

# GRAFHAM & PERRY WALKS

# **WALKS KEY**

- Green walks are accessible for push chairs and wheelchairs.
  Unless found in the Short Walks section, walks last approximately
  60 minutes.
- Moderate walks last 30 to 60 minutes over 2 to 3 miles. Mixture of pathways and grass tracks. May include stiles or kissing gates. Not suitable for wheelchairs or buggies.
- Moderate walks with the option of a shorter easier route if desired. Mixture of pathways and grass tracks. May include stiles or kissing gates. Not suitable for wheelchairs or buggies.
- Advanced walks last 60 to 90 minutes over 3 to 4 miles. Mixture of pathways and grass tracks. May include stiles or kissing gates. Not suitable for new walkers, wheelchairs or buggies.
- Advanced walks with the option of a short/moderate route if desired. Mixture of pathways and grass tracks. May include stiles or kissing gates. Not suitable for wheelchairs or buggies.

# **Grafham Lakeside Walk**

**Meeting Point:** Cinnamon Indian Restaurant Car Park **Time:** 60 mins (option of a shorter walk)

**Grade:** Orange

#### Significant Hazards to be aware of:

	Route Instructions	Hazard
1.	With the Indian restaurant behind you, turn left heading down the road, crossing the road when safe to do so.	
2.	Turn right down Church road and head up the church drive.	
3.	Go through the gate and take the path through the churchyard passing the church on your right hand side.	
4.	Follow the path left out of the back of the church and turn right when you reach the field.	
5.	Head left at the fork heading around the woodland on your left hand side.	
6.	Follow the path through the trees and straight on towards Grafham water.	
7.	Turn right and then left when you can see the water and follow the path keeping the water on your left. This path is very long but just continue along with the water staying on your left.	
8.	When you come to the fork in the path, turn left heading down the hill closer to the lake.	
9.	Follow the path to the right and turn left into the woods.	
10.	Turn left again, again keeping the path next to the lake.	
11.	Turn right toward the wooden fence (and mini car park).	
	Optional short cut- turn right through the houses, heading back to the car park	
12.	Walk through the car park (gravel), watching out for cyclists again keeping the path on your left.	
13.	Follow the bridleway right away from the water.	
14.	Continue under the bridge (part of the old railway) and follow the signs for the public byway.	

15.	Turn right just after the brow of the hill following the path signs. (this turning is hidden in amongst the hedge so don't go too far!)	
16.	As you walk along the path a hedge lines the field, follow this long path until it finally turns left and you see an old gate into the woodland on your left.	
17.	Turn right and head up the hill alongside the caravan park .	
18.	Turn right along the road towards the village back to the Indian restaurant.	

# **Grafham/Perry Walk**

Meeting Point: The Wheatsheaf PH, West Perry

Time: 1 hour Grade: Orange

#### Significant hazards to be aware of: Slippery in wet conditions. Tree Roots.

	Route Instructions	Hazard
1.	Cross straight over into footpath on RHS of Chichester Way	
2.	Switch to LHS of road at entrance to Yachting Centre	
3.	Onwards to signpost 'Cycle Path' join it, bearing left to Grafham Water Centre	
4.	Follow the cycle path for a mile or so, near the end of which the path goes steadily uphill. This is roughly the half way point; follow the path as it veers a sharp right towards GW.	
5.	After about 200m after this turn, leave the path where it turns sharp left EITHER by heading down the field almost as far as the water's edge then veering right, OR (short cut) turn right, walking diagonally across the field towards the water edge.	
6.	At (unmarked) gap in line of trees along water's edge walk down 4 steps and turn right along riverside footpath through the woods back towards the cycle path.	Slippery in wet conditions. Tree roots.
7.	At cycle path bear left and continue walking as far as a gap and gate on LHS (Bird Hide close by)	
8.	Turn into the gap and immediately turn right through the gate (to be closed by back leader)	
9.	Continue walk through pond area, Nature reserve and wooded area, straight into Mander Car park at which point veer right, continuing into footpath halfway across it, which leads back onto CP upon which the walk continues.	
10.	Look out for a wooded area on RHS, leave the cycle path here, follow the grass path diagonally through the trees and join a paved footpath alongside houses overlooking GW.	
11.	Veer left onto a path in the area of the yacht 'park' and onto another path leading onto the cycle path at it's' junction – see instruction 3-with Chichester Way.	
12.	Head back to the starting point.	

