

Wokingham Way – Section 5 Coppid Beech to Ambarrow Court

This stage takes you through parts of ancient Bracknell Forest which was once part of the royal forest of Windsor. It follows the Bracknell Ramblers' Route for much of the way.

Distance: 7½ miles

OS Map: Landranger 175, Explorer 159 and 160

Start: Coppid Hill House, London Road (off B3408, ¼ mile west of Coppid Beech Hotel) Grid ref [SU839691](#) Postcode RG42 4BS after parking in Old London Road

Finish: Ambarrow Court car park Grid ref [SU825628](#) RG45 7QA

Follow the public footpath beside the Coppid Hill House through a squeeze stile and a kissing gate into a field. Turn right and follow the hedge, keeping it on your right, as it turns left, right and left again. Keep straight ahead to reach a footpath crossing and pass between two storage yards towards dual carriageway A329. Cross the stile and turn left alongside the dual carriageway. Follow the path as it drops down to go through the underpass and through a kissing gate.

1 Turn half left and cross Peacock Meadows, following the FP16 posts. Cross the road (Peacock Lane) and go down the tarmac lane marked "Private Lane". Go through a kissing gate and keep on the tarmac path until eventually you pass a car park on the right, bear left onto gravel path with houses on the left. At the end go through a wooden gate and turn left to pass to the left of the metal gates.

Follow this tarmac lane past Easthampstead Park Community School on the right. Shortly after the school's main entrance fork right off the pavement and follow the path. Cross a small access road to the school and keep on the tarmac path (Ramblers' Route), with houses on the left and a chain link fence on the right. Turn right, following the Ramblers' Route, past a children's play area and through a metal fence to a road junction.

Turn left along South Road following Ramblers' Route and go into the second (public) car park on the left-hand side of the road. There are toilets located at the sports pavilion next to the car park.

Take the right-hand track through the pine woods which goes parallel and to the left of the road. At a wide crossing track turn left up the slope and at the top fork right. Near the end of the wood pass to the right of a white concrete post and follow the path to a second post at the road.

2 Turn left along pavement to the roundabout by the 'Golden Retriever'. Cross Crowthorne Road and continue along Nine Mile Ride, crossing the road where pavement ends (by Ramblers' Route sign). Follow the path parallel with the road for about 150 yards, until you see the sign 'Crown Estate - Swinley Forest'. Turn right to follow the track up into the woods. At path junction turn right and then immediately left to continue in the same direction, now climbing steeply. At top of the hill continue for 200 yards until a path comes in from the right and then, after 20 yards, turn left on to a broad flat path. At the T-junction turn right (the high ground of [Caesar's Camp](#) an iron age hill fort can be seen to the left). Follow this clear path, which describes a curve, but heads generally south, for over ½ mile. On reaching a large intersection immediately after a metal gate turn right and follow the restricted byway, [The Devil's Highway](#), to the underpass (A3095).

3 Climb up from the underpass, follow the path down and take the Ramblers' Route path on the left. Pass a lake on the left still following Ramblers Route, and cross the new road to Broadmoor Hospital. After a pair of semi-detached houses on the right, pass through a metal gate and continue ahead along the lane. [Broadmoor Hospital](#) is visible on the right. At the intersection, go straight ahead across a stile to join a footpath, again signed Ramblers Route.

Continue along a partly hedged footpath between fields, soon to cross a small stile to the right of a metal gate. Keep straight on, with a hedge on the right, then following a woodland path which meanders up and through the woods and fields. After another metal stile cross a tarmac path and continue straight on. Cross another stile then, after crossing a wooden bridge over a stream, at the T-junction turn left through the kissing gates by Wildmoor Heath notice board. At the path cross roads turn right along the bridleway with a post and rail fence on the left. Keep on this path through woods, go through a metal gate. Eventually the path reaches a large metal gate and a road.

4 Cross road to join a downhill footpath immediately opposite (Ramblers Route). Where paths cross keep straight on under the line of pylons and continue into the woods. Leave the woods along a track, past houses on the left and a wooden fence on the right. Immediately opposite house no. 46, turn right along a short track into a residential development. At the road (Grampian Road), turn left and follow it past New Scotland Hill School. Turn right at the T-junction at the end of Grampian Road. Walk past the small green with mature trees on the right, and at house no. 33 turn right on to a public footpath (Ramblers' Route). Follow the path alongside a just discernible railway embankment on the left.

After 200 yards, pass through an iron kissing gate to a pedestrian railway crossing. Cross the railway, and pass through a second set of gates. Follow the path ahead and turn left after about 50 yards, then right, on to a tarmac path to [Ambarrow Court](#) car park.

For information on public transport back to the start point, [click here](#)

When you walk this route, if you find any problems with map or instructions, please advise the Loddon Valley Ramblers' Footpaths Officer at paths@lvra.org.uk, with a description of the problem and enough information to identify the location, ideally with a grid reference. Thank you!

