



Out and about

As the school summer holidays loom, why not take a family walk through the heaths, pastures and woodland surrounding Bisley?

Key facts

Start/finish: Bisley Village Green, on the A322, Bagshot Road

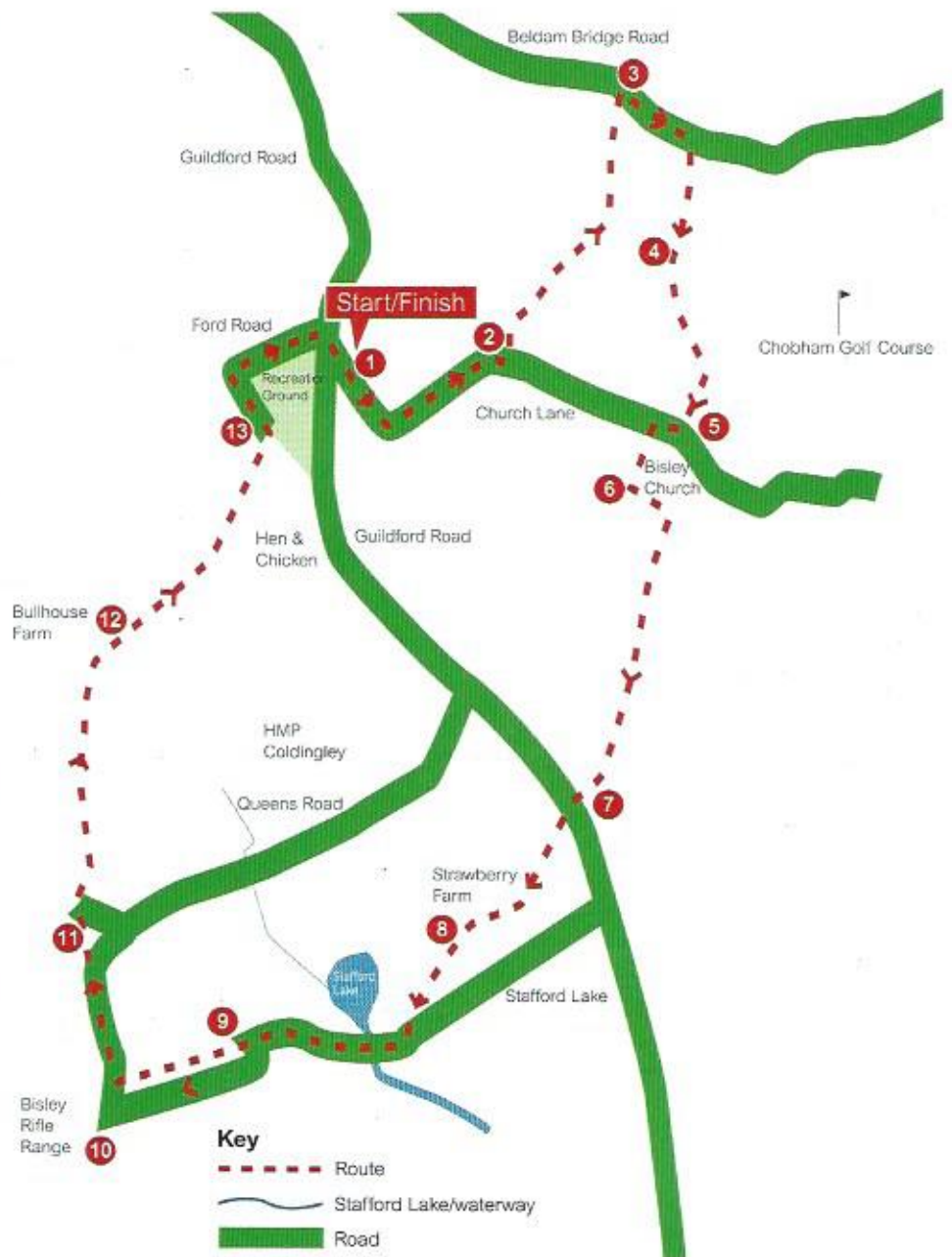
Distance: 5 miles (7.5km)

Time: 2.5 hours

Type of walk: Flat, easy walking, not suitable for buggies due to narrow passageways and numerous stiles to climb over. Please respect people's privacy, keep dogs under control and remember the Countryside Code.

Transport: From central Woking, take the A324 towards Knaphill before joining the A322 (Bagshot Road) towards the M3. At the roundabout just before Bisley Village Green, take the right-hand exit (Church Lane) and follow the edge of the green until you reach the car park.

By public transport: Woking is well connected to local towns and villages via the bus network. Woking to Bisley bus routes are 34, 35 and 47, Mondays to Saturdays. For a full list of bus services that travel in and around Surrey, visit www.surreycc.gov.uk/buses



The route

1. From the car park, walk towards the pond, then follow Church Lane away from the green, past the football club. As the road bends right, take the footpath on your left immediately after Foxgrove Field.

2. Follow the path into the next field and cross to the furthest corner. Go through the swing gate and continue along the footpath between the fields and over a stile. Continue along the tree-lined path and over another stile before turning right onto a bridleway. Continue until you reach the road (Beldam Bridge Road).





3. At the road turn right and continue up the road past North Hill Nurseries and Beldam Bridge Lodge. Opposite the first house on the left, take the path on the right signposted Bridleway 176. Join the converging path, bear right and continue ahead between the golf course.

4. Turn right onto the golf course as far as the small bridge, keeping to the left-hand edge. Go through the next field and over the stile to the road (Church Lane).

5. At the road turn right then take the track on your left signposted Bisley Church.

The oldest part of Bisley Church is the 13th Century nave with the porch dating from the 14th Century, as does the belfry. Other parts are Victorian or more recent.



Strawberry Farm is, in part, 17th Century, although not a nationally listed building.

8. Cross Strawberry Farm's drive and continue along the path until reaching the lane (Stafford Lake). Turn right and continue, passing the nursing home on your right and Stafford Lake Nursery on your left. Upon reaching the first house, take the track on your right, signposted Footpath 143, and continue.

9. After the field, bear left at the T-junction and pass the houses before reaching the road (Queens Road).

10. At the road turn right and continue past Bisley Ranges. Take care – there is no pedestrian footpath along this part of the route. Where the road bends to the right, cross and take the public footpath that runs parallel with the fence. If you reach a blue 'Short Siberian Range' sign, you've gone too far! Simply take the signposted track until you reach a fence, then turn right and continue along the footpath.

The National Rifle Association was formed in 1859 to raise rifle shooting standards when war with France was possible. In 1888, common land at Bisley was purchased to relocate the Association from Wimbledon Common. The first meeting was held in 1890.

11. Continue along the footpath, passing the rifle ranges on your left, then join the gravel road and continue ahead. Just before a sharp left-hand bend, join the path ahead, then bear left through the heathland.

12. Upon reaching Bulhousen Farm, turn right and continue along the wide tarmacked path. After a short distance, take the

left-hand north westerly path towards a row of houses. Continue ahead on the path, keeping the houses on your left, until you reach the recreation ground.

13. Take the path on your left, skirting around the boundary of the ground until you reach the road. Turn right here and head towards the main road (A322). Take care when crossing. Take the road (School Close) which leads back to the car park where the walk began.



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6. Continue through the gate into the next field. Follow the left-hand edge of the field and go through the gate in the corner. Turn right and follow the wide path for almost half a mile until reaching the main road (A322).

7. Cross the road with care! Carry on along the track towards Bisley Common, passing a row of houses on your right. Take the path closest to the fence on your right. When the fence ends, continue ahead through the trees towards Strawberry Farm.

