

This walk is around 4 miles long and begins at Alfold Bars taking in the pretty countryside around the Sussex Border Path. Begin by heading up Pigbush Lane, opposite the Sir Roger Tichbourne on the Alfold to Loxwood road.

1. Walk up the lane on the Sussex Border Path for just over  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile to reach a farm. Walk through the farm and in to the wood beyond.
2. Continue up this path for  $\frac{1}{3}$  mile. At the top turn right on the bridle path (a large tree cleared area ahead of you).
3. The path soon meets a track. Stay ahead on this track, maintaining your direction. Follow it, as it swings left handed to walk past a pond on your right.
4. Immediately after the pond walk up the little grassy bank, away from the track to reach a field. Walk around its right hand edge to enter a wood.
5. Stay ahead in the wood, ignoring a fork right, stay high to reach a new finger post sign. Turn right to walk down this straight wide bridle path.
6. After  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile, upon reaching a crossing track with a large metal gate on your left, turn right and then through another metal gateway you see ahead of you. Immediately fork left on a path away from the track.
7. Continue on this path until you reach a small plank bridge over a ditch. Turn left and continue to reach a T-junction. Turn right to walk up this path, and then take the first signed path to your left. Continue along this path to a more robust footbridge over a stream and exit the wood via a stile.
8. Walk up to and cross the next stile you see ahead of you to walk up the left hand side of a hedge in the next field.
9. Turn right at the top. Having walked past Songhurst New Farm on your left, exit the field out in to Merry Hills and turn right to walk up the lane.
10. Continue for  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile to reach the Sussex Border Path again on Pigbush Lane. Turn left and walk down to the start.

My tip: Choose a good day weatherwise after a few dry ones. These paths are difficult to walk after rain but the views at the end are spectacularly pretty. And of course there's a newly revamped pub at the end.....