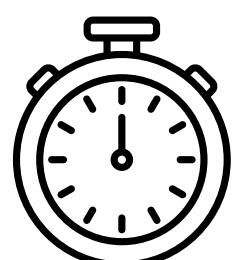


HENFIELD COMMON WALK



30-45
MINUTES



2.2KM
CIRCULAR ROUTE



A short circular walk starting in Henfield and looping through the historic village common. The walk goes through a variety of biodiverse habitats including closed canopy woodland, grassland and wetland. This walk is accessible via public transport and is very easy going, with almost no inclines or declines.



THIS WALK WAS BROUGHT TO YOU BY LOST WOODS VOLUNTEER JAMES KING

WHAT I LOVED ABOUT THIS WALK

“The community feel of Henfield and its ancient connection to the common as well as its more modern connection as a place of wildlife and cricket. The common keeps it's green in the winter with holly and evergreen, and a number of veteran oak trees dot the common. The woodland has a biodiverse understory and the variety of habitats including the wetland that has an abundance of plants for small mammals and birds.”

TOP TIPS

It can be quite muddy on this route, so wear wellies or waterproof walking boots.

Project partners



START AND END POINT (CIRCULAR WALK)



Henfield Museum

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GETTING THERE



Car parks: Coopers Way Car Park is at the start of the walk by the museum with pay by phone. There's also plenty of free on street parking near Coopers Way Car Park as well.

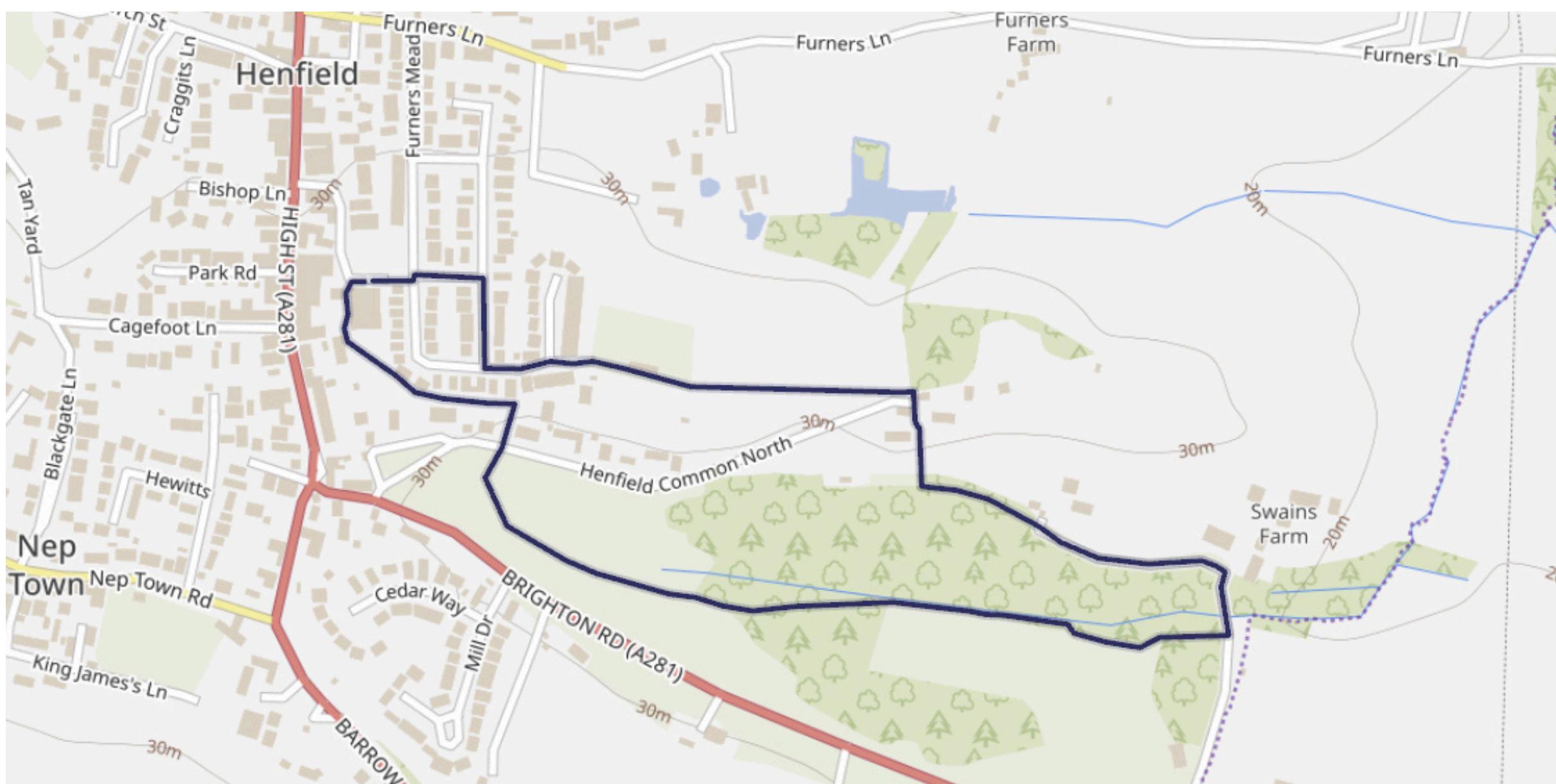
Buses: 17 Bus goes from Brighton to Horsham. 106 Bus goes from Henfield to Worthing (limited service). 100 Bus goes from Burgess Hill to Horsham (limited service).

Cycle: National Cycle Network Route 223 goes through Henfield on the western edge of this patch. The route starts at Shoreham in the south meeting coastal routes all the way up into the Surrey Hills near Guildford.

