

About us

As Scouts, we believe in preparing young people with skills for life. We encourage our young people to do more, learn more and be more. Each week, 1st Egham Scouts give over 50 local young people the opportunity to enjoy fun and adventure while developing the skills they need to succeed. We're talking about teamwork, leadership and resilience – skills that have helped Scouts become everything from teachers and social workers to astronauts and Olympians.

Following a year of 'scouting by zoom' we are excited to return to face to face scouting and have recently welcomed a new cohort of youngsters to start their scouting adventure. It is great to get back together, learn new skills and enjoy all that Runnymede has to offer.

To find out more about our **waiting list** or **volunteering** with 1st Egham Scouts please email our Group Scout Leader via **1stegham@gmail.com**

**As a small local charity
we would welcome any
support you can give us.**

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Scouts

1st Egham

**Favourite
Scout hikes
and walks
in Runnymede**

Thank you Egham!

On behalf of all at 1st Egham Scouts, the committee would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to the wonderful community of Egham and all of our key workers and local volunteers who have done so much over the past year to keep our community safe and connected.

We'd also like to **THANK** our dedicated volunteer leaders, parents, friends and supporters and all those who work locally to support young people.

We hope that you are able to take some inspiration from this leaflet and enjoy the great outdoors and all that our amazing local area has to offer.

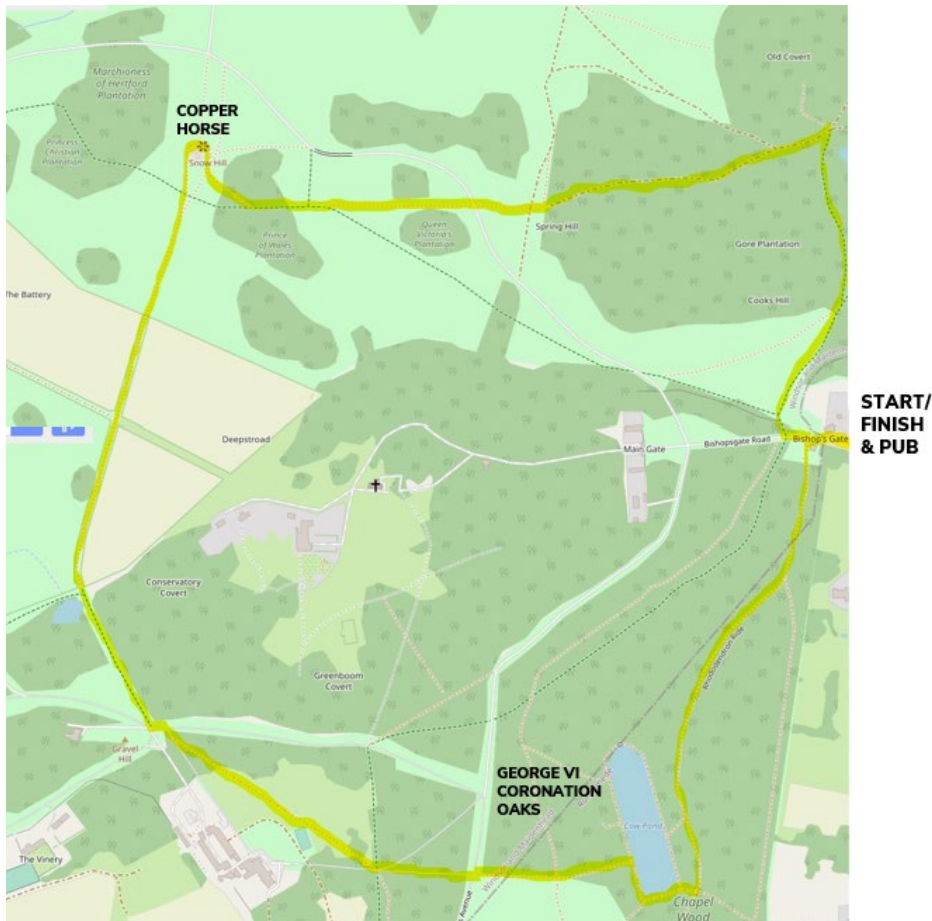
The pandemic has had a widespread impact and, like many charities, 1st Egham Scouts has missed out on key annual fundraising opportunities such as Magna Carta Day (our biggest of the year). We are grateful for all of the support we receive locally. **Please consider supporting us if you can - you can find out how on the back of this leaflet. Thank you**

