

# Step Out at SWFC

## The Wednesday Walk on Thursdays



148 – Loxley Common (without Robin Wood) – 2.4 miles

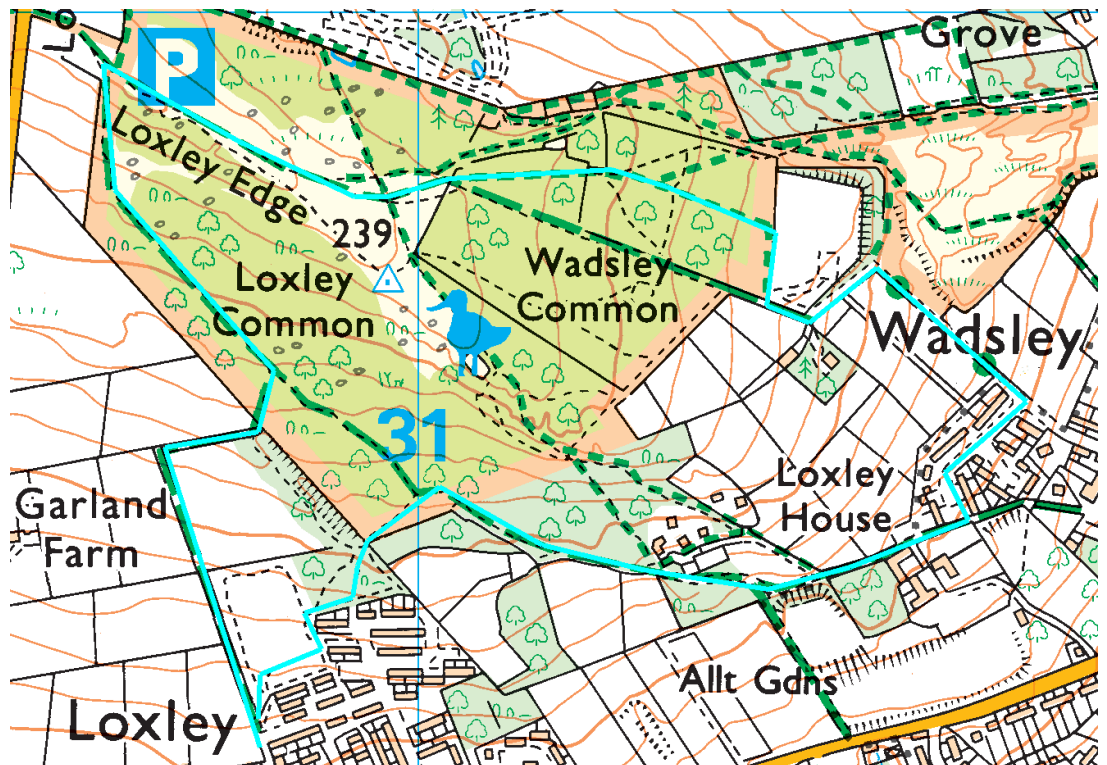
Today's walk is more or less the reverse of walk 128, but missing of the interesting bit through Robin Wood (remember that one – lots of brambles and nettles). Starting in Loxley, we walk up to the top of Loxley Edge then work our way down through the woods and round to Archers Gate. Grade 2 – quite steep climb and some rough tracks.

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).

Clockwise

From the end of Archer Gate, head up the bridleway (which is quite rocky) and follow round into the woods till you meet up with the main track uphill. Turn left and follow to the top of the Edge then turn right on the road and cross the car park.

There are a number of paths you can take here, but the intention is to drop down to the old playing fields and join Aldene Road round the allotments. Where the track stops and the road starts, turn right into Aldene Avenue, through the snicket onto Bland Lane, turn right and pass Loxley House on the left, then straight on along the bridlepath into the trees. Ignore the track which drops away on the left and proceed uphill to a path on the left which takes us down to a stile at the corner of the wood. Bear slightly left to arrive on the playing field (or possibly on Phillips Road, in which case take a snicket on the right to the playing field) and cross down to the cars.



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### Risks

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

