Walk and Talk The 'Wednesday' Walk on Thursdays



193 - Wadsley and Spider Park - 2.3 miles

Occasionally we cannot get access to tea and coffee after the walk, so we move the start to somewhere with a café or pub – this is one of those walks. Starting at Wisewood Leisure Centre, we will be using the RIVA coffeeshop for afterwalk refreshments. The walk goes up onto the bottom of Wadsley Moor then drops down to Studfield Hill and back round to Spider Park. A mixture of roads, tracks and footpaths, it is mainly good underfoot, so rated at 2 – not much mud but some (possibly wet) grass, no really steep climbs or descents and just a couple of stiles.

Park at Wisewood Leisure Centre, near the RIVA building.

Counterclockwise

From the car park, cross Wisewood Park to Laird Road, up to Common Lane and along to Luke Lane. Go up Luke Lane and follow it as it bends right then turn left on Stour Lane and follow it up, across the field and onto the common. Take the main path left, up the hill then double back on the left round the bottom of the playing fields to come out on Aldene Road. Turn left and drop down to the houses, then turn right on Aldene Avenue and follow through the ginnel at the end to Bland Lane.

Turn right and follow past Loxley House, to the track on the left which takes us down to Ben Lane. Cross over and take the path down across Studfield Quarry Fields. At

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the bottom, turn left up Studfield Hill then take the second road on the right, Studfield Road.

Opposite Studfield Crescent, turn left up the ginnel, cross Cox Road and come out on Hallowmoor Road. Turn right then left into Dial House Road and look out for the ginnel on the left with a fancy sign saying Spider Park. Go through the park to come out along Sevenfields Lane to Ben Lane. Turn left, cross over at the traffic lights and go up Rural Lane, back to the cars.

Risks

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5 road crossings, only one has a crossing so take care.

A lot of road walking, mainly on pavements but some on narrow roads so watch out for cars, bikes, etc. No stiles or steps.

Footpaths (mud, slipping, tree roots, steps, etc).

Some walking across grass which may be slippery.