



Walk 9:

Churt Crossways, Whitmore Vale, Waggoner's Wells, Ludshott Common, Headley Down, Land of Nod, Whitmore Vale, Barford.

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Summary: Going up from Churt via Whitmore Vale, this walk takes you around the Waggoners Wells and Ludshott Common National Trust reserve. Created in the 17th century as hammer ponds for the iron industry, Waggoners Wells offers spectacular yellows and golds of the beech trees in autumn. Ludshott Common is one of the few remaining areas of lowland heath in Europe.

Distance: 9.3 miles / 15.0 km

Elevation gain: 281 m

Time: Approx. 3½ hours

Grid reference / postcode of start-point: SU 855 382 / GU10 2JA

Parking, if required at Redhearn Green, accessed via Old Kiln Lane:
SU 853 385 / GU10 2NT

Map: OS Explorer Series 133, Haslemere



Waggoner's Wells



Barracks Cottage

Walk Detail

1. From Churt Crossways take the Headley Road (Barford Lane) past the school, taking the footpath on the bank on the right-hand side of the lane. At the bottom of the hill, turn left just before the stream and along the lane past Old Mill. After 140 m take the bridleway on the right and on past Barford Mill to Power's Pond. Bear right and follow the track past Barracks Cottage on the right with the pond on the left. Keeping to the edge of the pond cross over the outlet on a concrete footbridge and up the footpath to the left. At the top turn left into Whitmore Vale, continue along the lane for approx. 550 metres, then take the footpath leading uphill on the right hand side of the lane and to the left of the drive into Walnut Well. There is also a footpath to the right of this house but please ignore it.
2. Continue uphill through woods, at the junction at the very top, turn left for 60 metres, then turn right following a footpath sign to the side of two very large metal gates. Follow this wide footpath for 800 metres, passing through a further metal gate and continue straight ahead for another 80 metres. At the end turn left, following the footpath for a further 50 metres and turn right on a smaller footpath running directly alongside a field with fencing on your right hand side. Keeping the new housing estate to your right, pass through a gate, continue onwards for 360 metres. At the Whitmore Hanger sign pass through a gate, continue for 5 metres and turn right, following a footpath sign; with housing on either side of you continue along this footpath until you reach the Grayshott/Headley Road.
3. At the Grayshott/Headley road turn left for 150 metres and turn right into Waggoners Wells Lane. At the bottom of the hill turn right at Waggoners Wells (do not cross the ford) and take the path alongside the first of the three ponds which will be on your left. After the third pond keep straight ahead and past a house on the right, cross the little stream by the wishing well and continue ahead. Where the path bears to the left and crosses the main stream, keep to the track ahead keeping the stream on the left. After approximately 60 metres fork right.
4. Proceed uphill for several hundred metres and turn left near the top and continue along a broad path and left again when it meets a rough track and follow this as it skirts Ludshott Common. 60 metres past a cottage called 'Priors' take the path on the right (not the path under the overhead wires) and then straight over at a fire break. Continue across the common and, at the bottom of a slope, keep ahead ignoring a path to the left. At a junction of paths by a seat, go straight over for 50 metres then bear right and follow the track downhill. At the bottom take the left fork, then left again and straight down the valley. At a junction of several tracks turn right immediately before it on a short uphill path,

then right on meeting a track at the top in a few metres. Keep to the main track ignoring side turnings keeping houses on the left until the Grayshott road.

5. Turn left on the path immediately before the road at Headley Down, right on Seymour road and immediate left on the Headley Down/Grayshott road for approximately 700 metres and turn right along a footpath, opposite Wilson's Road, which passes between a children's playground on the right and a housing estate on the left. Keeping to the right of the estate pass right around behind No. 43 (no number showing) and right through a gap in a wire fence to the woods. Take the path ignoring crossing paths and on meeting a private road cross straight over and continue uphill along a path through a pine wood. Cross the track that crosses your path and continue ahead. The path emerges from the wood and passes between 2 fields with a fence on the left and then drops steeply down through another wood. In the glade at the bottom cross over and take the path opposite which climbs steeply through the woods. At the top continue straight ahead across the Land of Nod.
6. At the end of the path cross Hammer Lane and take the bridleway opposite, ignoring the footpath to the left. As the bridleway drops, ignore 2 tracks on left and follow the left curve of the main bridleway passing to the left of a 5 bar gate. The path drops into Whitmore Vale, turn right along the lane for 170 metres and then turn left opposite Grey Cottage down a footpath which crosses a stream by way of a plank. On meeting the Whitmore Vale Road at the top of the path turn left for 200 metres and take the bridleway which leads off to the left of the road on a bend at the bottom of a steep hill. Follow this bridleway through via Power's Pond, then ahead past Barford and Old Mill turning right by the pumping station and so back to Churt Crossways.

