Walk 4:
Churt Crossways, Crosswater, King's Ridge, Frensham Little Pond, Lowicks, Old Cricket Ground, Lampard Lane

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Summary: A walk offering distant views from Kings Ridge of both Frensham Great Pond and Frensham Little Pond before descending to the Little Pond and offering close up views of the pond and its birdlife as you walk around most of it. Frensham Little Pond was given to the National Trust in 1974 to protect as a sanctuary for wildlife. The precious habitats include heathland, woodland and marginal-fen and as you walk around the pond, you can enjoy glimpses of a variety of water birds, butterflies, dragonflies and damselflies, plus, if you are lucky, native reptiles or even rare ground-nesting birds. Be sure to keep your dog under control and out of the heather and low shrubs during the nesting season. Dogs are not allowed to swim in the pond. There is a café serving light refreshments at Frensham Little Pond.

Distance: 6.5 miles / 10.4 km   **Elevation gain:** 104 m   **Time**: Approx. 2 hours 30 mins.

Grid reference and postcode of start-point at Crossways:

SU 855 382 / GU10 2JA

Parking, if required at Redhearn Green, accessed via Old Kiln Lane:

SU 853 385 / GU10 2NT

Map: OS Explorer Series 133, Haslemere

Frensham Little Pond

Walk Detail

1. From Churt Crossways walk northwards and cross the A287 on the Zebra crossing, pass the bus shelter and on reaching the War Memorial opposite, cross back into Old Kiln Lane. Continue ahead on the lane and at the end turn right for approximately 150m along Jumps Road and then turn left into Crosswater Lane. This eventually becomes a sandy track. Continue up the sandy track and at the junction of 5 tracks take the fourth track counting from the left, marked with a fingerpost bridleway sign, which leads uphill onto the King's Ridge. Views of The Great Pond on the left and Frensham Little Pond on the right.

2. Keep straight ahead until you leave the Great Pond behind you and four tracks converge. There is a bench on the left-hand side. Take the third track counting from the left, which is 10m immediately right; walk downhill along this sandy track in the direction of the Little Pond. Keep to the main path on the left side of the pond. You will pass the beach area and The National Trust Tern Café &WC's. Continue around to the edge of the pond and a path near the road and alongside a concrete retaining wall and dam. Continue around the far side of the pond.

3. Leave a long wooden bridge on your right-hand side and take the left track. Continue straight and a meandering path will lead you to a tarmacked road, Sandy Lane. Here turn right and cross the ford by way of the footbridge.

4. Take the track to the left by Grey Walls which is a marked bridleway and at the next junction take the left track to continue on the bridleway. Pass Lowicks House and lake on your left. Continue for some distance and on meeting the junction of 5 tracks again as described in (1) above, proceed straight ahead uphill with the property of Harold's Hill on your left. Continue uphill and downhill to the A287 main road.

5. Cross straight over the main road and take Pond Lane which is slightly to your left. Proceed along Pond Lane for about 450m with the Great Pond on your right and the take the first left finger post marked public bridleway. Proceed along the bridleway and after the fourth property on the right, continue on the track ahead. Upon meeting a post double marked with bridleways on both right and left forks, take the bridleway on the left fork leading uphill. The track is badly eroded here and there is an alternative footpath to the left and uphill of it. At the top of the track you will join the path alongside Fallowfield. Keep straight ahead on the tarmac roadway for about 300m when you will join, Star Hill. Continue straight ahead and the road becomes Lampard Lane. You will soon meet the A287 main road in the village, turn right and proceed for about a further 250m back to Crossways.

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