearer to follow. To the left is a sunken lane (Pic 3) which we eventually cross.

There is a solitary guide post (Pic 4) at one point, which is reassuring, and there are pretty views of the pond to the right (Pic 5) with wild life.

Shortly after this, the path passes through a muddy dip (Pic 6) before arriving at a bridge over the outfall from the pond (Pic 7). This is the old county boundary, where Headley FP11 would technically have ended.

The path continues, with difficult passages due to fallen trees at the time of writing (Pic 8) to arrive at the bridleway BW27 (Pic 9 – Pic 10 reverse direction).

Turning left here will take you to a spot overlooking the point where the outflow from the Pond meets the River Wey (Pic 11).

The bridleway continues to follow the River Wey to Frensham Mill, from which you can return to Headley via footpaths to the north of the river [see Walk 2 in '*Walks Around Headley*']

Pic 1: The finger post is clear, but



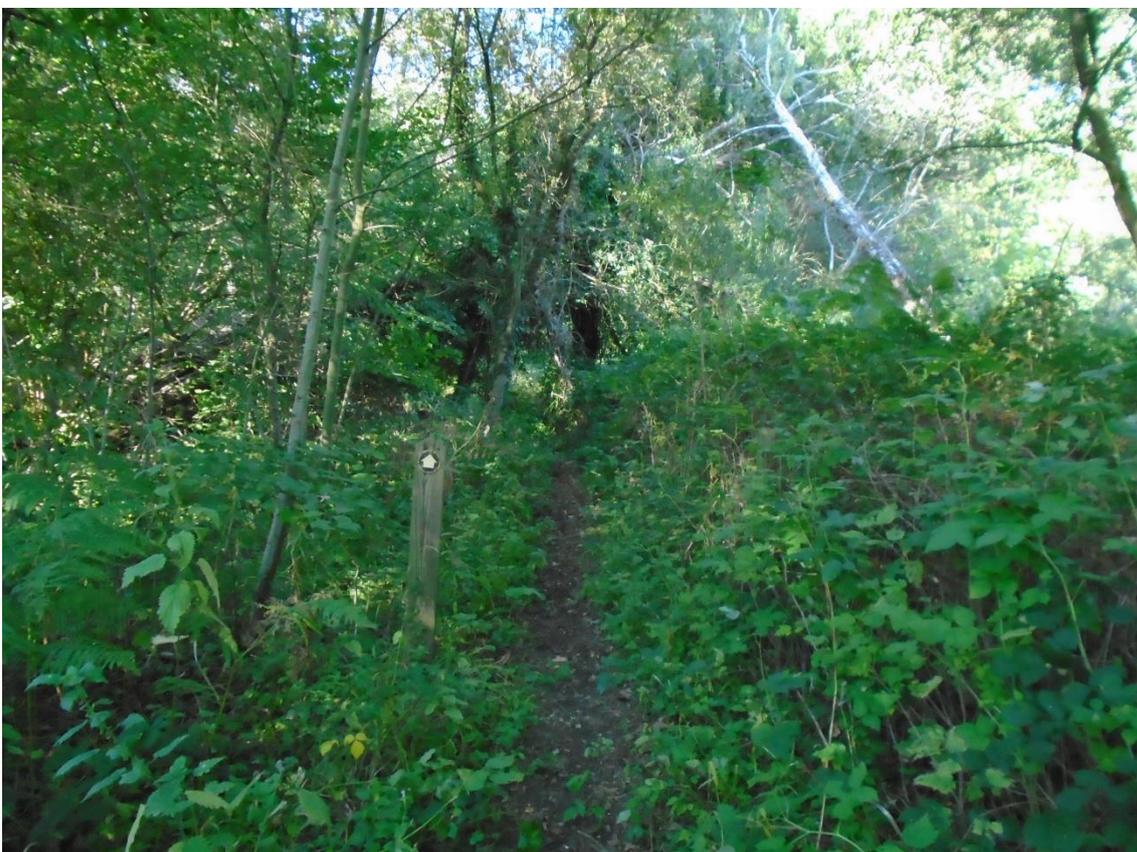
Pic 2: ... where are you supposed to go here?



Pic 3: Behind the bank to the left is a sunken lane.



Pic 4: It's nice to know we're on the right path!



Pic 5: A view of the small pond. Worth the struggle to get here!



Pic 6: There had to be a catch! A bit mirey here.



Pic 7: Crossing the outflow from Frensham Great Pond – the pre-1991 County boundary.



Pic 8: Alright for limbo dancers!



Pic 9: The end of the path. Exit to Surrey BW27.



Pic 10: Entrance to the footpath (on the right) from BW27 (reverse direction).



Pic 11: Outflow from Frensham Great Pond meets the River Wey. The leaning trees are in Headley.

