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Key - Round the Borough Hike & Bike South West

- Hike & Bike Route ▲ Caution Road Crossing P - Car Park T - Toilet R - Refreshments
- i7 - Information (see reverse) ◆ Mile Marker — Bike Only Route

0 ↔ 500m

i27 On your left at the bottom of the hill you will pass a grand old house called the Durdans which used to be owned by Lord Rosebery a former Prime Minister during Queen Victoria's reign. Shortly after passing the Chalk Lane Hotel on your left, you will pass the Amato Pub named after a Derby winning horse and at the end of Chalk Lane at the junction with Woodcote Road you will pass the former Ladas Pub also named after a Derby winning horse.

i28 You have now reached Woodcote Millennium Green created in the year 2000 and managed by local residents. The green is a tranquil haven for wildlife, why not have rest on one of the benches by the pond.

i29 Cross Wilmerhatch Lane on to Woodcote Side **and take care on the sharp bend** as you arrive at Epsom Common Local Nature Reserve.

i30 Welcome to Epsom Common Local Nature Reserve. Most of Epsom Common is part of the Epsom & Ashted Commons Site of Special Scientific Interest, a nationally and internationally important site for wildlife. You are now travelling across a part of Epsom Common known as Woodcote Heath. **Take great care crossing the A24, it is a very busy road!**

i31 As you proceed down Wells Road you will cross over the main railway line to Guildford constructed in the 1850s by excavating a huge cutting across Epsom Common.

i32 In the centre of the Wells Estate lies one of Epsom's best kept secrets, the original well where in 1616 Henry Wicker discovered the spring that led to Epsom becoming a Spa Town and giving its name to the world famous Epsom Salts. As you travel down Wells Road you will be walking/cycling in the footsteps of the famous seventeenth century diarist Samuel Pepys who wrote about visiting the well. Don't miss the shop at the end of Wells Road if you need refreshments. Bare left past the notice board as you walk back on to the Common.

i33 On your left is 'Rye Meadow', one of three areas grazed by cattle each summer. Grazing was re-introduced in 1997 having been absent since the early twentieth century and today once again plays a vital role, by maintaining a mosaic of different wildlife habitats across the common. Much of the nature conservation work on the common is carried out by volunteers including helping to look after the cattle.



i34 On your left is an 'Ancient Woodland' called Newton Wood a little further on, also on the left are ancient oak pollards on Ashted Common National Nature Reserve. The path you are travelling along runs along the boundary between Epsom & Ewell and Mole Valley and used to be part of the main road between Kingston and Walton on the Hill.

i35 Turn right at Woodcock Corner and head down hill to the Stew Pond.

i36 The Stew Pond is the only fishing pond in the borough of Epsom & Ewell and the meadow on your left was once Epsom's swimming pool!

The route now moves on to the north west map