Wokingham Way - Section 6 Ambarrow Court to Bramshill Plantation

Nearly all of this stage follows the Blackwater Valley Path as it winds its way through Eversley.

Distance: 5½ miles

OS maps: Landranger 175, Explorer 159

Start: Ambarrow Court car park Grid ref SU825628 Postcode RG45 7QA

Finish: Well House Lane, Bramshill Access to limited roadside parking on Well House Lane

from Ford Lane to the west of Bramshill Plantation Grid ref <u>SU753632</u> RG27 0RJ. Postcode only works when you are south of the Blackwater River. Otherwise it takes

you to the wrong side of the river.

Please note that the designated parking spot at the end of Stage 6 – Bramshill Plantation, in Well House Lane (SU752631), is no longer available as this area has had wooden posts installed along its edge. There is no suitable alternative nearby. Accordingly walkers are advised to adjust the stages in this area and consider parking in either Eversley or Riseley.

Leave the Ambarrow Court car park and with care cross the road (A321 Wokingham Road). Follow the footpath through the woods with wooden fence on the right. On reaching a road, go ahead for ten yards and then left next to a post and rail fence and a public footpath sign. Go through a kissing gate. Follow this path through three kissing gates and then cross the road and continue on the path opposite. The path goes alongside a lake on the right, past a water-sports centre and then through the woods for a short distance before reaching the River Blackwater at a sign for the Hartley Wintney Angling Club.

Turn right and follow the path along the river. At the path junction at the end of Moor Green Lake Nature Reserve at the information board for the Horseshoe Lakes, take the right-hand path still following the river. Further on where the footpath turns right go straight on over a footbridge. Proceed along the footpath beside the river, over a track, and then take a right* fork around the sewage works and then onto the road (B3016). (* In times of flood, take left fork passing sewage works. At road turn right and go along the road for 180 yards).

2 Cross the road and turn left through the kissing gate. Follow the Blackwater Valley Path turning right after 50 yards (ignore track ahead) until you reach a kissing gate where the path turns right leading to a bridge over the gravel works and a stream. At signed footpath, with gate visible, turn left and pass through gate onto the footpath with woods on the right, ponds from gravel extraction on the left and there is a gravel access road/horse gallop. Follow the track with paddocks on the left. Continue through farm yard at gate that is generally open or cross the stile to the right. Leave the farm yard through a gap to the right of an electric gate to a tarmac lane (Fleet Lane). At the end of Fleet Lane turn left at the T-junction onto the grass verge alongside the road (Fleet Hill, B3348). Continue along the grass verge until you reach the junction with the A327 at the "Tally Ho" pub.

Cross the A327 with care and turn left on to the pavement and over the bridge that crosses the Blackwater River. Keep on the pavement for 300 yards and look for a footpath on the right (Blackwater Valley Path) just past a house called "Bakers Farm". Take this path between the buildings and continue through a gate into a fenced path between fields (this path can be muddy in parts). The path crosses a small road and continues across a small stream with a kissing gate on the other side. Pass through the kissing gate and head for the gates on the other side of the field still following the Blackwater Valley Path. Pass through two sets of gates and continue through a field with an equestrian centre on your left until you reach a kissing gate at the far end that leads into a grassed enclosure with another kissing gate at the far end. Go through the next kissing gate to a small lane with a ford on the right. Turn left and with your back to the ford take the right hand fork leading past a house called The Old Chapel. This short road leads to the Bramshill Plantation.

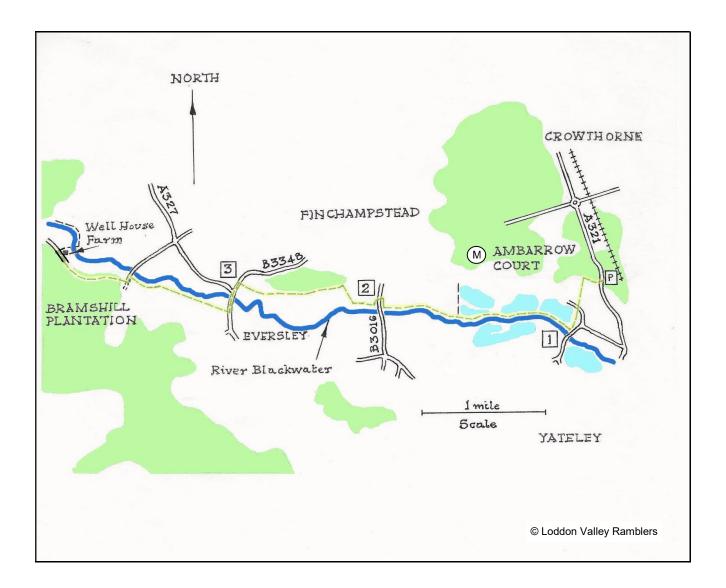
When you reach the gate across the road, pass through the gap at the side of the gate and turn right to take the path that leads through the woods over two wooden footbridges and a plank across a ditch to a bridleway. At the bridleway, turn right and follow it, ignoring all turnings to the left, until you get to

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a galvanised metal swing gate at the point where the bridleway bears left. Walk through the gap to the right of the swing gate and turn left on to the road.

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!



Legend

Text reference

Point of interest

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