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# Pirbright, I Presume

A flexible figure-of-eight walk, starting from Pirbright's vast village green.

**Distance** 4.8 miles (7.7km)

**Minimum time** 2hrs

**Ascent/gradient** 114ft (35m)

**Level of difficulty** Medium

**Paths** Country roads, woodland tracks and paths, boggy in places, patchy waymarking

**Landscape** Wooded farmland conceals several massive houses on edge of Pirbright army ranges

**Suggested map** aqua3 OS Explorer 145 Guildford & Farnham

**Start/finish** SU 946560

**Dog friendliness** On lead on road and in woods south of Admiral's Walk

**Parking** On village green in Pirbright

**Public toilets** None on route

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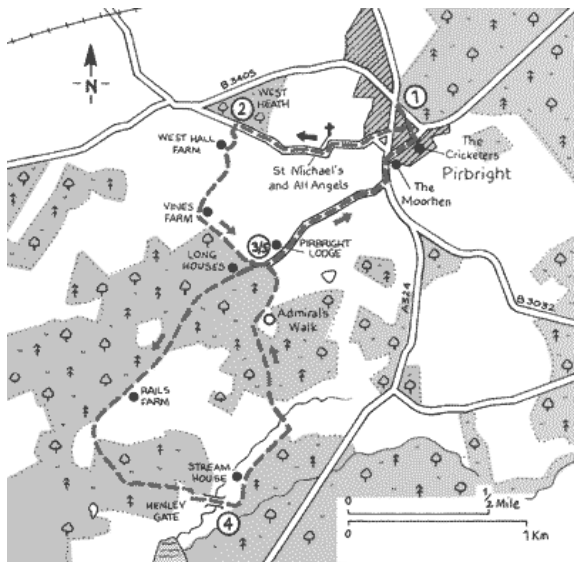
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1 Turn right out of the car park, and bear right across the green. Cross the main road, follow the lane towards the church, and turn into the churchyard at the little gate on your right. Just inside, you'll see Stanley's massive, roughly-hewn memorial, bearing his African name 'Bula Matari' and the single word 'AFRICA'. His wife, Dorothy, lies in

the same little plot, edged with miniature standing stones and neatly clipped yew hedging. Don't miss the lovely interior of this beautifully kept Georgian church - and look, too, for Stanley's other memorial, an inlaid brass plaque on the wall opposite the entrance. Leave the churchyard by the lychgate, and turn right along the lane. Pass the Old School House and West Heath, and continue for 200yds (183m).

**2** Turn left down the signposted bridleway towards West Hall Farm. Follow the track as it winds through the farmyard and joins a gated green lane. Continue past Vines Farm to the edge of a small birchwood and turn left along the muddy woodland track. Bear right just beyond the power lines and continue to the junction of tracks near a letter box in the wall at Pirbright Lodge.

**3** Double back hard right, and follow the broad track past Long Houses. Keep left at the fork, and pass Rails Farm and Kiln Cottage, where the track narrows briefly before bearing left onto the Pirbright ranges perimeter track. As you approach the military barrier at Henley Gate, bear left onto a broad woodland track and follow it through to a T-junction. Turn right; then, 40yds (37m) further on, turn left onto a waymarked bridleway and continue until you cross a small stream.

**4** Turn left onto a signposted bridleway, pass Stream House, then follow the green lane just to the right of Bourne House. Continue for 300yds (274m), until a waymark post points your way into the woods on your left. Continue over a stile and up the side of a small field, then cross the plank bridge into a boggy area of rough woodland. Keep straight on until you reach the second waymark post, then bear right onto a forest road and follow it back to Pirbright Lodge.

**5** Turn right, and follow the lane out to the A324. Cross over, and turn left onto the roadside pavement that leads you back to the green where your walk began.

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