

Crouch End & District U3A Middle Way Walkers Group

Walk number/title	Chipstead Circular
Date	Wednesday 26 June and Monday 1 July 2024
Distance	7.5 miles/12 km
Timings	Walk 3.5hours plus lunch = 4 hours total
Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk starts and finishes at Chipstead rail station • Train from London Bridge or East Croydon. • Train divides at Purley, make sure you are in correct carriages. • TfL zone 6 – Freedom Pass valid for entire journey
Route	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Chipstead station walk to Holly Lane climbing Downs path to Banstead Wood • Follow track at edge of wood to Fames Rough • Descend to Chipstead Bottom, cross railway to enter Chabon Park and climb to crest of Downs. • After descending to Pigeonhouse Farm follow track to Surrey Downs Golf Club continuing to re-cross railway. • Head north to edge of Banstead, then east across farmland to Park Downs and final descent to Chipstead
Lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Packed lunch
Dropping out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kingswood station close to lunch stop
Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toilets on train • No toilets at Chipstead station
Suitability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suitable for any reasonably fit walker • A variety of paths some of which could be muddy if the weather has been wet • One stile, several gates, and fields which could have livestock • Lowest point 300 feet, highest 550 feet. • A cumulative ascent of 850 feet mainly tackled prior to lunch. • The ascents are quite short but as we are in the North Downs can feel steep. • Poles may be helpful particularly after wet weather. • Comfortable waterproof shoes or boots essential, check equipment list on web-site Please dress/plan for varying weather conditions • Check weather forecast for likely weather conditions
Maps/Sources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OS Explorer 146 (Dorking, Box Hill & Reigate)
Leader/contact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available to those on the walk