# **Perry Walk**

**Meeting Point:** Start at the Wheatsheaf pub in Perry, PE28 OBX

**Time:** 60 minutes **Grade:** Orange

#### Significant Hazards to be aware of:

	Route Instructions	Hazard
1.	Cross the main road and follow the road right towards the Littlehey turn.	
2.	Keep on the footpath, cross to Duberley Close.	
3.	Turn left off of the main road just before the Anglian Water Treatment Centre and at the end turn right and go through the 5-bar gate.	
4.	About 50-75 yards along turn left and cross a wooden bridge*. (Easy to miss), (bird hide in front of you).	
5.	Bear right and go along the track. (Settling tanks [ponds!] on the LHS).	
6.	Keep along the track until you reach an open area with an electrical station on LHS by the last settling tank.	
7.	Make a sharp right and follow a single track path through the trees. (Conifers are on the right.)	
	(The whole of the next section can be VERY overgrown and rather muddy. Needs care underfoot in a couple of places).	
8.	At the end of the conifers bear right and follow the winding woodland path (water on left).	
9.	Go over 2 wooden bridges and one concrete bridge/calvert and continue until you reach the field (Grafham water on LHS).	
10.	Follow the path diagonally left until re-joining the established track through the trees towards the road. The track veers sharp right.	
11.	Follow the established track (Fire and Rescue Station gate 2 on LHS)	
12.	Bear right following track until you get back to the wooden bridge*.	
13.	Go back through the 5-bar gate and back a long road to the pub.	

### **Grafham Water Dam**

Meeting Point: Marlow Park, Grafham PE28 0BH

**Time:** 60 minutes **Grade:** Orange

#### Significant Hazards to be aware of: Back casting, Mud

	Route Instructions	Hazard
1.	Set out on grass at car park entrance with the hedge on your right hand side	
2.	Cross the exit road and proceed towards the northern exit of Marlow Park	Road Crossing
3.	Turn right and cross the footpath just before the exit notice. Head down to the lakeside.	Mud
4.	At the lakeside turn left, follow the lakeside till reach a small stream running into the lake	
5.	Turn left at the stream and proceed up to the café entrance.	
6.	With back to the café entrance exit the car park via the gate to the left.	-
7.	Cross the tarmac area to the dam entrance ahead.	
8.	Proceed to the far end of the dam, go through the first gate and make a U turn left onto the public footpath.	
9.	Follow the footpath back to the café/Marlow Park	

## **Grafham Bridleways**

Meeting Point: Cinnamon Indian Restaurant Car Park, Breach Road, Grafham PE28 OBA

**Time:** 65 - 70 minutes

**Grade:** Orange

#### Significant Hazards to be aware of: Mud, Horse Riders, Street Crossing

	Route Instructions	Hazard
1.	Turn right out of the car park then right within 20/30 yards into The Wyvern	
2.	After some 50/60 yards cross the road to pass through the entrance to the Bridleway	Street Crossing
3.	Turn right and proceed on the Bridleway till reaching the edge of Brampton Wood	Public Bridleways
4.	Turn left and follow the bridleway down the side of the wood to the bottom of the field.	Mud
5.	Turn right still on the Bridleway and procced with a wooden fence on your right-hand side	Horse riders
6.	Cross the wooden bridge and immediately turn right on the Bridleway and proceed towards a second, larger, wooden bridge, do not cross this bridge. Turn left up the Public Footpath	
7.	Continue to top of the field and turn right still on the Public Footpath and proceed back to and cross the first wooden bridge again	
8.	At the field follow the Bridleway ahead bearing slightly left so the rows of saplings are on your right-hand side	
9.	Go through the opening at the top of the field and follow the Bridleway with the stream on your right-hand side	
10.	Proceed to a large metal gate allowing exit to Breach Road. Turn left in front of the gate and follow the Bridleway back to the exit into The Wyvern and right to Breach Road.	
11.	Turn left back to The Cinnamon car park	