Step Out at SWFC The Wednesday Walk on Thursdays

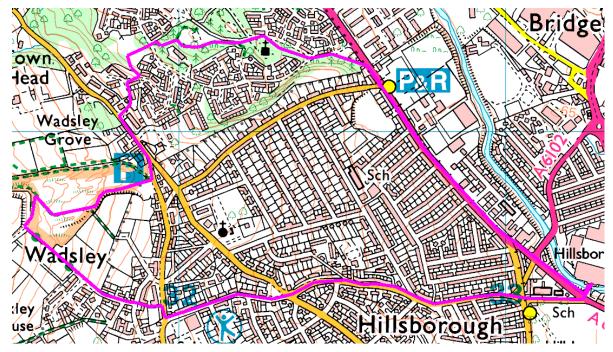


69 – Wadsley Common – 2.9 miles

Last week we looked across at Loxley Common and somebody asked if we could walk to there. The simple answer is no – it would be about 5 miles and about 500 feet of climbing, but here is the next best thing – Wadsley Common (the bottom part of the same common), which is still over 400 feet of climbing (similar to Bradfield, but not as muddy).

Anticlockwise

This walk starts by heading out past the training ground on Catch Bar Lane and Middlewood Road. Just before the kindergarten, bear left up the path to Middlewood Drive, then turn left. At the junction with



Eastwood, turn right then take the footpath on the left just before the gate posts, through Wadsley Park, to emerge onto Middlewood Drive East near the fossilised tree. Cross the road and take the path across the grass, then bear left on the smaller path to Queenswood Gate. Turn right then left on Queenswood Road and follow to Worrall Road, then turn left. Bear right on Rural Lane and enter the car park.

Follow the main footpath till it bends right, then look out for a path on the left through the trees. Follow this down to Aldene Road (formerly Coal Pit Lane), Turn left and follow all the way down to Luke Lane; cross over (bearing slightly left) and take the footpath down to Rural Lane. Turn right then left down Laird Road and straight on back to the stadium.

Risks

Crossing / walking along major roads, tram tracks and side streets. Footpaths on the common may be muddy or slippery.