- **Start & Finish:** Bishopsgate Road, TW20 0XU
- **Approx. distance:** 3 miles
- **Terrain:** Mix of road, footpath, grass, some hills and incline.
- **Points of interest:** Deer Park, Copper Horse and views of Windsor Castle down The Long Walk, George VI Coronation Oaks, Cow Pond, good Geocaching!
- **Refreshment:** The Fox and Hounds, TW20 0XU

Route description: A circular hike which will take you through Windsor Great Park and across the border from Runnymede into Windsor & Maidenhead. Some excellent Geocaching opportunities on this hike (download the Geocaching app for more information). Start on Bishopsgate Road with refreshment at The Fox and Hounds (or perhaps save that until the end of your walk). You can follow the route in either direction, but if you turn right you will encounter the points of interest in the order listed above! (Note: be aware of deer roaming free once you enter the Deer Park). At the top of Snow Hill you will come to the Copper Horse, an 1831 bronze equestrian statue of George III by Richard Westmacott. From the high vantage point you can enjoy the sweeping views down The Long Walk towards Windsor Castle. As you continue on, passing back through the park, near Cumberland Lodge you will reach the grove of oak trees planted by each of the Commonwealth countries to celebrate the coronation of George VI (find out more at windsorgreatpark.co.uk – there is a similar grove elsewhere planted to celebrate the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II). As you near the end of the route you will pass Cow Pond, resplendent with water lilies at the right time of year, before returning to Bishopsgate and your well-earned refreshment at The Fox and Hounds.

Windsor Great Park – circular hike

Indicative route map



Be prepared!

As with all good scouting adventures it is important to be prepared!

The great outdoors can be amazing and there are many adventures to be had, but these can involve risk to both persons and property. Variables can include weather, fitness level, terrain features and outdoor experience. These must be considered prior to walking.

If you are inspired by these walks, make sure you are prepared for your adventure and be sure to check the current weather and conditions before heading out.

"There's no such thing as bad weather, only inappropriate clothing" - Sir Ranulph Fiennes

1st Egham Scout Group are not responsible for the safety or well-being of any one who chooses to follow these routes. Always exercise common sense and caution. Walking routes may become inaccessible for a number of reasons and the routes in this guide are intended to be indicative. It is recommended that you refer to other maps such as OS Explorer for more detail.



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Runnymede Pleasure Grounds – riverside walk

