

Barley Mow tilford

RECOMMENDED CIRCULAR WALK: TILFORD, THE WEYS & FRENHAM LITTLE POND

Distance: 5¼ miles | Length: 2 - 2½ hours | Rating: Easy

1. Park at Tilford village green (SU 873 434). (*ALTERNATIVE*: park at Frensham Little Pond (SU 857 418) for lunch or a half way stop-off at The Barley Mow).
2. Cross Tilford village green past **The Barley Mow**, into the drive between the timber-framed village hall and the bridge at the north corner (200m). *It looks as if you're going into the drive for The Malt House - but you're not!* Take the path right between gardens (300m). *Look for the public footpath sign.*
3. At the wood, bear right along the narrow river bank path (200m) *Alternatively, for less mobile walkers and/or children, take the wider parallel path through the wood (the riverbank has subsided in some sections).* Continue on to the tarmac drive (300m). Bear right and continue on until the left hand bend at the low barns of Meadow End Farm (300m). At this point go straight ahead through the metal, levered gate (*you'll see a footpath sign on the left hand post immediately you've passed through it*). Take this path between wooded paddocks (*spot the pigs!*) and continue to the end where you'll hit a wide dirt track (300m).
4. Turn right onto the track and on past a ford (550m) *NB: sometimes dries out in summer – but, for reference, you'll see the spot: there's a boardwalk running along the left hand side of the track.* Ignore the cross track (300m) that doubles back to the right and continue to the road (100m). Cross over and climb the steep path to the top of the ridge (50m) and descend the other side to the edge of **Frensham Little Pond** (200m) – *alternatively, just skirt round the left hand side of the hill to reach the pond: it's much easier!*



Meadow End Farm

5. Turn left and continue along the water's edge (300m). After the National Trust café (*has toilets*), peel off to the left and cross the grass diagonally to the drive and lane (100m). Opposite the drive walk onto the track through the trees for a couple of minutes. This returns you to the track you were on before you crossed the road to the lake (40m). Turn left, then almost immediately right.



Cross the grass diagonally



Pierrepont Farm

6. Continue on this footpath past one house on your left (150m), then another, also on the left hand side (*spot its fairytale-like gothic windows*) and then over the South River Wey bridge (*see the Special Scientific Interest 'wet meadow' on your left*) and on to Pierrepont Farm which is being restored by the Countryside Preservation Trust (300m).

7. After the timber barn curve right on the track towards the wood (100m). Stay on this path through woods and then fields and heathland until you pass a couple of houses (1400m) and arrive at a T-junction with The Reeds Road (200m). Cross to the track opposite; skirt round the right hand side of the RSPB reserve and carry on through to the main road (850m).

8. Walk down the [quiet] minor road opposite and cross the North Wey at Tilford Mill Bridge (500m). Immediately after the river turn right off the road up the path; proceed past a cross track (200m) and onwards (100m).

9. After the convergence of paths (150m), continue on the tarmac drive (150m). At the left bend after Tilhill House bear right onto the bridleway (*it runs above the meadow on your right hand side*) down to the road in Tilford, passing a pillbox and the Wey confluence) (500m). Turn right and cross the Tilford Bridge (main Wey) to the village green (100m) – and back to the Barley Mow for some well-earned refreshment!