

Gilwell Park Scout Campsite Hike Routes

3.8 Miles (6.06km Total Distance)
The Lake Walk



Notes to Leaders

1. This walk is all in Epping Forest The only road crossing is Bury Road.
2. 6.06km (3.8 Miles). First walked by 27th Chingford Scouts.
3. A compass is not essential. Take a pencil to answer the questions.
4. Take some bread to feed the ducks, swans, geese, coots, moorhens and a heron.

The Route

From Gilwell camp square leave by the gate to Gilwell Lane. Turn right (South). Go over the stile into YATES MEADOW keeping by the hedge on your left down to a gate. Continue still by the hedge to a further gate into a rough road leading up to BURY ROAD. Cross over into HORNBEAM LANE and immediately turn right, (SOUTH) along a sanded horstrack, (beware of girls - on horses), running at first by the edge of the forest, then across CHINGFORD PLAIN to cross a small stream. Take the slanting path climbing the slope to QUEEN ELIZABETH'S HUNTING LODGE.

Question ? What is the small white building next to the lodge?

Remembering that Bury Road runs North, take the horse track running NE from near the Hunting Lodge down to the stream. Cross a sanded horse track to a narrow path running East with trees on your left to a plank bridge, then up a short slope to CONNAUGHT WATER.

Question ? How many islands are there?

Turn left round the lake short to the far end, just after crossing a ditch turn left to follow the ditch along a narrow path that joins a horse track. Turn right up to GRIMSTON'S OAK standing alone with a fence behind. Take the path, (Yes there is one), between the trees on the left (West) which soon joins a horse track. Turn left to BUTTONSEED CORNER where you turn left (West) up the horse track to just short of BURY RD where you join the track from HORNBEAM RD. Retrace your route back to GILWELL.