Indicative route map

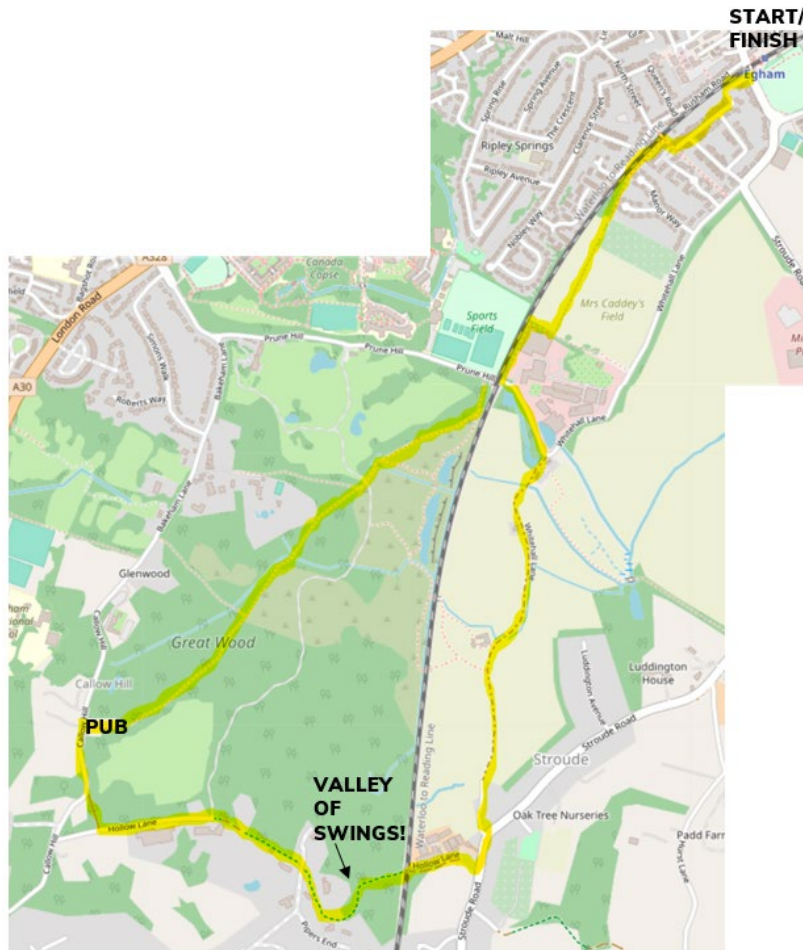


- **Start & Finish:** Egham Station, TW20 9LB
- **Approx. distance:** 4 miles
- **Terrain:** Mix of road, footpath which can be rough underfoot, muddy when wet, hills and steep incline involved.
- **Points of interest:** Mrs Caddy's Field, Great Wood, Valley of the Swings!
- **Refreshment:** The Rose and Olive Branch, GU25 4LH

Route description: A local favourite, this c. 4 mile circular walk starts at Egham station, heading out towards Boshers allotments and past Mrs Caddy's field and the rear of the Rusham Park site (formerly Procter and Gamble) before crossing the railway line at the bottom of Prune Hill. Take the footpath up through the Great Wood to Callow Hill and stop at the Rose and Olive Branch for refreshment from the Windsor and Eton Brewery. Once watered, proceed along Callow Hill, turning onto Hollow Lane, then re-join the footpath which takes you back down to the railway line at Stroude, via the 'Valley of the Swings' (disclaimer: the footpath often, but not always, has a series of homemade rope swings. 1st Egham Scout Group has no knowledge of who locates these along the footpath and those walking, especially adults accompanying children, need to take your own judgement as to safety!). Railway crossing here is unsupervised. Once you cross the railway, walk down towards Stroude Road, turning left and along until you reach Whitehall Farm Lane. Take Whitehall Farm Lane and the adjoining footpath across farmland will take you all the way back to the corner of Prune Hill, Whitehall Lane (note: be aware of cows in the fields at Whitehall Farm). From the corner of Whitehall Lane / Prune Hill, turn left and a short walk up returns you to the footpath at the corner of Rusham Park, back past Mrs Caddy's Field and on your way back towards Egham Station.

The valley of the swings - circular hike

Indicative route map



- **Start & Finish:** Runnymede Pleasure Grounds, TW20 0AE
- **Approx. distance:** 2 miles
- **Terrain:** Grass and footpath, flat riverside walk.
- **Points of interest:** Runnymede Pleasure Grounds, Queen Elizabeth II statue, River Thames (boat rides and Stand up paddleboards for hire)
- **Refreshment:** Italian Concept Restaurant, TW20 0AE

Route description: This riverside stroll will take you along the banks of the Thames at Runnymede. Start at the Pleasure Grounds with a coffee from the kiosk. Walking down to the river you will pass the Wraysbury Skiff & Punting Club to your right hand side. Turn left as you reach the river and follow the riverside all the way round the top of the Pleasure Grounds until you reach the statue of HM Queen Elizabeth II, installed to celebrate the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta in 2015. For a short stroll at this point you can loop back towards the Pleasure Grounds tea-room, or continue along the footpath until you reach the National Trust Runnymede tea rooms before heading back the way you came. Ice creams available at most times of the year, from either of the kiosks at the Pleasure Ground or there is quite often a van parked near the Queen's statue. For a sedate cruise along the Thames, French Brothers offer a short paddle steamer cruise from near the Queen's Statue along to the National Trust Runnymede Tea Rooms (check website for prices and up to date details). Stand up paddle board hire has also recently been introduced at the Pleasure Grounds for the more adventurous!

