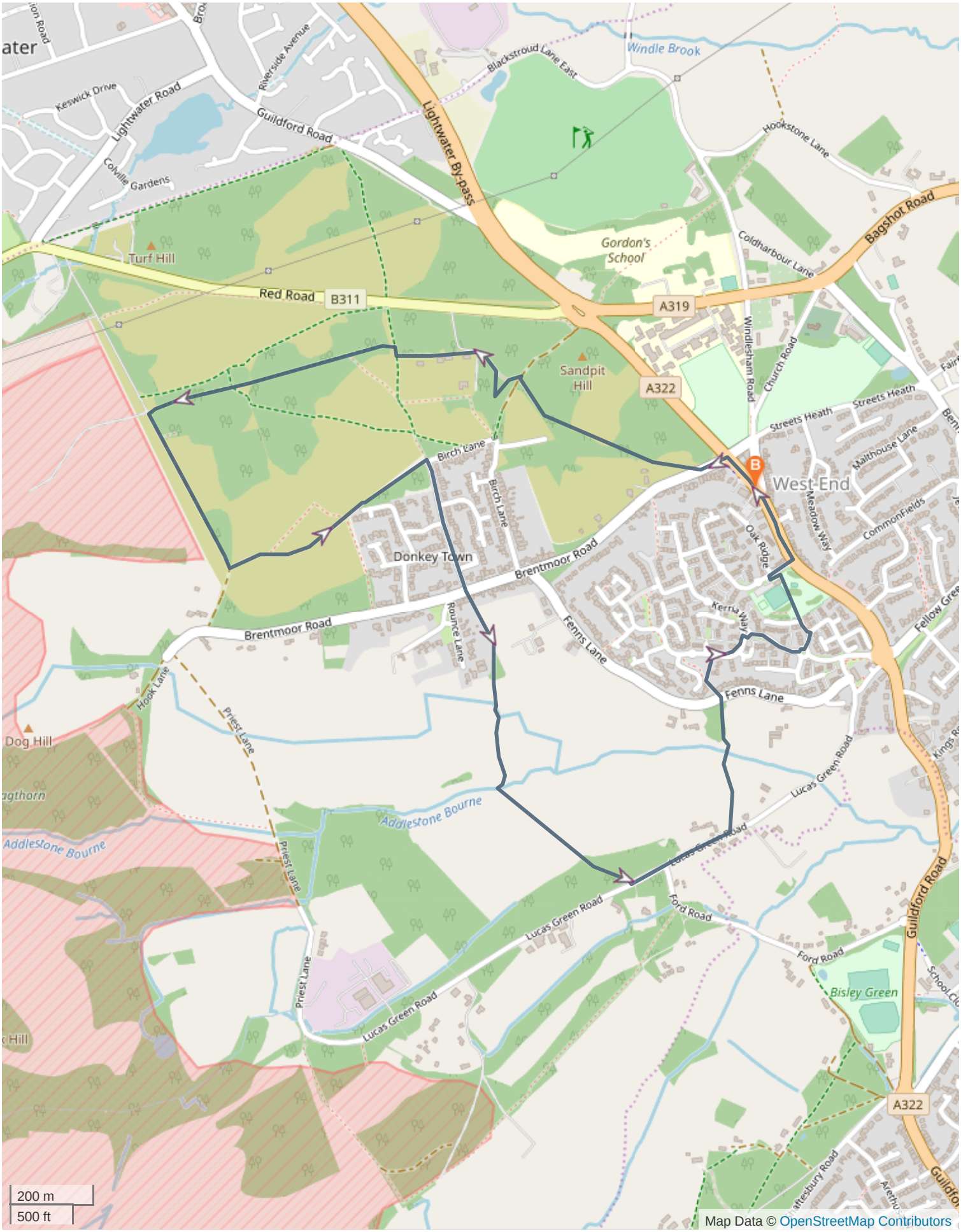
Brentmoor Heath & West End



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Source: All Trails

Start to Viewpoint

Leave the pub car park via the vehicle entrance and turn left along the pavement. Pass a bus shelter to reach the crossroads with traffic lights and turn left into Brentmoor Road. After just 40 metres, cross over the road to turn right through the staggered barrier, to enter Brentmoor Heath. Follow the obvious path leading you across the triangle of grassland. At the far side, go straight ahead to join the path with a fence and hedge on your left and woodland on your right. Pass alongside a small section of fence to reach a fork in the path. Take the right-hand branch and follow this path leading you between the trees (with an open area of heath visible across to your right). Continue to the end of this path, to reach a staggered T-junction with a gate and holly hedge ahead. Turn right to follow the path leading you uphill, passing through holly bushes to emerge out to the main vehicle access track within Brentmoor Heath. You will see one access track to your right and a choice of two tracks to the left. Take the second left-hand track. As this track bends right, it is worth forking left on a short detour to reach the bench at a viewpoint. This makes the perfect spot to enjoy the far-reaching views.

