

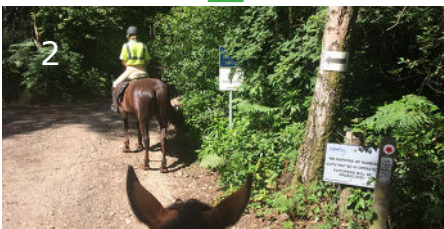
FRENSHAM PONDS

11K CIRCULAR TRAIL 2½ HRS GU10 2DA

This magnificent heathland trail starts in woodland and then brings you out onto the open heather of Frensham Common, with no roadwork! The route runs right alongside Frensham Great Pond for a kilometre before heading up to the King's Ridge which provides wonderful views of both the Great and Little Ponds. It's a good half way picnic spot with a conveniently placed bench from which to enjoy the panorama. This trail does require you to cross a ford paved with large stone setts, with an optional bridge to the side. It is worth your patience to negotiate the water or bridge as this ride is a gem with excellent sandy going and spectacular countryside.



Park at Tilford, beyond the **1** green, GU10 2DA. Head south on Tilford Street past the green, pub and church, and the large car park is on your left, the first driveway after the field. Ride across the road from the car park, taking the Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT) heading south west. Almost immediately the trail forks. Take the left fork with the red BOAT marker. **2**



It starts off stony before giving way to sand. Stay on the track for over a kilometre and then take a bridleway at rightangles on the left. Go past the gate, following the fence line, with a reservoir to your right. **3**

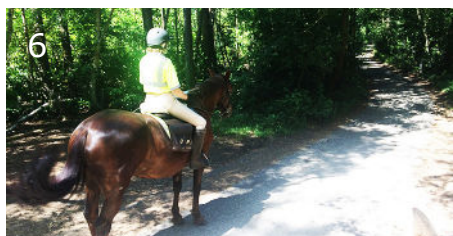


This path goes past an old tree nursery and sawmill. After 800m it crosses over a lane. Follow the bridleway finger-post into the woods. **4**

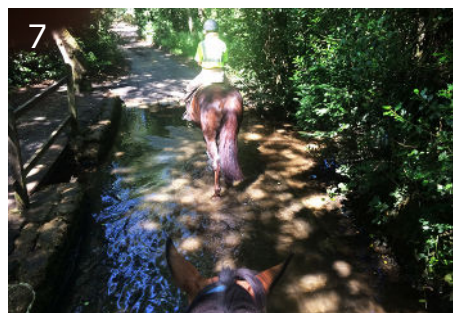




This lovely straight sandy track heads south for over a kilometre before coming to a metalled lane. Turn right. 5



The lane takes you shortly to the stone-paved ford with a footbridge on the left. 6

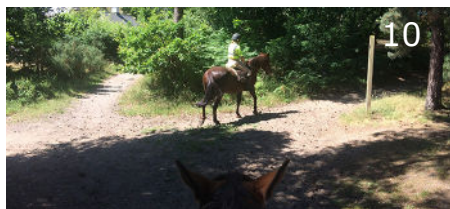


A little way beyond the ford take the bridleway to the left past the house Grey Walls. 7

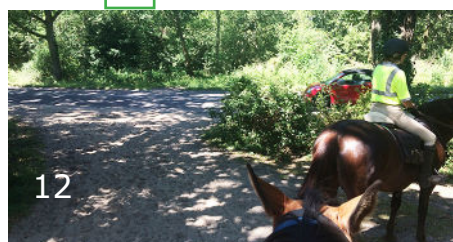


You come out onto Frensham Heath and bear left, crossing under the telegraph wires, 8 not following them. After 100m or so the path comes to a five way junction.

Take the 3rd exit, marked with the second blue bridleway marker that you see, which winds through the woods beside the beautiful stretch of water at Lowicks House. 9



The track winds up onto the heath again before dipping down towards the A287 at the southern end of Frensham Great Pond. 10



Take the bridleway on the right just before you reach the road. 11

It runs for around 1.3k at the right hand side of the road, **13** with the lake on the far side

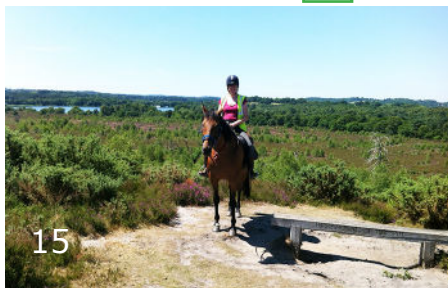


of the road. Enjoy the lovely sandy going and the wonderful views over the water. Go past the bus stop, carrying on until you come to a T junction. **14**



If you turn left you reach a gate onto the road. Instead, turn **right** and ride straight up the marked bridleway on to the top of the King's Ridge. Just on the right

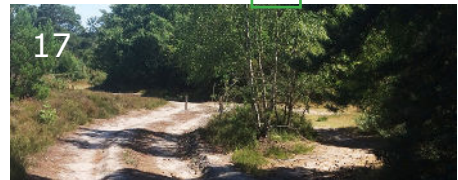
at the top is a bench and a 360 degree panorama that includes both ponds. It is a perfect half way point for a rest and a picnic, using birch scrub as an edible hitching rail! **15**



Off again, cross the ridgeway and take the bridleway going straight down the other side. **16**



It's a bit stony but flattens out into a lovely sandy trail. Look out for cottages hidden in trees to the right. Before these trees, turn left on a very wide sandy track, bearing left to merge shortly with another very wide track. **17**



This comes soon to a big junction with an even wider yellow sand BOAT. Turn left along it, and keep going for over a kilometre, ignoring junctions and keeping the wooden stumps to your right. **18**



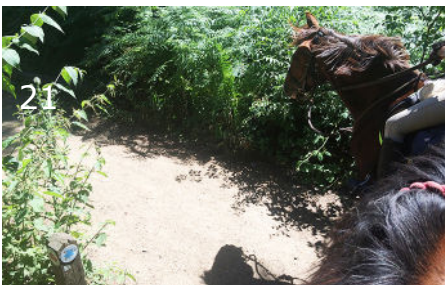
Half way along you'll skirt the tip of Frensham Little Pond to the right. The path carries on through trees until it reaches Priory Lane and the Frensham Little Pond car park. Turn left on to the metalled road and just before the 'bends in road' sign, turn right through the bushes on to a narrow woodland bridleway. [19]



Weave through the woods for about 600m until you come to a T junction facing a gate. [20]



Turn right and after a short [21] stretch turn left onto the BOAT.



This has the red BOAT marker and you keep on this path for 2k. After about 600m you may recognise that this is the path you started out on! It eventually merges with a track on the left just before you reach Tilford Road with the car park just on the other side of the road.

