

local walks



Cumberland Lodge

exchanging views, inspiring minds

Please see map on reverse

Cow Pond



Leave by the main door. Walk down the lime tree avenue (note the mistletoe on the older trees). This avenue was planted about 1697 by William Bentinck, Earl of Portland. Halfway down, set back about thirty yards to the right, there is an oak tree, planted in 1888 to commemorate the coming of age of Prince Christian Victor of Schleswig-Holstein, the eldest child of Prince and Princess Christian. Cross the road and follow the recently planted Ranger's Avenue to Cow Pond. As you walk along the avenue note Coronation Grove on your left, a collection of oaks donated by the countries of the Commonwealth to commemorate the coronation of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth in 1937.
(Round trip 1 mile/1.6 km).

Cow Pond and Rhododendron Ride

As before to Cow Pond. Circle round the pond to the right, passing the oak arbour (erected in 2013 to mark The Queen's Diamond Jubilee), and turn left where the path joins a track on the far side of the pond. Follow the track between rhododendron hedges until you reach Bishopsgate. Take the road, turning left and the next left (before the pink gate houses), and return to Cumberland Lodge. Best in May/June when rhododendrons are in flower.
(Round trip 3.5 miles/5.6km).

Savill Garden

1. As above to Cow Pond. Circle round the pond to the right, passing the oak arbour, and turn right where the path joins the track on the far side of the pond. Follow this track until it joins a road, continuing straight ahead to reach the Savill Building visitor's centre, with gift shop, cafe and garden entrance. There is a charge to enter the garden.

2. Leave by the main door. Walk down the lime tree avenue, turning right on reaching the road. Go through Cumberland Gate, turn left and follow the road to reach the Savill Building.
(Round trip, both 2 miles/3.2 km).

Copper Horse and Deer Park



Leave by the side door and walk straight on past the Mews. At the end of the lane, cross the road and follow the rough track on the right (opposite Chaplain's Lodge) down through woodland. Passing Ox Pond on your left, this leads to a wide grassy track at the end of which is a big gate into the Deer Park with the statue beyond. The statue is of George III, dressed as Marcus Aurelius, on horseback. There is a fine view of Windsor Castle, looking down the Long Walk (2.5 miles/4 km) which was planned by Christopher Wren for Charles II. Unless you want to return the same way, go down the hill beyond the statue to the road. Turn left to leave the deer park, and turn left two more times as the road forks (1 mile/1.6km). Alternatively, turn right, continue on the road until you reach the crossroads just outside the Deer Park and follow the signposts for Cumberland Lodge.
(Round trip 3 miles/4.8km).

Windsor



Go to the Copper Horse as above and continue in a straight line down the Long Walk until you reach Windsor Castle. Turn left to reach the town centre and the public entrance to the Castle (round trip 9 miles, 14.4 km). Take the same route back, or a taxi from outside the Castle. There is a very occasional white bus

service from Windsor, stopping near Chaplain's Lodge.

The Obelisk

Leave by the main door. Walk down the lime tree avenue, turning right on reaching the road. After going through Cumberland Gate, walk down the recently planted grassy avenue towards the obelisk which you will see up the hill on your left. The obelisk commemorates the Duke of Cumberland's victory at the Battle of Culloden.
(Round trip 2 miles/3.2 km).
It is possible to walk round the Obelisk Pond (1 mile/1.6 km) or to go on towards the Valley Gardens.

