

From the Copper Horse carry on west for about 10 minutes along gentle sloping gradients to a second set of electric deer gates, bringing you to the other end of the Dukes Ride. Stay on your current route for about 10 minutes to pass the Queen Anne's Ride on your left followed shortly afterwards by other roads leading to the village, and then a small resting point near a pond.

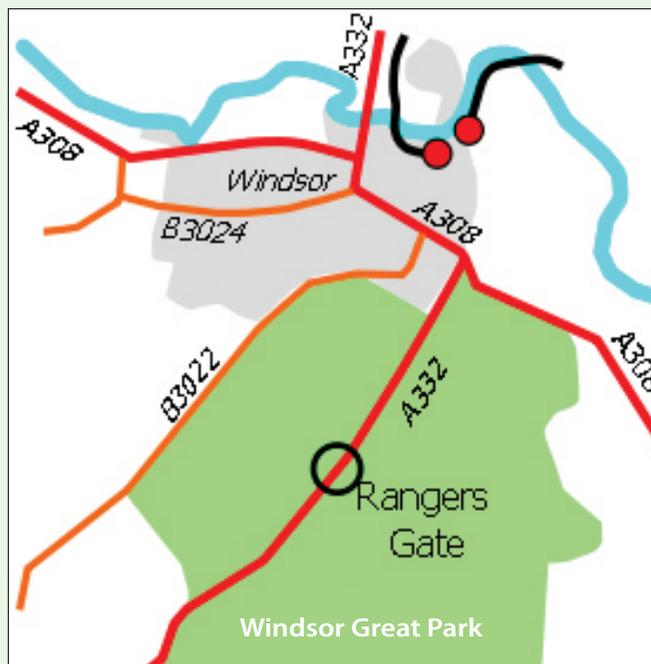
Continue for another 8-10 minutes to the crossroads at the main park road: turn right at the crossroads to return back to the parking area at Rangers Gate to complete the circular route.



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### Public Transport Links

Windsor & Eton Riverside and Windsor & Eton Central are the closest rail station links to the Great Park.

For timetables please go to [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)  
Tel: 0845 7 48 49 50.

The White Bus Service 1 runs between Windsor and Ascot via Windsor Great Park, stopping at Rangers Gate, the Post Office and village and the Royal Lodge near Bishops Gate. More information about this service, including the timetable and route map can be found at [www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk](http://www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk).

# Easy Going Route

# Windsor Great Park



Windsor Great Park stretches between Windsor Castle to the north and Ascot to the South.

This route takes in some of the best features of this magnificent estate and serves as an excellent introduction to the park.

Open all year round, the route is almost entirely composed of quiet roads and surfaced paths with an option of a more natural surfaced route in places. The paths offer a choice, from very flat surfaces around Windsor Great Park village and up to the 'Copper Horse', to a more undulating route circling around the centre of the park.

Car parks are available at both sides of the park, with refreshments and toilet facilities within the park at the Post Office & Tea Shop. These are not fully disabled accessible at present; however there are fully accessible facilities at the Fox and Hounds pub.

The most popular starting point is Rangers Gate at the West on the A332; parking is also available at the eastern entrance to the park at the end of Bishopsgate Road. For large parties permission may be sought from the landlord to park at the Fox and Hounds pub (Tel: 01784 433098) along Bishopsgate Road.

The Rangers Gate car park has a loose but firm surface. From the car park take the access road up a slight incline and join the pavement leading to an accessible crossing, with audio signal and revolving nodes for those with hearing or sight difficulties.

After crossing make your way up a wide, gravelled path for 110m, starting at a gradient of 1:20 and increasing to 1:10 for the last 21m. From there follow the surfaced road for about 15 minutes to reach the road crossing of Prince Consort Drive which has a slightly textured surface. Turn left here for a more direct route to the Copper Horse and Bishops Gate.

Continue south past Prince Consort Drive for a further 5 minutes and pass another crossroads next to two ponds to visit the Windsor Great Park village.

If you prefer a shorter route follow this road for about 5 minutes to the Post Office & Tea Shop and continue for about 10 minutes to join Dukes Ride at the very centre of the route.

For a longer route continue along the road past the York Club and the Queen Elizabeth II Coronation Plantation for about 15 minutes along an uphill climb (in parts a gradient of 1:10) to reach Sandpit Lodge at the south-west of the route.



Turn east downhill for 5-7 minutes (about 1:8 gradient for two short sections) to the Jubilee Statue which is accessible on all sides by loose but firm surfaced paths.

Take the Queen Anne's Ride downhill to the village or further on to Prince Consort Drive if you prefer a more natural surface.

Resume your route from the Jubilee Statue towards the east of the park for 10 minutes to reach a crossroads with Dukes Ride. Either take the Dukes Ride north to the village (20 minutes) and the Copper Horse and Long Walk (30 minutes), or carry on along the route around the park east towards Cumberland Gate.

Past the crossroads there is a steep section of the route (about 1:8 gradient) before you pass an old entrance to Cumberland Lodge. At this point there are a few horse crossing points to be aware of and as you continue along the road you reach a T-junction. Turn left and continue north past the King George VI Coronation Plantation for about 15-20 minutes to reach the entrance to Royal Lodge and the road leading to Bishops Gate, Bishopsgate Road and the Fox and Hounds pub. Continue north through the electrically operated deer gates.

Bear left to follow the Prince Consort Drive as it turns west. Continue along this curving, level path past a striking stone bridge until you reach the Copper Horse. Access to the statue is up a steep hill with a natural surface.

### The Copper Horse

This equestrian statue standing on Snow Hill at the southern end of the Long Walk was erected in 1831 by George IV to the memory of his father George III. The latin inscription on the base reads 'the best of fathers'.



*View from the Copper Horse*



*Stone bridge*



*The Fox and Hounds pub*



Copper Horse



The Long Walk



Bishops Gate



*King George VI plantation*



*Resting bench*



Cumberland Gate

### King George VI Coronation Plantation.

This was planted in 1937 to commemorate the King's Coronation and 60 oak trees of twenty different species were planted by representatives of 59 Commonwealth countries.

Wick Road

**Queen Elizabeth II Coronation Plantation**

This grove of English Oak was planted in 1953 by representatives of 60 Commonwealth countries including Britain to commemorate the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

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Pedestrian Crossing

Rangers Gate

**A332**



*Village crossroads*

Post Office/  
Tea Shop

The York  
Club



*Sandpit Lodge*

WC

Bench

1:10

Bench

1:8

Jubilee  
Statue



*The Jubilee Statue*



*Prince Consort Drive*



Queen Anne's Ride

Duke's Ride

**Map Key**



Good view

Approx gradient

Bench

Gate

WC Toilet

Surfaced route  
Unsurfaced route