

U3A Historic Pathways

A circular walk through Hurst and along the Loddon

Intro: This is a flat walk of just over 4 miles. There are numerous stiles and the cross-country sections can get very muddy in wet weather. It is taken from "Rambling for Pleasure around Reading (First series, Walk 23).

Start: Park in the Bowling Club car park, Church Hill Hurst RG10 0SJ (behind the Castle Inn).

Please share cars if possible.

We are aiming for a **10:30am** walk start so allow some extra time if you want to have a look at the church and the almshouses before we start.

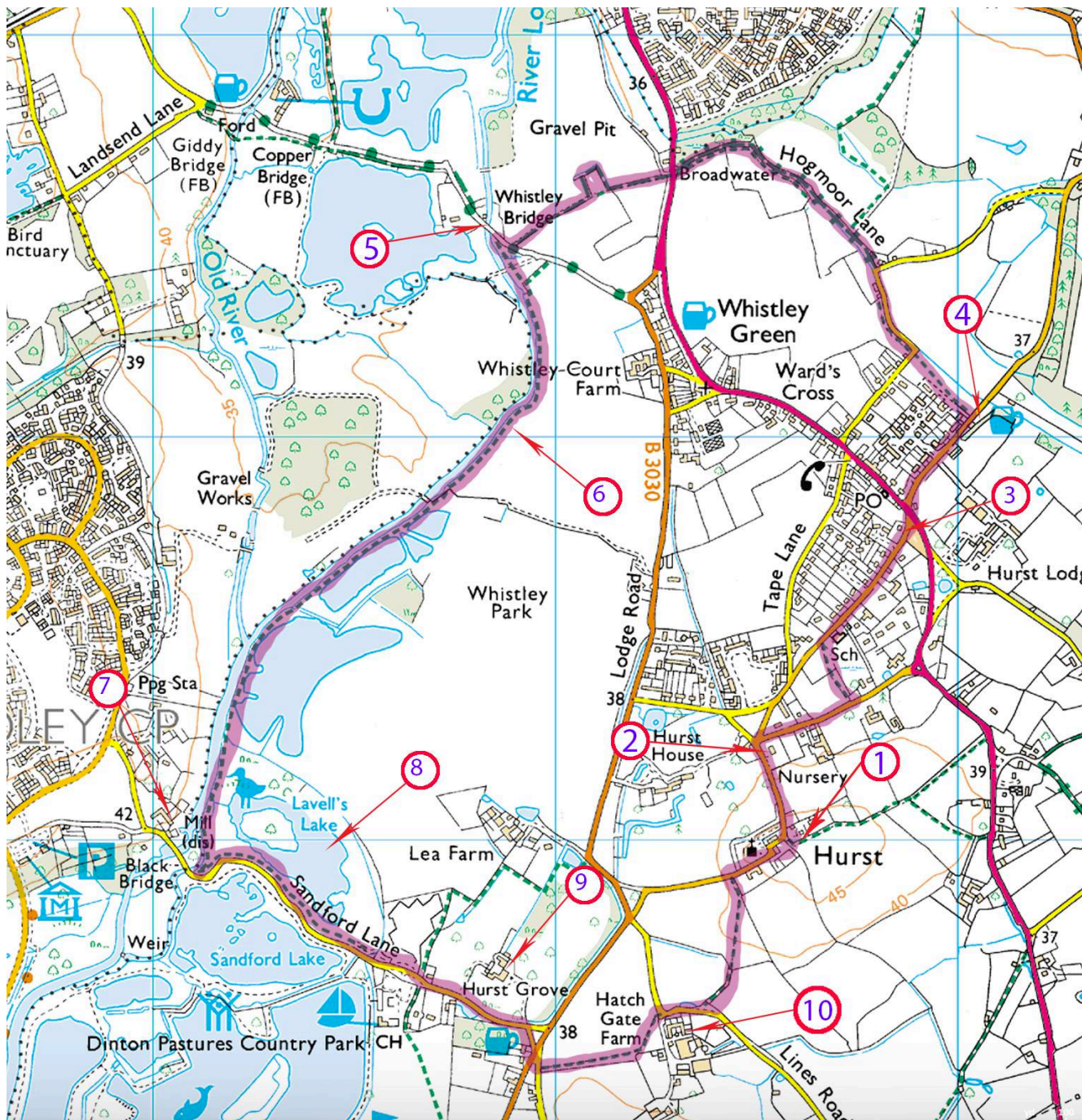
Sorry, no refreshments before the walk but there are some ancient loos in the bowling club.

Lunch: At The Green Man Hinton Road RG10 0BP. Let me know if you are staying for lunch so that I can confirm numbers with the pub. pam.elliston@talktalk.net

Points of interest (see below):

- 1) Church, almshouses, Castle Inn and Bowling Green at the start.
- 2) Old school House
- 3) Village pond
- 4) Green Man PH
- 5) Whistley Bridge , the site of Whistley Mill mentioned in the Domesday Book.
- 6) East of the tow path by the Loddon is the site of Whistley Court, demolished in the mid 1800s, traces of an inlet to the site of its thatched boathouse may be seen
- 7) Sandford Manor and Mill
- 8) Lavells Lake
- 9) Hurst Grove
- 10) Hatch Gate Farm

This map shows the route and several places of interest that will be described.



This map is from 1883. It also shows the route and many old buildings are now more obvious.

