

For the Braberry Ponds, Stream and Waterfalls

1. From Stone Quarry Road/Beaconsfield Road walk to the bus shelter/post box (take care crossing the road). Take the waymarked footpath to the right of the post box. Follow the path until you pass under a stone arch (footbridge). Here the route then splits for either walk.

2a. **Braberry Ponds walk.** If you have chosen the Braberry ponds walk go straight ahead towards a track (horse ride) and follow the track slightly down hill towards a wooden bridge. The ponds are now on your right. Either walk around the two large ponds or cut through the middle!. When you are ready to return, re-trace your steps back up under the stone arch heading for the bus shelter.

2b. **Stream and waterfall walks.** From the stone arch, after approx. 15 metres fork right, towards a wider track (horse ride). Just before the track turn right to go up the slope on a narrow path into the trees.

3. Note the tall Scots Pine trees (with orange upper trunks). Follow this path through the trees, ignoring a small path to the left. Continue until you see a metal gate, but keep on the path to the left and this will meet a stony track. Turn left to walk away from the road. Heather and gorse is growing on either side.

4. After 200 metres you will reach a track crossroad, turn right onto a wide sandy track. After 100 metres at another cross-road, turn left, through woodland, gradually going downhill, under some larger pine trees, and down again to meet the stream.

To return, retrace your steps. Keep to the left when walking back up the hill, when reaching a cross road follow the directions no. 8 and no. 9.

Waterfall walk

5. Use the stepping stones to cross the stream and follow the track under another arch/ foot bridge (or use the wooden bridge if preferred, turning right to meet the same path). Go under the arch, and after 10 metres turn right, through the wooden gate. From here you are entering the old gardens of Chelwood Vachery and it is here where you will find the waterfalls.

6. After 150 metres you will reach a small clearing. Look for a narrow path on the left, going up 50 metres under very tall Douglas Firs. Now you find the small waterfalls and ponds, surrounded by rocks, a perfect picnic spot for enjoying the water features.

7. To return retrace your steps downhill, turning right, back to the gate, left under the bridge, across the stream and up the main path. Keep left when walking back up the hill. (Note the red colour in the stream from iron ore in the soil).

8. Climb up the track you came down earlier and continue to a cross road in the tracks where you now go straight over. After 150 metres – you are approaching a road – **take care**. Cross the road and go straight on into a lane. Turn left, walk past the drive of Sun House and look for a footpath sign to your right. Follow footpath.

9. The path narrows between gardens, emerging on the Stone Quarry Road where the walk started. The bus stop is at the end of this road.

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