

Barley Mow tilford

RECOMMENDED WALK: ELSTEAD CIRCULAR via THE BARLEY MOW, TILFORD

Distance: 5 ¾ miles | Length: 2-3 hours | Rating: Easy

This walk has been devised for The Barley Mow by Professor Greg Watts (University of Bradford). Greg is currently working on a series of 'Tranquillity Trails' around the country; walks designed to avoid hustle and bustle and help walkers recharge their batteries along beautiful, peaceful routes. He says: *"This is a fine walk without stiles that starts in Elstead and approximately half-way round you can stop off at the delightful Barley Mow pub in Tilford that serves excellent ales and food. In the summer you may catch a cricket match on the green. It returns by a different route to maintain interest."*

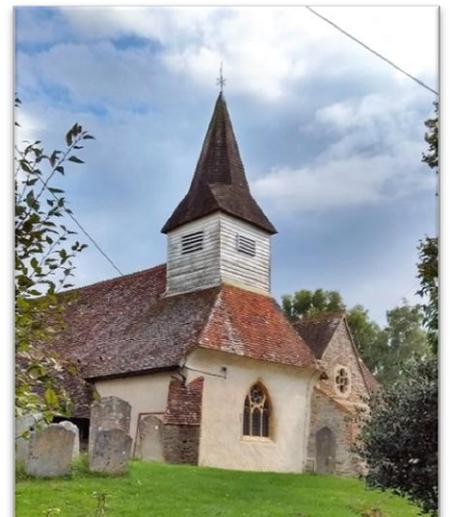
1. Park in the middle of Elstead e.g. around the triangular green at junction of the Farnham/Milford Road (A3001) and Thursley Road. Walk up to the main road (A3001), turn left



following the path passed the "Golden Fleece". Cross the old stone bridge over the River Wey and immediately turn right following the path adjacent to the Wey. Turn left where a permissive path is indicated and follow the path across fields and keep right where another footpath joins. Pass through trees with a brook then around gardens until a quiet lane is reached.

"The chain of medieval stone bridges along the River Wey between Farnham and Guildford, are considered the work of the Cistercian Monks of Waverley Abbey. Similarities in construction suggest that they were built around the same time, possibly after the floods of 1233, when many of the earlier bridges were destroyed."

2. Turn right here and follow the bends in the road and passing the entrance to Fullbrook House. Turn left soon after to follow a bridleway. Walk straight ahead along this path with views across fields on both sides.
3. On reaching a lane go straight ahead and up the drive of Amina Heights (you have right of way!) until reaching impressive gates. Turn right here and follow the drive round but where this drive turns sharp left go straight ahead. Follow this sandy path by gorse bushes following an overhead electricity transmission line.



4. The path leads to a wide gravel track. Turn left here and you will soon arrive at the B3001, the road to Farnham. Cross over and turning right walk towards the “The Donkey”. Walk past the entrance to the pub and continue along drive with houses on the left and then wooden sheds. Keep left to follow the wide byway through trees with glimpses of the River Wey on the left.
5. The byway leads into a sharp bend on Whitmead Lane. Cross over taking the lower road that initially follows the curve in the River Wey and leads to the main road into Tilford. Cross over and turn left going downhill on the pavement past cottages. Cross over the old stone bridge and you are in the centre of Tilford with the “Barley Mow” on the right of the green.



“Tilford is a village of around 700 people and is a Conservation Area with most of the surrounding area designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.”

6. After refreshments, walk to the far corner of the triangular green and walk along the road heading south towards Hindhead. Pass All Saints church on the right and then cross over to the pavement on the other side of the road. Soon you will reach a wide gravel track on the left. Follow this byway and notice Stockbridge Pond on the right.

“Stockbridge Pond is a quiet, secluded two and a half-acre lake and is the venue for the Farnham Angling Society. It is well stocked with Tench, Carp, Roach, Rudd and some Perch.”

7. Follow the track ahead that bears to right and then splits into three. Take the sandy track on the left that follows the River Wey. There are fine views on the left where there is an impressive river cliff. Follow the track ahead passing Hankley Farm and then another track joint from the left.



8. Keep straight ahead to reach a metalled road. Turn left here and follow the road past Westbrook Farm, cottage terrace and eventually St James church on right. Soon after a small triangular green is reached, keep left here and walk into the centre of Elstead. You have now completed the route!

For more on Greg Watt’s Tranquillity Trails:

<https://www.bradford.ac.uk/news/2017/tranquillity-trail-development.php>

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