

# Step Out at SWFC

## The Wednesday Walk on Thursdays



### Walk 111 – Firth Park and Wincobank – 2.6 miles

This walk is quite similar to route 27, but it's 4 years (and a couple of weeks) since we did that so worth revisiting. We walk from Firth Park to Wincobank Wood, but we don't visit the fort this time (unless anybody wants to). Park in Firth Park Car Park on Hucklow Road (S5 6TF).

Clockwise:

From the car park, enter the park through the squeeze gate and cut across the grass and round past the café, then bear right past the milepost and the map rock and follow the path to the first exit on Firth Park Road. Before exiting, have a look round for a fox – apparently there's one round here somewhere.

Cross the road and enter Hinde Common Wood. Head uphill, bearing left to exit at the junction of Firth Park Avenue and Hinde House Lane. Cross the lane and go through behind the houses (turning right) and then bear left following the track up towards the Flowers Estate. Where the track splits bear right and then just follow the track round and through the woods. (If you want to visit the fort, take the first track on the left going steeply uphill, and we'll see you later!)

When the path bends round to the left, crossing the main track over the fort and leaving the trees, bear left and follow round the outside of this level area. This is part of the old Roman Ridge, but was used as a tip in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century before becoming playing fields later. In the last corner, leave the flat area and once again cross the main track to drop fairly steeply down to the kids playground. Bear left and head for Wensley Close. At the end of the close, go through the ginnel onto Wade Street, cross Hinde Street and follow right on Lauder Street to emerge onto Willoughby Street. Turn left, then right on Hinde House Lane. Turn right, cross over and go through the squeeze back into Hinde Woods. Follow the path as it slopes downhill to the old library on Firth Park Road.

Cross over and enter Firth Park, heading uphill and right. At the top you can turn left, (dropping down through the trees then turn right to follow the path back uphill) or if you are tired, just go straight on back to the car park.

Risks:

- Firth Park Road can be busy, cross with care.
- Just the usual - hopefully no mud, ice or other slippery stuff.

