Walks Around Woodley



Walk 3: Sandford Park, Ashenbury Park & Alder Moors

This mainly flat around the eastern part of Woodley starts at the Museum of Berkshire Aviation (itself worth a visit, see www.museumofberkshireaviation.co.uk) and links Sandford Park, Ashenbury park, Alder Moors and other small green spaces. Wherever possible pedestrian paths have been used. Many of these have tarmac surfaces. However, the paths through the parks are gravel or grassy and may be wet, muddy and slippery during wet weather.

Ashenbury Park, in the northern part of the route was once a rubbish tip. The southern part of the route is through the area known locally as the 'Airfield Estate'. Here all of the roads are named after mid-twentieth century aeroplanes (Spitfire, Comet, etc). The area is the site of a former military airfield opened in 1929, used during World War Two and closed in 1953. Prior to the war, a Miles aircraft factory was built at the airfield. The wartime airfield comprised a grass landing area 1000 by 800 yards across, equipped with aircraft hangars and accommodation for over 500 Royal Air Force personnel. Its role in World War two was as a base for Elementary Flying Training School courses. In 1931 Douglas Bader, who was to become a famous wartime pilot lost his legs after an accident flying acrobatics from Woodley.

Length

3.5 miles (5.6 km). Allow 1 hr 45mins hours plus stops.

Starting Point

Car		Berkshire Museum of Aviation Car Park (free March 2021), Mohawk Way,
		Woodley, RG5 4UE. OS Grid Ref: SU 7768 7299. w3w: ///vows.chins.gaps
Bus	13	Herald Way stop – almost opposite the museum car park entrance). Join the walk at point (2).
	14	Herald Way stop – cross the road, walk back 75m to the roundabout. Turn left and join the
	19c	walk at point (3)

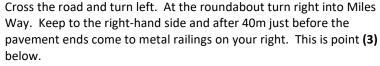
Refreshments

Heron on the Ford pub. Go along Lands End Lane from point (18). Adds 800m to the walk.

Route Instructions (See map below for numbered points)

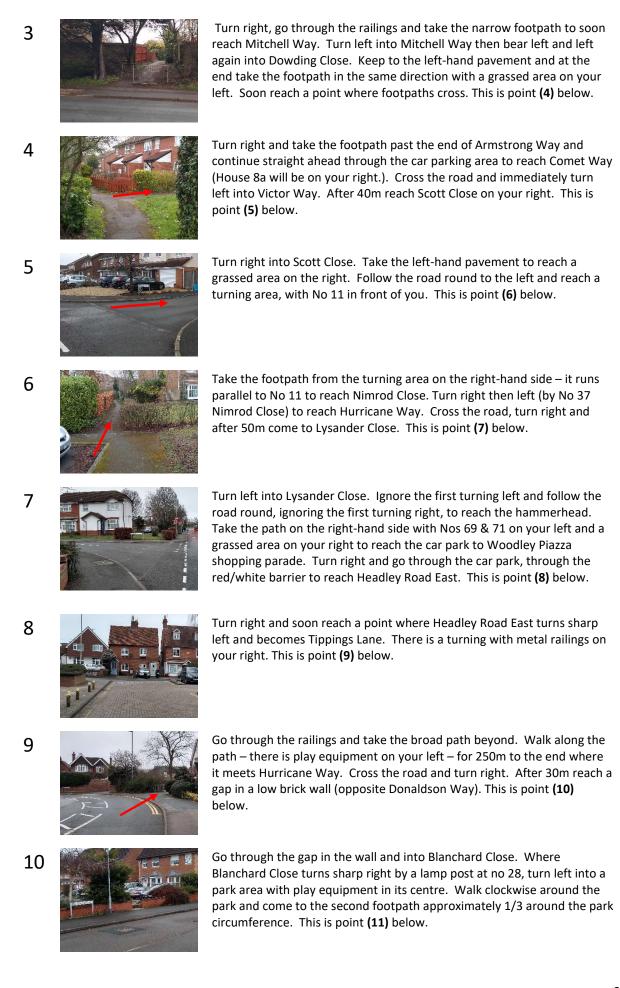


Walk down the entrance road to the museum to meet Mohawk Way. The No 13 bus stop is opposite. This is point (2) below.



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