Viewpoint to MOD Boundary

When you are ready to continue, retrace your steps back to the main track and turn left to continue along this. At the end of the track you will reach a junction, with the pretty Heather Hills Cottage ahead. Take the track which runs just to the right of this cottage and then turn right onto the vehicle access track which heads towards the road. Just before you reach the metal gateway, fork left between wooden bollards to join a woodland path. At the first fork, keep right.

Now simply keep ahead on this main woodland path. At the crossroads of paths (marked with a waymarker with blue arrows), continue straight ahead to continue on the main woodland path. The path leads you gently downhill to reach the next waymarker post. Follow the blue arrows to bear left and then right. At the next crossroads, keep straight ahead once again. At the far end of this path, you will reach the tall wire fence and gates ahead, marking the MOD boundary. The area behind the fence is known as Pirbright Ranges. Pirbright Ranges have been used by the army since 1879 and are still in use today for training, indeed you have probably been hearing the gun fire for most of your walk. A number of red deer were released into the ranges in 2010 and help with conservation grazing.

MOD Boundary to Brentmoor Road

Turn left to join the main track, initially with the MOD fence running on your right. The track leads you gently downhill to reach a vehicle barrier. Pass alongside this, keep ahead for around 40 metres and, where the main track bends right, turn left. This side path crosses a small sleeper bridge to join a path leading into the open heath. Ignore the first left-hand side track and you will reach a fork in the grass track. Take the right-hand branch and it will lead you to a crossroads, with a garden hedge and house (just ahead to your right). Go straight ahead, passing the house on your right and with a ditch on your right. Follow the main path ahead as it dog legs right then left, to continue with the ditch now on your left. Keep ahead and you will emerge to a junction with a residential access track.

Turn right along the residential lane and continue down to the T-junction with Brentmoor Road. (If you want to shorten the walk and avoid the two stiles, you could turn left here, follow the length of Brentmoor Road to reach the crossroads, then turn right to return to the pub).

Brentmoor Road to Lucas Green Road

For the full walk, cross over the road and go straight ahead onto the stone track signed as a public footpath. Where the track ends, simply keep ahead to follow the narrow, unmade path between trees and hedgerows. You will come to a wide wooden gate and stile ahead. Go through the gate or cross the stile (there is a large fence gap for dogs) and keep ahead to cross a branch of Trulley Brook via the concrete slab bridge. After the bridge you will emerge into a wild meadow, with a choice of two paths. Take the left-hand branch, follow this for just 20 metres and then turn left through a hedge gap (which conceals a disused metal kissing gate) to reach the next large meadow. Take the path diagonally right (about 1 o'clock) which crosses the meadow and passes immediately alongside a beautiful alder tree. At the far side, the path leads you over a footbridge across another branch of Trulley Brook. After the bridge, turn left (passing another disused kissing gate) and continue on the public footpath, with a tree-line on your right and a tall wire fence on your left. This fence is the boundary for the grounds of Lucas Green Manor, which we will be passing shortly. Towards the end of the footpath, it widens out to become a vehicle track. Keep ahead and you will emerge alongside a gate to reach Lucas Green Road.

Lucas Green Road to Fenns Lane

Taking care of traffic, turn left along this road.

Ignore Ford Road on your right and, soon afterwards, you will pass the grand Tudor manor house called Lucas Green Manor on your left. The house dates from the 1500s, with additions and extensions made in the 1600s and 1800s. It is timber-framed with red brick cladding and a tile-hung upper floor and has grounds that stretch over 24 acres. Internally there are two original inglenook fireplaces and much of the wood panelling remains in place. Continue past the Manor and Manor Barn and, immediately afterwards, look for a footpath fingerpost on your left. Turn left to join the narrow woodland footpath, leading you through the trees and through a wooden kissing gate. The path continues, passing through scrub and passing a few electrically-fenced horse paddocks on your right. Keep ahead, crossing two footbridges over the branches of Trulley Brook. Go through the gate and then bear slightly left to reach a stile. Cross this (it has a gap for dogs beneath) and follow the path leading through the woodland. You will emerge out to a junction with Fenns Lane.

Fenns Lane to End

Cross over the lane with care and go straight ahead to join the paved footpath. At the path fork, take the right-hand branch which leads you ahead to a residential road. Turn right along the pavement and follow this as it swings left to reach a small roundabout. Turn right into Kerria Way and, at the next roundabout, turn left into Gardenia Drive. Take the first left into Camellia Court and, where this road bends left, go straight ahead through the fence gap to enter a grass parkland. Go straight ahead, passing between two picnic tables and passing the bowling green and hall on your left.

Turn left to pass in front of the hall and then turn right, through the car park entrance, to reach Rosewood Way. Cross over to the far pavement and turn right along this to reach the T-junction with the main road (A322). Turn left along the pavement and this will lead you directly back to the Inn at West End on your left, for some well-earned hospitality.