

This walk incorporates an area east of Billingshurst and is just under 4 miles long. If you attempt this one in wet weather take your waterproof boots, it is as well to go prepared....but this walk is well worth the effort. Reward yourself with a pie and an pint on the way home....

First find St Gabriel's Church (TQ090259) on the main A272 around 200 yds out of Billingshurst village centre heading east. It is on the right hand side. I parked (considerately!) in residential Silver Road just prior to reaching it.

- Walk past the Church with it on your right along the pavement beside the main road for 50 yds. Take the right hand tarmac driveway signed to Little Daux Barn. At the house, continue ahead on the track and go through the metal five-bar gate.
- Stay ahead in this field and over the next two fields. Maintaining your direction, carefully cross the railway line and within 20 wooded yds turn left (Great Daux Farmhouse on your right).
- Walk for 50 or so yds parallel with the railway line and after a gap in the hedge, turn immediately right. Walk down this next field to enter a small woodland crossing a wooden footbridge. Turn left in this next field hugging the left hand side, into another field and following it around it's corner to eventually see a modern brick house ahead of you. Skirt this property to the left (follow the signs...) to bring you out to the road.
- Turn right and walk down the (main) road briefly before turning left in to the driveway of Fewhurst Farm, marked by a bridle path sign. Within 100 yds, fork left, by a white house again signed up to the Farm. Approaching the house (TQ103249) fork left on the grassy bridle path (as the drive bends round to the right) to take you around the back of the Farm past some white post and rail fencing. Stay on the bridle path (crossing a brick track as you walk away from the property) and continue through this wooded area following the direction signs, through an open area and crossing a stream when back in woodland until you reach the railway line after a winding, narrow, slightly overgrown path.
- Walk under the railway arch/bridge bearing right to reach and cross a metal gate in to more woodland. Maintain your direction

- exiting this woodland through another metal gate followed immediately by a small wooden gate.
- Walk up the left side of the central spur of woodland/hedging maintaining your direction ahead to reach and cross through a gate (with post and rail fencing). Veer slightly right to soon pass under the overhead wires passing very close by one of the pylons. Stay ahead to enter a wood via another small gate.
  - Cross the stream and veer immediately left up hill to walk down the side of a post and rail fenced field. A small woody area brings you out to walk alongside the next field via another gate.
  - Before entering the next piece of woodland, cross the stile to your left to walk you down this field and then along the bottom of it, turning right around the corner and in to a small woody area. Cross a wooden footbridge over a stream.
  - Continue ahead to walk up the footpath alongside a fenced field for 200 yds to eventually reach the lane.
  - Turn left and immediately after the first zig zag, take the right hand signed foot path away from the road to lead you in to a large field. Stay up the left hand side (large pylons bisect this field)
  - Cross in to the next field and head for the gap you see ahead. Then, in this next field, head half left to reach the woodland via a stile. Stay ahead on the (right hand) wider path until you reach a crossing signpost with a steep path, with tree roots, up to your left. Take this path uphill to reach a tarmac lane.
  - Stay ahead on this to reach the main A272 once more at St Gabriel's Church.

My tip : Try and walk with a friend or small group of friends. If in doubt about the directions, pass them over to someone else. A different interpretation may be helpful!