

Step Out at SWFC

The Wednesday Walk on Thursdays



83 – Concord to Wincobank – 2.8 miles

A slightly longer version of our usual Wincobank Fort walk, we start at Concord Leisure Centre, walk down through the Brickworks and the flower estate before tackling the hill from the North. Then down to the southern end of the Roman Ridge before the long, shallow climb back up to Concord.

Clockwise

From the Concord Leisure Centre (front) car park, cross the main road and enter Steel City sports ground. Bear left to the opposite corner then out into the Brickworks and down beside the school. Out onto Wincobank Ave, turn left then right opposite the Health Centre.

Turn left onto Bluebell Close, straight onto Honeysuckle Road. After Lavendar Way, turn right between the buildings onto Daffodil Road. Turn left, then right onto Hyacinth Close, and take the footpath at the end.

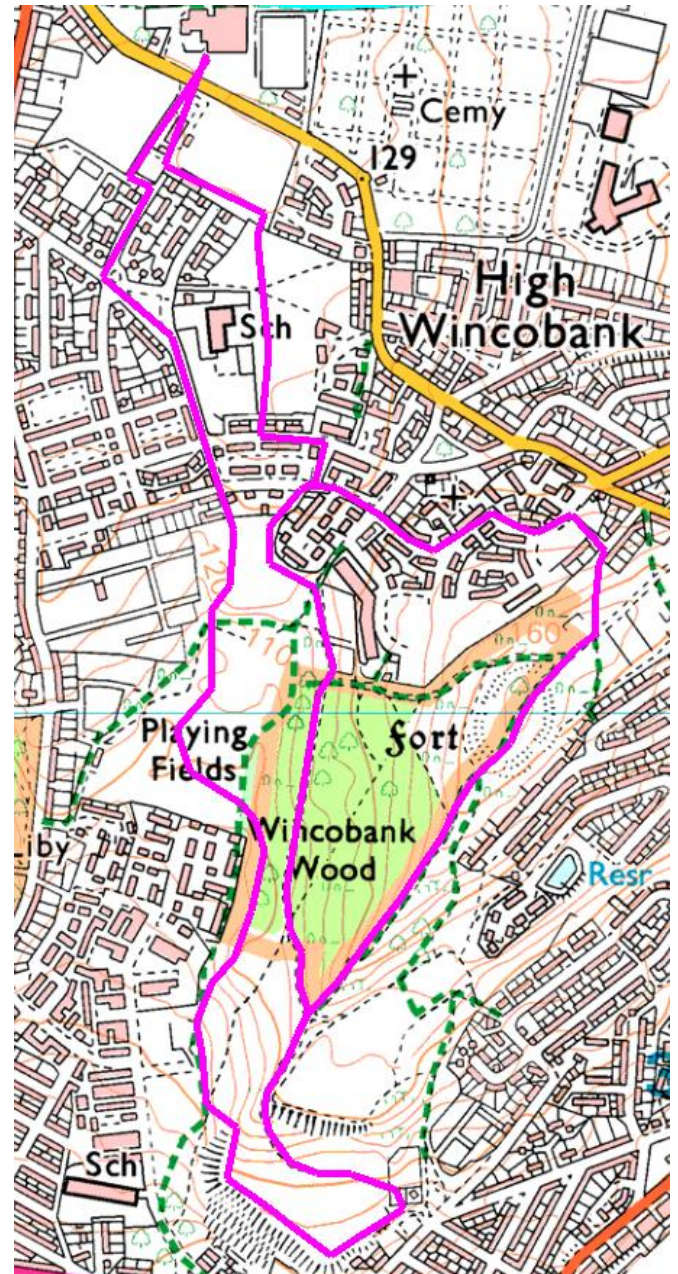
Climb up to the main track across the hill, turn right up to the fort and then straight on...

Eventually you come out of the trees into a grassy area. Turn Right, across the grass and take the path at the far corner (you can't see it till you get near, but it is there). This bit is a bit rough, but not too bad. Follow this path to the play area where we usually start the walk, and again cross the grass to the far corner. Take the path along behind the houses, cross the old playing fields and up to the higher level flat area.

Go out past the garages and straight up Bracken Road / Primrose Avenue. Bear right onto Foxglove Road and back across the Steel City ground.

Risks

- Only one major road to cross (twice), but watch out for traffic on the side roads
- The main tracks are firm but may be worn and rutted. Other paths may be muddy or slippery with wet leaves.
- Popular dog walking route (and not all owners are responsible)



Alternatives:

A flatter walk can be found by going straight on at Bluebell Close, follow round the side of the playing field and then straight on (or bear left) at every junction till you reach the main track on it's way down from the fort. You still have the long uphill back to Concord, but you avoid the steeper uphill to the fort.

You can cut off the bottom of the loop altogether by turning right at almost any of the cross paths, then pick up the return track.