Tatsfield Walks East of the Village

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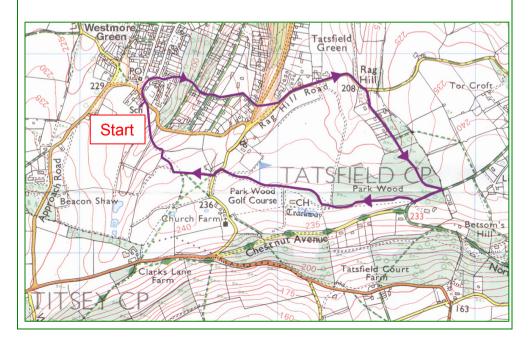
Approximately 2 miles - 1hr 2 steep hills



Start at Village Hall Car park. Through Shipfield Close. Cross Ninehams & Maesmaur Roads. Along Edgar, Rag Hill & Parkwood Roads. Through the Golf Course & back to the start.

(Optional visit to Church & seasonal teas)







Start at the Village Hall car park, turn left and then right past the Old Ship and right again into Shipfield Close. Keep to the left and follow the pavement around to a fenced footpath between house Nos 5 & 6. It drops down steeply through the wood known as Limehouse Bottom to Ninehams, the unmade road in the valley bottom. Cross Ninehams and climb straight up the other side through the wood to a narrow path between fenced gardens onto Maesmaur, another unmade road. Cross Maesmaur onto the bridleway opposite, Edgar Road, pass "Colegates" on the left and then bear right and down onto Old Lane and Ricketts Hill Road

Cross over and onto to Tatsfield Green opposite (watch for traffic). Climb up and across the Green, bearing to the left to meet Rag Hill at the top. Turn left and walk for approx 400m passing some cottages, Rag Hill Close and Park Farm on your left. Continue on down the hill (watch for traffic on this narrow part of the road), eventually on the left you will pass Avenue Road and some stables. As you start uphill again you will see Parkwood Road signposted on the right. Continue along this unmade road past houses on both sides, ignore the way marker to the left, until you reach a stile into Park Wood.

Known locally as Bluebell Wood, this is a glorious sea of blue in spring and full of wild flowers, berries and fungi throughout the year. It is private woodland so please respect the owner's kind permission to walk through. Walk straight ahead following the path, past a beech clearing and through the wood to emerge via a stile onto Chestnut Avenue.

Turn right and walk a short distance to re-enter the wood again via another stile. This path skirts the southern edge of the wood which lies to your right with the hedgerow bordering the golf course on your left. As you leave the wood walk straight ahead following the broad grass path across the golf course indicated by yellow way markers. You will pass a pond on your right and the Clubhouse to your left. The view across the golf course to your right (north) gives exceptional views of London including Canary Wharf, the tall buildings of the City and City Airport. Leaving the golf course before the cinder path for golfers bears left, you enter Church Lane via a stile, then turn left.

At this point you can walk approx 500m along Church Lane (watch for traffic) to visit the Parish Church of St Mary's. Built by the Normans in the 11th century and standing 780 ft above sea level there are breathtaking views across Surrey and Kent as far as the South Downs. Teas available in the summer months.

Continue (or rejoin) the walk in Church Lane taking FP beside the stables. This fenced path keeps the horse fields on the right and the golf course on the left and then zigzags down the hill towards another stile and the track. The Village centre is at the top of the hill opposite, over two more stiles. Skirt the local school to emerge via a kissing gate onto Ship Hill and round the corner to the Village Hall car park

