



### Lovelace Bridges & Horsley Towers Loop Directions 9.3 miles/14.9 km

1. Come out of Horsley station and turn right, through the car park and down the hill (Station Approach).
2. Join the main road Ockham Road South and turn left along her for 150 metres then turn left into Glendene Avenue. Follow this residential road to the end and through the gates out onto Forest road.
3. Turn immediately left and then right down High Park Avenue . Follow this road as it curves to the right right and then sharp left to continue on.
4. The road ends in a small car park and there is a gate signposted into Great Ridings Woodland. Continue straight on the footpath and when it splits take the right fork to follow round the edge of the woodland until the path meets a cross track and turn left here, and continue until the track joins another wide track. Turn right here and the track follows a flint wall to your right the old wall of the Horsley Towers estate.
5. After nearly a kilometre you emerge onto a residential street called Dirtham Lane. Continue in the same direction up this road until you come out onto busy Guildford Road with a house called Beechlands on your right. Turn right and then cross with care, heading for a private road on the other side, with a public footpath to the right of it.
6. You are now on the Horsley Jubilee Trail. Keep left at the next fork, following the yellow arrows. At another tempting fork, where the right option is wider, keep left (following more yellow arrows). You may notice a sign for the former **Pine Grove bridge** on the right.

7. At a crosspath, you'll see your first Lovelace Bridge to your right, along the track. This is **Stony Dene Bridge**. The route here actually goes straight on, but it is worth walking down to look at the bridge and return to this point to continue.
8. You'll come to a 4-way junction and keep going straight on into the woods. Follow the track with the field to your right and you'll reach another crosspath with a waymarker post, where you turn left.
9. This path will take you to the second bridge, **Meadow Platt Bridge**. Just past the bridge, you'll come out onto a sweeping driveway and turn left, downhill. At the end of the drive, turn right along a narrow path, following the border fence.
10. The path widens into a track past a house. Ignore the public footpath sign off left after the house and continue along the track until you come out onto a road, where you turn right along the verge.
11. At the brow of the hill, cross the road carefully and turn left down a private road with a public footpath sign. Reaching a junction at a house, turn right and continue along the wide path. Soon you will pass under the wide **Hermitage Bridge** and then after another 650 metres **Troy Arch**.
12. Carry on until you get to a small car park with an information sign about Honeysuckle Bottom. Here, you turn right.
13. Following the track (Honeysuckle bottom) all the way to the end, you'll come out onto a road and turn immediately right, following the public footpath sign uphill. You'll soon reach the **Raven Arch** and then, at a crosspath, keep going straight.
14. Past **Briary Hill West Bridge**, there's a cross-track where you keep going straight because there's another bridge straight ahead (**Briary Hill East Bridge**). Emerge onto a road with Crook North Farm ahead of you. Turn left along the busy road.
15. After a few metres turn right onto a path through a wooden fence and follow the path left near to the road. After about 200 metres, turn left on a wide track over **Dorking Arch**, the largest remaining Lovelace Bridge. *Please note this is not an official path, rather steep and can be slippery.*
16. Immediately after the bridge turn right down the side of the bridge on the bank and join the road again.
17. Continue straight ahead on the road and after a few metres take a footpath on the left, signposted Public Bridleway. Follow this downhill alongside a fence and under the small **Robin Hood Bridge**, the last you'll see on this walk.
18. Come out onto a road and turn left past Robin's Wood and Forest View. Very soon, you'll come to a path on the right at Chalk Lane, heading back into the woods. Take this and then turn right on the small cross path and follow this parallel to the road until it curves left and continues steeply uphill.
19. After 700 metres you merge at a crosspath with a multi-directional footpath sign on your right. Turn right here, along the public bridleway and gently downhill.
20. Keep straight on this bridgeway ignoring side turnings for 1 kilometre until you emerge on the busy Guildford road.
21. Cross the road with care and turn right along this road to the junction with Ockham Road South until you see the Grade II listed Duke of Wellington pub next to Guildford Lodge gatehouse - the original entrance to Horsley Towers and now a family home.

22. Turn left here along Ockham Road South and pass **St Martins Church**, the **Lovelace Mausoleum** is behind and to the left of the church.
23. Continue on and very soon you will see the current double flint gatehouse entry to The De Vere Horsley Estate. (For shortcut continue straight on up the road to Horsley station 1.5 km)
24. There is a private road with pedestrian access through the Horsley Estate via **Horsley Towers** and it is well worth continuing.
25. Follow the road through the barriers as it winds left and right around the buildings . You will soon see the very impressive Horsley towers home to the Earl of Lovelace; you can't miss it!
26. Continue straight on past the towers and House Pond and on a foot access track called Pine Walk through woodland that curves round to the left and out through a gate leaving the De Vere estate.
27. Continue straight on the now residential Pine Walk as it curves to the right. At a cross junction continue straight on up Pennymead Drive and out onto Ockham Road South again. Turn right here ignoring the turning for Forest Road and continue straight for 600 metres until you reach Horsley station.