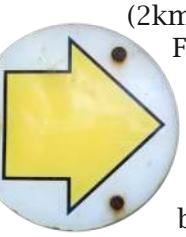


Introduction

The Merryhills Way is a short footpath at 1¼ miles (2km) running from Trent Park in the West to Fairview Road (off the Ridgeway) in the East. It derives its name from following the Merryhills Brook between Trent Park and the mid-way point.



It's an easy path to walk—though it can become very muddy in the winter or after prolonged rain—and gives glorious views over pastureland to the North. At the Eastern end, just before the path enters a wooded area, there is a wide view across to Oakwood and Cockfosters (above). There are good public transport links at either end of the route.

Since original publication in 2020 the link to Trentwood Side has been re-aligned. The map is correct but the text needs to be updated.

History

In January 2008 The Western Enfield Residents' Association, submitted a claim for a public right of way supported by forty two local residents who completed "Public Right of Way Evidence Forms" stating they had walked unchallenged and openly across all or sections of the paths over a period of twenty years.

On 25th Sept 2008 the claim was approved at an Enfield Council Planning Committee meeting but failed approval by the Secretary of State due to a technicality.

The Council then decided it would be easier to reach an agreement with the land owners and in November 2010 permission was gained for way-markers and kiss gates to be installed. The work was completed by volunteers from Groundforce and The Enfield Society in April 2011 with The Society paying for the way-markers.

The Merryhills Way finally became a right of way on 6th June 2018 when the Council's legal department signed-off all the documents.

The route





The path begins on Enfield Road near the Equestrian Centre (above, left). Walk about ¼ mile down the footpath on the right of the horse trail from the Equestrian Centre. Cross the brook by a footbridge, then turn right over the ditch into the field (above right). You are now at the start of the Merryhills Way. After ½ mile you come to the path for Trentwood Side.



At Camp Road you may take the track down to Enfield Road (Jolly Farmers pub-restaurant opposite). The Merryhills Way continues straight over, through a kissing gate.



After about 30 yards, bear right off the farm track (look for a second kissing gate, left below) and the path joins Salmons Brook, crossing it over a brick bridge.





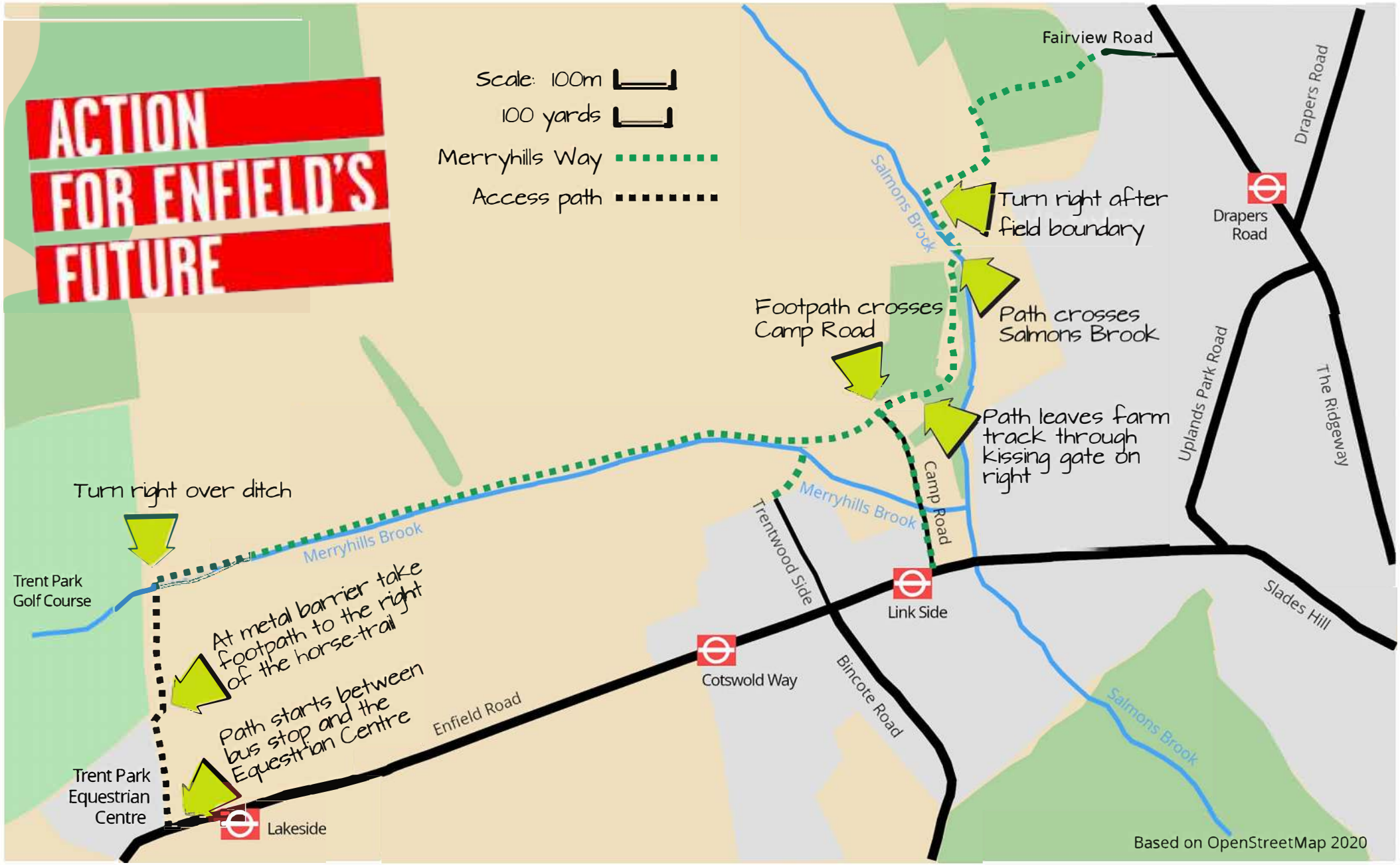
After crossing the Brook, turn left. At the next field boundary, turn right and follow the field edge up and round to the gate into the wood. The path then climbs to emerge at the end of Fairview Road (above, right).

Enfield Society Footpaths map

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Scale: 100m
100 yards
Merryhills Way
Access path
Fairview Road
Drapers Road
Drapers Road
Salmons Brook
Turn right after field boundary
Footpath crosses Camp Road
Path crosses Salmons Brook
Uplands Park Road
The Ridgeway
Path leaves farm track through kissing gate on right
Camp Road
Merryhills Brook
Turn right over ditch
Merryhills Brook
Trentwood Side
Trent Park Golf Course
At metal barrier take footpath to the right of the horse-trail
Link Side
Slades Hill
Cotswold Way
Bincote Road
Path starts between bus stop and the Equestrian Centre
Enfield Road
Salmons Brook
Trent Park Equestrian Centre
Lakeside
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