

# Step Out at SWFC

## The Wednesday Walk on Thursdays



### 89 – Two Parks (and a Gutter) – 3.2 miles

After a walk out in the wilds last week, we are making the most of the green city this week with a stroll through the park. Unfortunately, the two parks are on opposite sides of a ridge, so it's up and down and up and down again...

Park on Longley Hall Road near Longley Lane (that's right at the bottom of the map).

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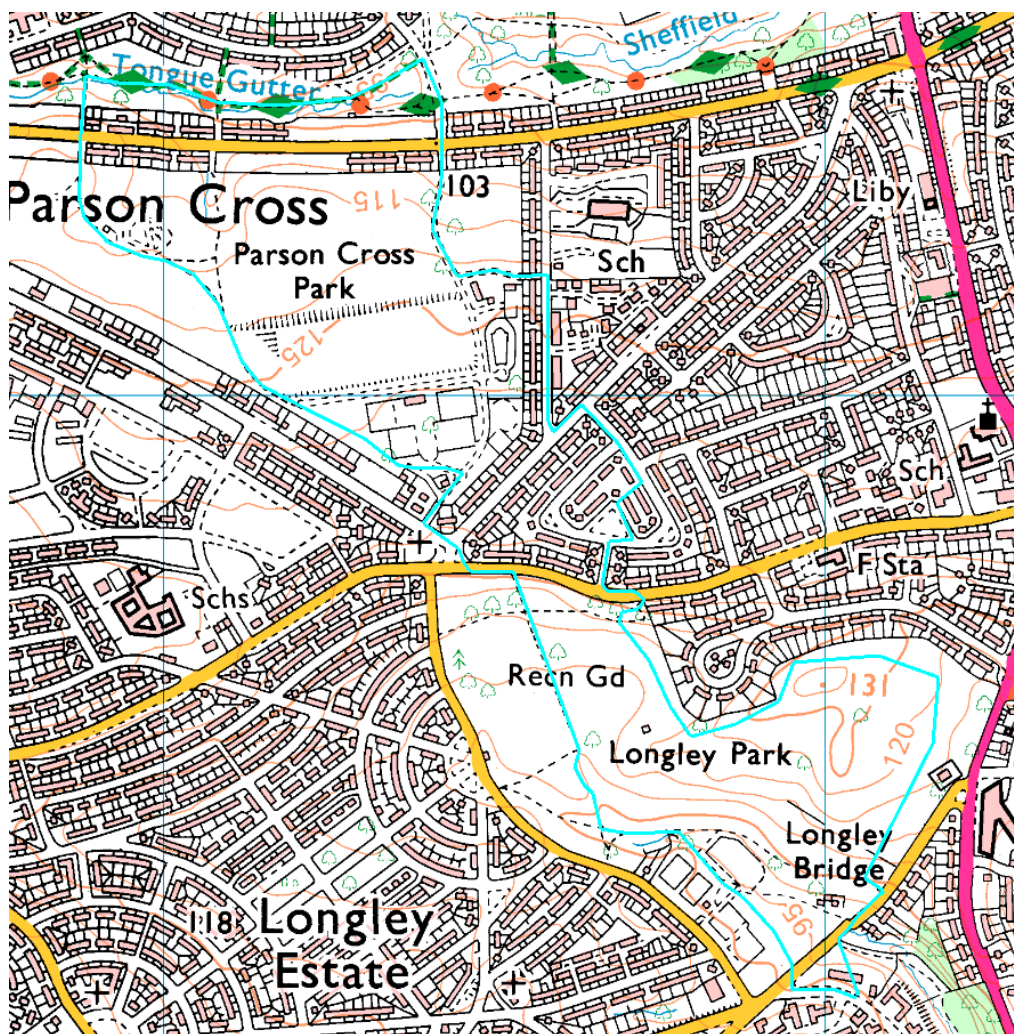
This walk crosses the grass, but if it is very wet you can do most of the walk following the paths instead.

From the bus, cross the grass diagonally to Longley Lane, cross over and turn right past the houses. Turn left into the park and then head uphill across the grass, through the trees.

Here you can take the gentle route spiralling round the hill or the direct route to the top, but once there take the narrow path between the trees and out onto the grass on the other side. Take time at the top of the hill to admire the view.

Follow the edge of the park as it bends right, drops down (may be muddy...) and climbs up again. At the top, join the path and exit the park onto Elm Lane. Turn left and right onto Emerson Drive and go straight on between the houses before turning left on Emerson Crescent and out onto Lindsay Ave. Turn left and right onto Lindsay Road and follow this till you can turn left into Parson Cross Park.

At the end of the allotments turn right and down the path to Deerlands Ave, straight across into Holgate Crescent and over the stream before turning left along Tongue Gutter. As you walk up the path, there are two cross-paths and you can turn left on either of them. The second is more likely to be muddy, but is a nicer walk. Whichever you take, cross Deerlands and go back into the park, heading up towards the top of the hill and the main exit. Come out onto Buchanan Road, turn left and cross Lindsay Avenue and Elm Lane, then turn left along to the gate into the park.



From here it's straight on 3 times, then left through the mud (there is tarmac underneath it, but you may do better walking on the grass). At the next junction bear right and go between the children's playgrounds, bearing left to come out the other side and then right onto the narrower path which takes you straight back to the end of Longley Hall Road.

Risks:

- A few busy roads to cross and some quieter roads to follow – please be careful.
- Parks, watch out for dogs, cyclists and joggers.
- Footpaths – may be muddy.
- NO Stiles! (except those silly squeeze gates...)