

Step Out Sheffield



Week 6 – Concord Park – 2.0 miles as shown.

The biggest green area in S5, Concord Park and Woolley Woods offer miles of walking mainly on well used paths or just strolling across the short grass. Start in the car park at Concord Leisure Centre. (Refreshment and toilets in leisure centre)

Starting point: Concord Leisure Centre, Shiregreen Ln, Sheffield **S5 6AE**

Anticlockwise

Cross the car park towards the road, eventually coming out onto the pavement and turning left. Just before the cemetery there is a footpath on the left – follow this and go through a gap in the fence to pass between the cemetery and the fenced sports areas before exiting the cemetery through another gap in the fence. At the T, turn right and proceed with the cemetery on your right and the golf course on your left.

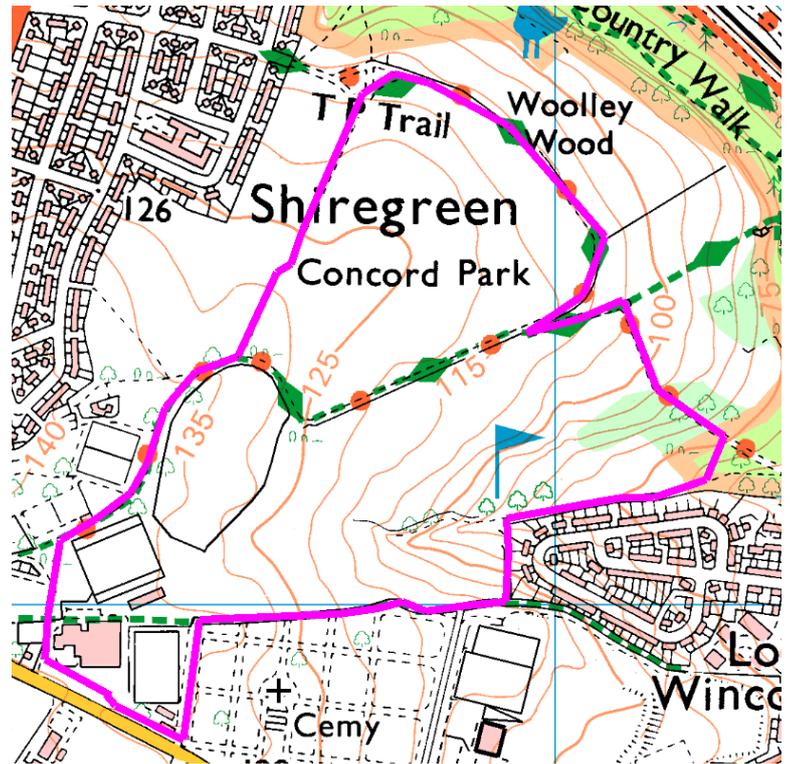
Pass through the metal squeezer, then as the path bends right, stop to admire the view of the motorway(?) then double back a few yards to take the path between the houses and the golf course.

Resist the temptation to take a short cut across the golf course, because we will not be responsible if you are hit by a golf ball (or an irate golfer) and follow behind the houses till you enter Wooley Woods. Proceed down the main track to a bench at a crossroads then turn left and quite steeply uphill on the official footpath across the golf course. (If you want a longer walk you can stay in the woods and follow the path which eventually comes out at the Concord Road car park).

Leave the wood and follow the path, turning left at the next junction and pass through the fence out of the golf course and into the park. From here, turn sharp right and follow the tarmac path round to Concord Road car park then up the hill back towards the leisure centre, or head across the grass for a shorter route. As long as you head uphill, you will eventually see the Leisure Centre through the fenced sports areas and you can follow the path back and through to the car park.

Options: Most of the length (and hills) in this walk are getting around the golf course; this can be avoided by going out round the leisure centre and straight into the park.

Risks



- One fairly steep, gravel descent, and some rough paths around and across the golf course; otherwise excellent underfoot.
- Usual problems of footpaths – cyclists (rare), dog muck, mud, litter, especially in the first section round the golf course.
- Woodland sections may be muddy and some steps.
- Take care crossing the golf course.
- One step-over stile

Places to pause and ponder

- As you walk up the hill, do not forget to look back at the view towards Blackburn and Richmond. You can also see the top of Meadowhall to the South.