FACILITIES

- Car park
- Toilets available on Henfield High Street not far from the start/end point
- Henfield has a variety of cafes and pubs
- Unfortunately this route unsuitable for wheelchairs or standard prams

MAP



ROUTE DESCRIPTION

1. Start at Henfield museum. When facing the museum turn left and head into Furners Mead. Go straight until you reach the end of the road and then turn right. Continue until the end of the road and turn left. You should see the Henfield Bowling Club. Take the footpath that runs along the right side of the Bowling Club and continue past the allotments, fields and veg patches until you reach the green way marker.



2. Turn right, following the sign towards Henfield Common and Memorial Field. Continue straight and head into Henfield Common until you reach a footpath sign just after a gate. Turn left along the path and continue through the wood, bearing right with the road. Continue straight and cross the stream. When you see a footpath sign on the left of the road turn right and head into the woods.



3. At this point you can follow any number of the paths back through the wood towards the town, but I will write my favourite of them here.

"Follow the footpath through the wood to the clearing and to where another path crosses yours, and turn right along it. Continue through the wood until you reach and fork and take the left option. Continue straight until you reach a clearing.

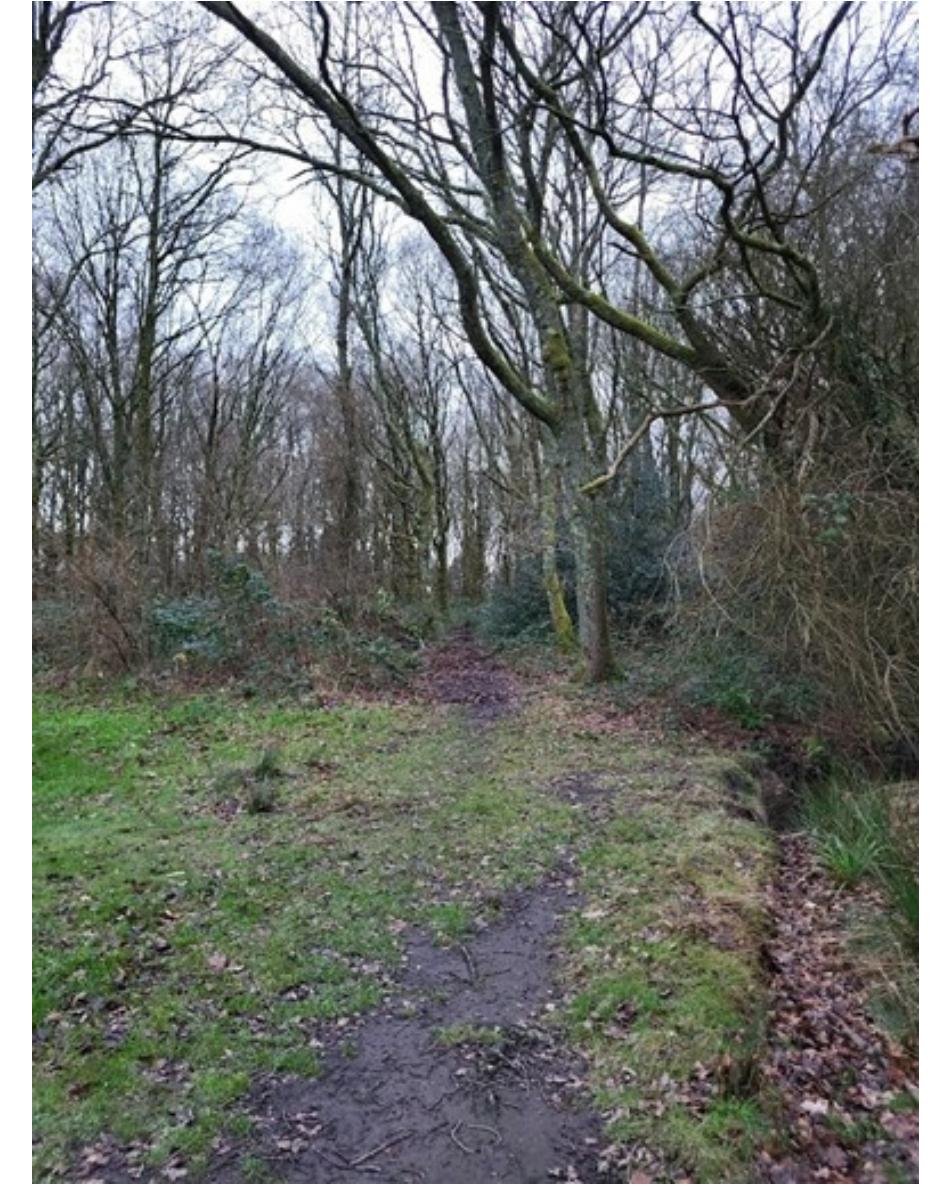


4. You will see the cricket club to your centre-left, but we are going to turn right, keeping the wood on our right and field on our left. Continue along the edge like this until you reach two small bridges. Cross the first.



5. Keep to the edge of the wood, walking with the stream to your right and a ditch and the field to your left. Continue straight until you reach the edge of the woodland that stretched out into the common.

Head straight into this stretch of woodland and travel through it to the other side.



Turn right, keeping the wood and then the long grass/wetland to your right.

6. When you meet a path further on turn right and follow the righthand path up towards the road.

You will come to another footpath sign. Head through the gravel footpath in between the houses.



7. Continue through the houses and you will come to another footpath sign. Turn left and follow the path in between the gardens.

You will then come to a marker. Do not turn left, continue on and you will find Henfield Museum on your right.

We're back where we started, thanks for following.



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