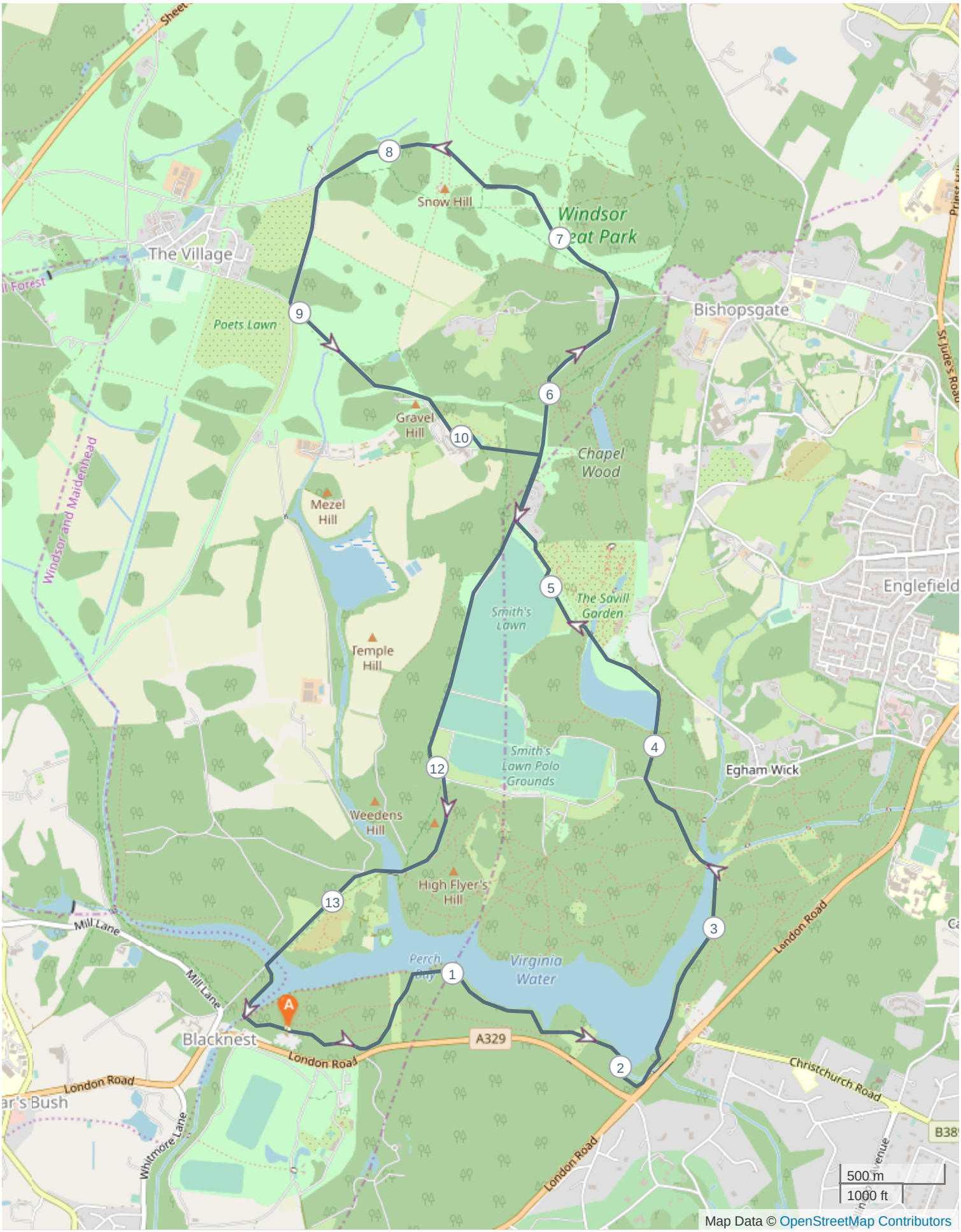
Windsor Great Park (14km)



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Car Park to Totem Pole

Leave Virginia Water South Car Park (SL5 7SB) and take the immediate turn on your right. You can go straight on here and get to the water a bit quicker, but turning right takes you on a nice winding woodland path. Follow it until you get to the water, and turn right to follow the main lake path, ensuring the lake is on your left at all times. Follow this path and you'll pass the cascade on your left and then, shortly afterwards, the pavilion on your right. The pavilion is another main car park you could start this walk from. Continue on the path until you reach a point where water is on your right as well as your left. You'll often see swans on your right here, and straight in front of you, you should see the totem pole.

Totem Pole to Cumberland Gate

Walk to the right of the totem pole, and follow any signs towards The Savill Garden. You'll climb up a relatively steep path before coming to a cross roads. Go straight over, and head round to the right of the Obelisk Pond. The Savill Garden should soon be in sight. As you approach, you'll see the Adventure Play area straight ahead, with a fork in the path directly before it. Fork left here, heading downhill with the play area and The Savill Garden now on your right. As the path levels out, look for the path on the right hand side and follow it. Keep going and you'll soon get to a T junction with a few buildings on your right and ahead of you. This is Cumberland Gate. Take a right here.

Cumberland Gate to Deer Park

As you're now on Queen Victoria's Avenue, the path is substantial enough to follow without getting lost. Keep walking ahead until you come to a crossroads. This crossroads is signposted and you'll see signs to Bishopsgate on the right and Main Gate on the left. Go straight over and you'll soon get to the entrance to Deer Park. As the name suggests, Deer roam around this area so it's important to be careful, especially during rutting season. Dogs must be kept on a lead. Head through the pedestrian gate on the left and enter the park.

Deer Park to Cumberland Lodge

From here again the path is relatively straight forward. Follow the main path through Deer Park as you gradually journey uphill. Keep an eye out for views of Windsor Castle in the distance on your right. Eventually, you'll reach a point on the path where the Long Walk starts. This isn't included on the route, but if you wanted to you could walk up and down the Long Walk to approach Windsor Castle. Be aware though, this is nearly 2.5 miles in each direction! At this point you should also see The Copper Horse on your left (or behind you if looking out to Windsor Castle). Keep following the same path you've been on and you'll start to loop back round to head home. At the first crossroads, take a left onto Duke's Lane. At the second crossroads, just before Poet's Lawn, take a left again. Follow the path for a little while and you'll soon approach Cumberland Lodge. There's a few places you can turn right onto here, and they all take you to roughly the same place. For the best quality path, it's best to go right up to Cumberland Lodge and follow the path that takes you around to the left of it.

Cumberland Lodge to Finish

Keep walking straight and you'll soon be back on Queen Victoria's Avenue, which you turned onto earlier from Cumberland Gate. Turn right here, and head back towards Cumberland Gate, this time going straight on once you're through the gate instead of turning left and retracing your earlier steps. You can now follow this quiet road for a few km, taking you past the Prince Consort's Statue on your right and the polo grounds on your left. Just after the polo grounds, the path will take you steeply downhill before leading you onto a small bridge. Virginia Water Lake is now on your left. Continue straight over the bridge and follow the path as it bears left. There is a sign for pedestrians to follow a footpath, but it can get incredibly muddy in bad weather so you may wish to stick to the road in those instances. They both take you to the same place. Immediately after crossing the next bridge (five arch bridge) take a left to walk on a nice woodland bark path until you reach a gate. There's usually a small drinks hut here which can be a good option. Take a left and go through the gate, before then going straight on rather than following the path round to the left. The car park will soon appear on your right.

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