

Step Out at SWFC

The Wednesday Walk on Thursdays

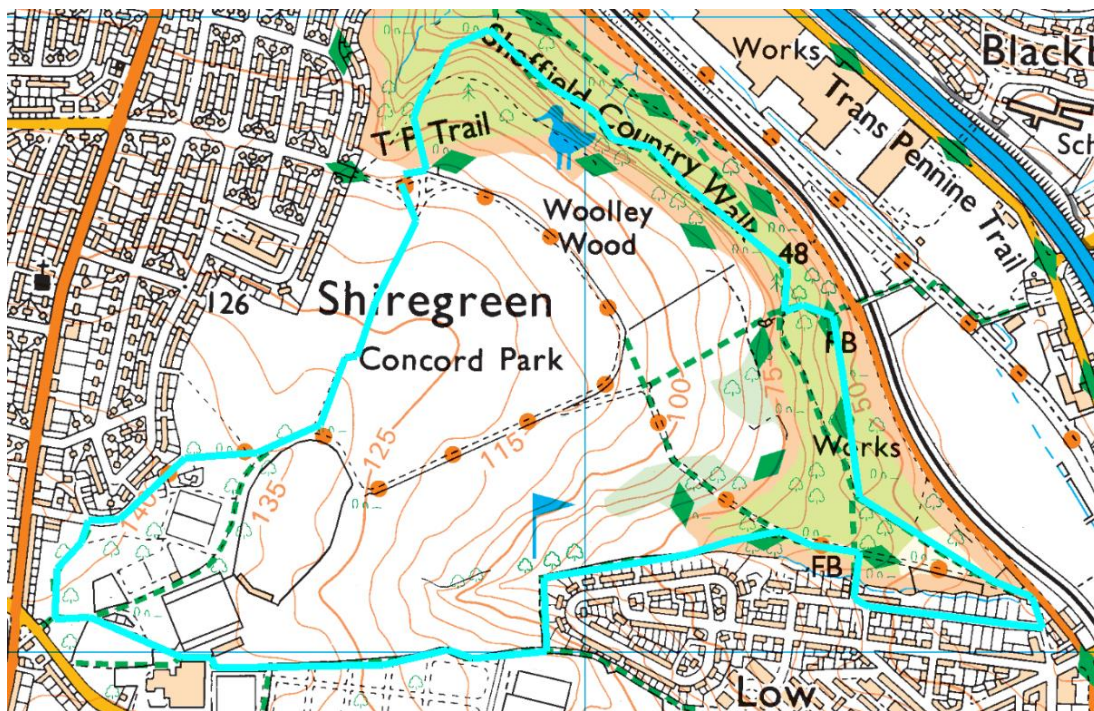


Walk 153 – Concord Park and Wooley Wood – 2.8 miles

Quite a hilly walk with some grass and some woodland paths but mainly hard surface. Some parts will be muddy, but should not be too bad, but rated 2 so wear your boots! We start from the bottom car park on Concord – head towards Concord Leisure Centre along Hatfield House Lane, but at the traffic lights just before the park, turn left down Bellhouse Road. At the mini roundabout turn right onto Concord Road, and straight on to the end.

Anticlockwise:

From the car park, head up the hill along the path till you get to the point where the path splits. Bear right and follow round to the back of the old barn (grade 2 listed!) then exit the park and follow Oaks Lane round to the squeeze with a tarmac path where you re-enter the park.



Follow round towards the main gate but bear left and head across the grass to the back of the sports centre. Head towards the golf club then turn right down the side of the sports hall and left on the footpath between the golf club and the fenced pitches. Follow this path with the cemetery on your right and the golf course on your left till you pass through the metal squeezer, then as the path bends right, stop to admire the view of the motorway(?) then double back a few yards to take the path between the houses and the golf course. Resist the temptation to take a short cut across the golf course, because we will not be responsible if you are hit by a golf ball (or an irate golfer) and follow behind the houses till you enter Wooley Woods.

Proceed down the main track to a bench at a crossroads then turn right, cross the stream and exit onto Woodbury Road, turning left. In theory, Woodbury Road joins on to Dara Street where we want to turn left (in practice, we may need to go down Woodgrove Road and Standon Road to get to Dara Street). Go through to the car park then bear right into the woods at a lower level, and take any of the multitude of paths which run the length of the woods before ending up (up being the operative word – some lead to a lot of steps and steep slopes) back in the car park.

Risks:

- No road crossings, a couple of streets to walk along..
- Can be a bit rough underfoot through the wood, but generally fine. Wet grass may be slippery.
- A steep slope down behind the cemetery and a few steps up (lots of steps if you go the wrong way!)

