

the lane (some grand elms and firs are here). Soon a bend is reached; here turn off along a drive on the left (the second 'road'), leaving it almost at once for a track on the right. This leads to a passage (left of a field-gate), and so to a path that goes straight ahead through three meadows, down into a vale, and up into Merstham. It emerges at the angle of the main road (by the Feathers) and a side-road leading to the manor-house.

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MERSTHAM TO CATERHAM (5 miles) OR GODSTONE (5½ miles), BY WHITE HILL AND TUPWOOD.

Leave Merstham by the lawn-plotted side-road opposite the Feathers. Turn right on reaching the gates of Merstham House and follow the footpath over a spring to MERSTHAM CHURCH.

Leave the churchyard by the lych-gate on to the main road, and turn right. On passing a guidepost, turn left along Rockshaw Road and follow it for half a mile, to a 'Bridle Way' on the left. Turn down here, and where the track curves left to the lime works, bear right along the field. Keep beside the hedge for 150 yards to a path that slants up the grassy hillside. This makes a leftward twist on reaching the trees, and passing through them, resumes the forward direction and climbs the upper slope to a 5-bar gate on the right. Continue along the crest by a path between hedges, out to the Pilgrims' Lane crossways (1½ miles). This Pilgrims' Lane is mentioned in the *Gentlemen's Magazine* of 1827. CHALDON is guide-posted here. (At Chaldon the walk can be curtailed by taking the footpath for Caterham.)

Keep straight ahead by the Pilgrims' Lane, with views to the right. On nearing Willey Farm at White Hill there is, on clear days, an unexpected view across London.

Turn in at the farm (2½ miles), keeping the buildings on the left. Go through the gate, carry on over the first field, climb the iron stile, and continue forward beside the right-

hand hedge in the next field. Here the path drops downhill in the corner. Go down here for a sight of the fluted hillside and the miniature park of Quarry House. Return and bear right beside the iron fence. Down in the valley an old grey church-tower of Bletchingley is seen rising from a cluster of roofs. Like Gatton, Bletchingley returned two members to Parliament, but the electorate was a big one—ten!

On passing out by the crossways, keep ahead past the White Hill tower (it is merely somebody's 'folly') and carry on for about 1,000 yards by the beech-shaded lane (War-copice Road). Caterham can be seen down in the valley. Passing a letter-box at a crossways, the path of the walk comes to a fork (3½ miles). Take the forward hedged side path on the right here. Following it along Gravelly Hill (with its water-tower) there are good views to the south. Keep straight ahead, and then bear left on reaching a stony fork. This leads to the viewpoint at Tupwood.

Running back to the north here is a fold of the Harestone Valley, through which a road, much like a drive in a park, leads to another that goes left straight down to Caterham.

For Godstone, pass left around the fringe of the wood at Viewpoint on to a path at the edge. Taking this path, and crossing some rough brown earth in the beeches, keep straight on to a path that runs *left* along the edge of the hill. Follow this to a definite cross track. Turn sharp right, downhill, with a view of Godstone ahead. The track becomes a fieldpath which runs down to a lane by a farm and then ahead beside some hedges on the left. It continues through a passage, and over another field into the main road at Tyler's Green on the Green Line coach route, with Godstone Green to the right (5½ miles).