

The Grafham Water Circular

Distance: 13.73 km

Difficulty: Moderate

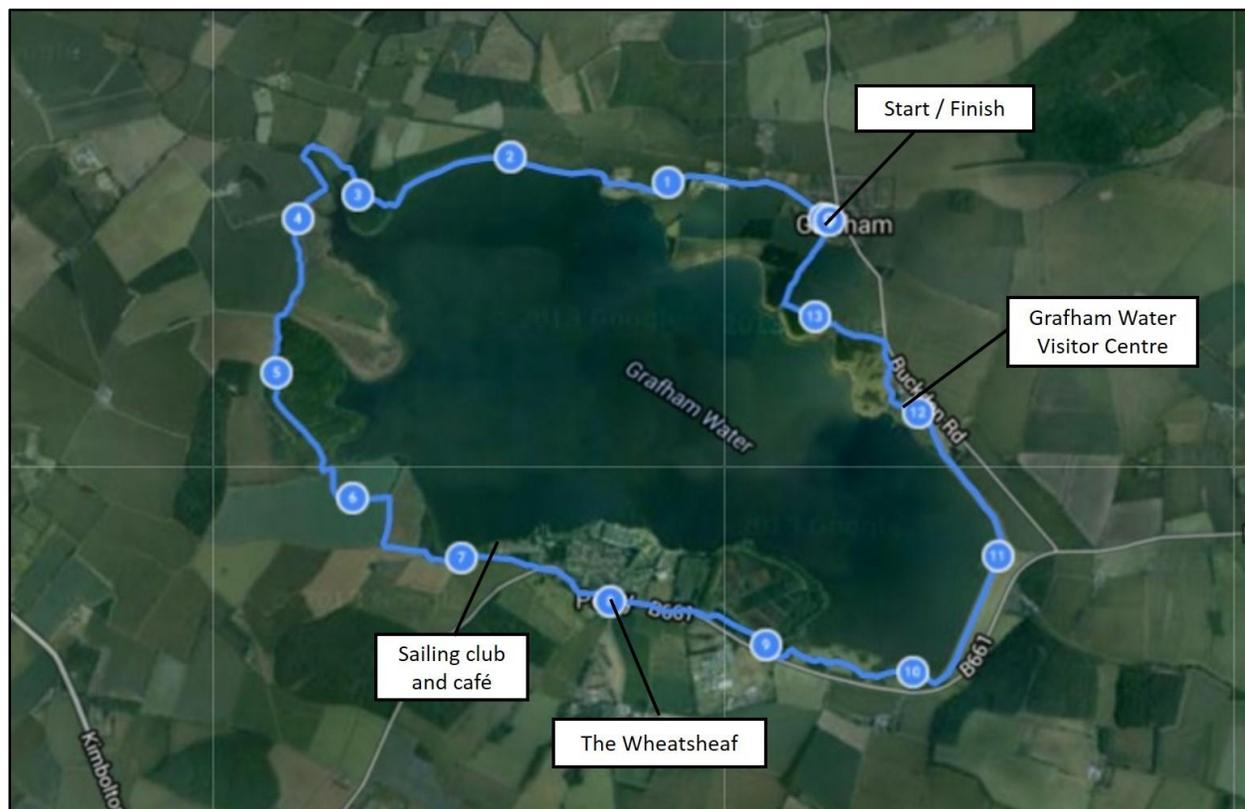
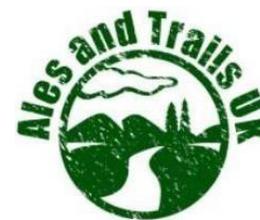
Dog Friendly: Yes

Ascent/Descent: Easy (+/- 197 metres)

Toilets: At the locations marked on the map

Wildlife: Grey phalarope, great northern diver, bee orchid + more

Endomondo GPS track: [View/Download here](#)



The Grafham Water circular walking route (Google Maps)

Starting location: Park your car somewhere along Church Road, Grafham (satnav: PE28 0BB) where limited on-street parking is available. Other side roads will also have on-street parking.

1. Walk down Church Road, heading away from Grafham village centre, passing the church on your left and a campsite on your right. Keep following the road until you join the brown signposted Grafham Water path, turning right at this point (pictured right).



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2. Follow the path (pictured left) as it goes around Sanctuary Bay, before bearing right and entering into Savages Spinney. Keep following the path, for several kilometres as it weaves around and goes through a mix of open meadowland and woodland. You will pass the Dragonfly Pond on your left, which is known for being home to multiple species of dragonfly. Keep following the path until you approach the Sailing Club and Café. Here, keep right, leaving the circular Grafham Water path

(unless you wish to use the café or toilets here) and follow the path will lead you out onto the B661 road into the village of Perry.

3. When you reach the B661, go left and follow the road; it will almost immediately bend around to the right. Keep following this road until you come to The Wheatsheaf pub on your right. Exit the pub and continue along the B661. At the edge of the village, take a path off to the left that runs parallel to the B661 (you can continue along the roadside, but the path offers nicer surroundings). Follow the paths, crossing over the first road (Bakers Way) and then turning left into Duberly Close. After 10 metres, turn right down a path and follow it until it brings you back water-side (pictured right). Here, there are some pic-nic benches at the car park the path passes by a little further on; perfect for a lunch stop.



4. Continue to follow the path and it will bring you to the Water's dam (pictured left). Continue on over the dam and follow the path. Through a gate, you will come to the Grafham Water Visitor Centre, where it is possible to get refreshments and use the facilities. Continue on along the path, past the Visitor Centre car park, then turning right onto a wide path through a wooded area. After a second wooded area, turn right onto a path called Church Hill. Follow this to the end, where it will bring you out onto Church Road in Grafham. From here, return to where you parked

your car.



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Pub: The Wheatsheaf

The Wheatsheaf in the village of Perry is the only pub along the Grafham Water circular route, making it popular among walkers and perfectly-situated for a refreshment stop halfway around this route. The real ale choices are limited, but there is a good lunch menu available, as well as main meals and specials. For further information, you can view their website [here](#).



Tips

This route is suitable for the winter paths as the paths are solid under-foot, but bring warm-weather clothing as certain sections of the route can be quite exposed to the wind.

This route goes through numerous nature reserves and other areas of interest, so if you are a nature enthusiast, don't forget to bring a camera with you and download this [nature leaflet](#) giving more detail on what you can see. There are also plenty of signboards along the route providing information on what species to look out for, so children can get involved and interested in nature too.

