

ASHDOWN FOREST VISITING WINNIE-THE-POOH



7 miles (11.3km) 3hrs Ascent: 170ft (55m)

Paths: Paths and tracks across farmland and woodland, 20 stiles

Suggested map: aqua3 OS Explorer 135 Ashdown Forest

Grid reference: TQ 472332

Parking: Pooh free car park, off B2026 south of Hartfield

Exploring the haunts of AA Milne's Pooh.

1 Follow path ('Pooh Bridge'), take 3rd turning on R; descend to stile. Cross tree-ringed field to stile near corner, follow woodland path to another stile; head diagonally R across field to 4th stile by gate. Cross drive to 5th stile and gate, then aim R to another gate. Go forward to stile and road.

2 Turn L, then R opposite The Paddocks; follow path through **Five Hundred Acre Wood** to reach **Wealdway**. Proceed, passing Kovacs Lodge. Climb quite steeply; make wide sweep to L. Follow track round to R to fork, veer L and approach private drive sign.

3 Take R-H path and skirt farm. Rejoin drive and keep R, following **Wealdway** as it cuts across farmland. Pass turning to Buckhurst then bear L over stile to follow **High Weald Landscape Trail**. Cross field to gate and stile; cut through wood to brick bridge.

4 Turn R; follow fence, passing paddocks. Veer R via gateway in field corner; make for next field. Head

diagonally L across farmland to stile. Keep to R-H edge of field to stile, then cross footbridge and continue by field edge. Turn L at stile and enter Hartfield.

5 Bear R at B2026, then L. Cross stile in field corner and continue over next stile to Forest Way. Turn L; follow old trackbed until gate on L. Cross pasture to gate; follow woodland bridleway. Emerging from trees, continue to Culvers Farm.

6 Make for road then turn L. Walk to 1st R-H footpath ('Pooh Bridge'). Cross stile; follow track ahead to 3 stiles before crossing field. Follow waymarks and make for stile in corner. Cross drive to another stile; head diagonally down field to stile in corner. Continue on path, heading for next stile. Follow lane south.

7 When it sweeps L towards **Cotchford Farm**, proceed along public bridleway to **Pooh Bridge**; follow track as it climbs alongside woodland and paddocks. Turn L at road and when it bends around to R, go ahead into trees. Follow footpath through wood, back to

