

# Step Out at SWFC

## The Wednesday Walk on Thursdays



### 128 – Robin Wood and Loxley Common – 2.4 miles

A grade 2 walk today... (somebody suggested I should grade my walks, to let you know in advance which ones to miss, so this one is quite hilly, mainly good footpaths, no stiles and very little mud.) About 400 foot of gentle climbing.

Starting in Loxley, we walk through Robin Wood before heading up into Wadsley and right up to the top of Loxley Edge before dropping down back to Archers Gate. Park on the parking area at the top of France Road (over Rodney Hill, past the school, first right up Chase Road then third right up France Road).

Anticlockwise

We start with a road walk, along Archer Gate. At the end, cross Phillips Road and head diagonally over the grass to enter Robin Wood Nature Trail (alternatively, head down the pavement and across the path if the grass is very wet).

Follow the trail till you drop out the bottom onto Rodney Hill, turn left past the allotments, then left again up the track towards the common. At the top of the track turn right, join Bland Lane and pass

Loxley House then turn left through the snicket onto Aldene Avenue. Turn left on Aldene Road, then where the track bends sharp left, take the path on the right which skirts the embankment of the playing fields. At the end, go straight on – there are so many paths here that you can take your pick, as long as you head generally uphill and end up at the car park at the top of Loxley Edge.

From here, head along the road before turning left and admiring the view then dropping down the (quite steep) track. After about quarter of a mile, at the junction, turn right to drop out of the trees and follow the bridleway round the fields and back down to the cars.

Risks

- No road crossings, but a bit of walking on pavements and side roads. Watch out for joggers, bikes and horses.
- No stiles (unless we get lost), paths are not too rough underfoot but may be tree roots.
- Some parts may be muddy and wet grass, so boots recommended.

