

Sevenoaks Ramblers

Headley Heath- Box Hill Circular- 10 miles

Sunday, 20th September

This walk was the first of our 'Lucky Dip' walks, one of a number of historic walks randomly allocated to walk leaders with a view to expanding our repertoire.

We set off from Headley Heath through sheltered Surrey heathland, enlivened by a close encounter with a belted Galloway cow.

We continued to Box Hill, enjoying the wonderful views to the south as a reward for the climb to the top. After a quick snack and the obligatory group selfie, we left the crowds (Jane Austen fans perhaps?) and headed through woodland to the quieter environment of Juniper Top where we settled for a picnic lunch. The views here were of a more rural character than those from Box Hill. Sadly no junipers were found on Juniper Top, but we did identify clustered bellflowers and Robin's Pincushion, a growth on wild roses caused by a gall wasp (according to the enthusiastic botanists in our party).

Our route continued through quiet woodland trails until we emerged in horse country around the village of Headley. We resisted the temptation to stop at the pub for a drink, opting to forge ahead with the promise of an ice cream at Headley Heath car park. But on arrival we discovered there were no ice creams. What a swizz!