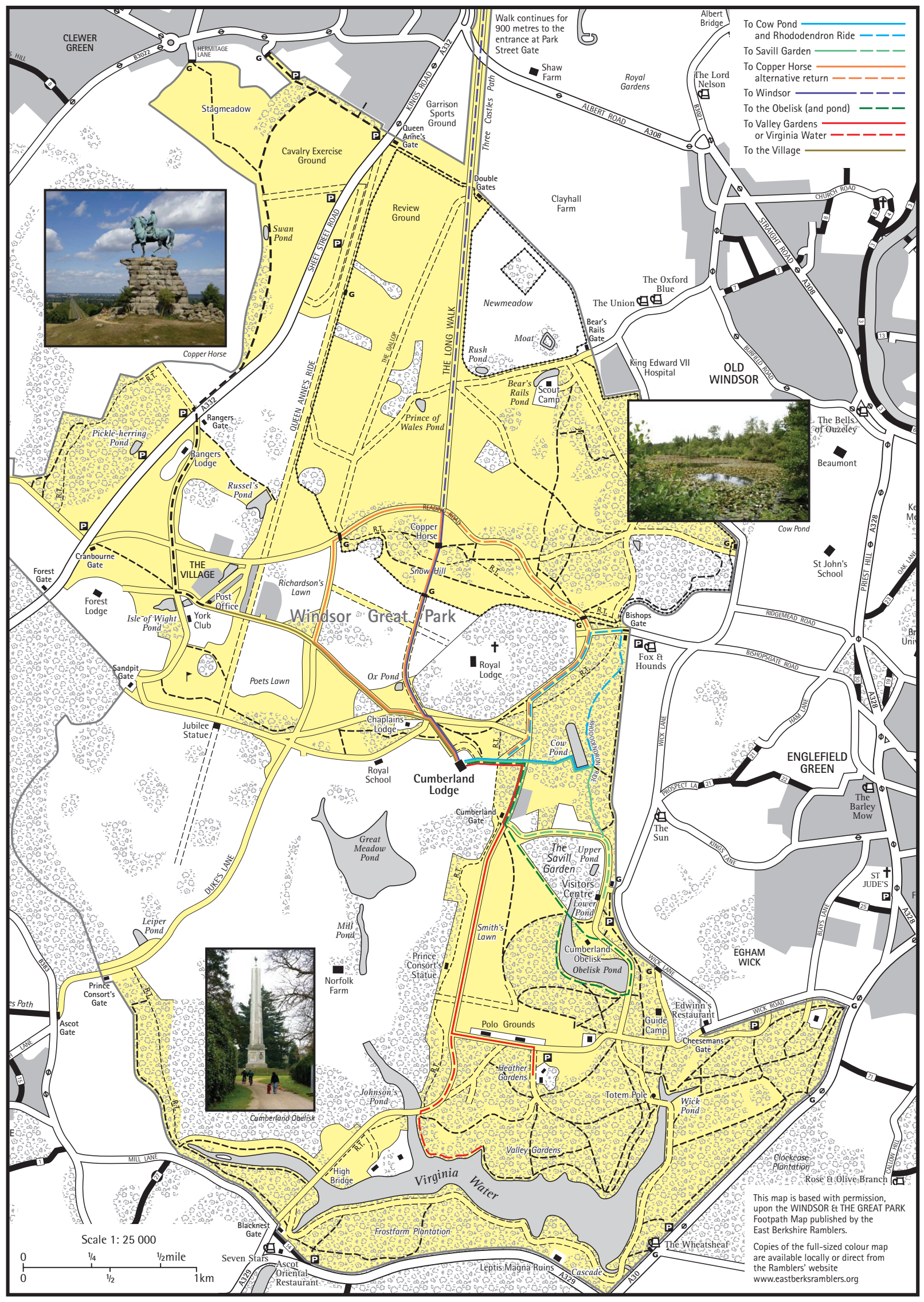
Valley Gardens and Virginia Water



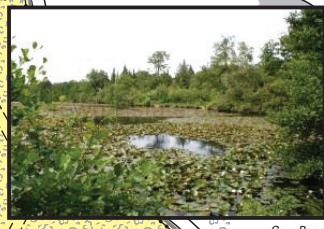
Leave by the main door. Walk down the lime tree avenue, turning right on reaching the road. Go through Cumberland Gate and follow the road across Smith's Lawn (with the polo ground on your left). Note the statue of Prince Albert on horseback on your right. On reaching the far side of the Lawn, either: 1. turn left along the road by the Guard's Polo Club, taking the second turning right for the track leading into the Valley Gardens (no charge for entry). Various walks are signposted; or 2. continue along the road down into the valley until you reach the lake, where you can turn left on to the lakeside path.
(Round trip 3 miles/4.8 km; the full circuit of Virginia Water is 4.5 miles/7.2 km).

The Village

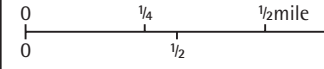
Leave by the side door and walk straight past the Mews. Turn left at the road, bearing right (with Chaplain's Lodge on your left) and follow the road down the hill, going straight on at the crossroads. The shop/Post Office is after the Green on the right.
(Round trip 2 miles/3.2 km).



- To Cow Pond and Rhododendron Ride —
- To Savill Garden —
- To Copper Horse alternative return —
- To Windsor —
- To the Obelisk (and pond) —
- To Valley Gardens or Virginia Water —
- To the Village —



Scale 1: 25 000



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