

This walk is a simple one and a really good one for these (hopefully) drier months. In the winter the early paths become virtually impassable with deep mud making for unpleasant wading.... The summer brings them in to their own. It is also shady and cool nearly all the way.

- Begin by parking at Loxwood Social Club car park and head down the track running alongside the back of the houses with the cricket pitch on your left.
- Continue along this until it turns into a path and stay ahead to reach Fox Cottage on your left and it's driveway going off to the right. Now fork left to run you alongside its garden.
- Continue ahead for 1/3 mile until you reach a lane (driveway to Wephurst Park) and then take the footpath ahead of you, maintaining your direction.
- Continue on this path until you reach the end of the field, which you soon walk alongside. Ignoring the gateway on your half left, turn right to walk down this wide hard path.
- At the end turn right, (not in to the field) but on another hard track, soon to bear right and continue ahead. Wephurst Park can be seen over to your left. Stay on this track through the woodland until you reach the Wephurst driveway once again. Cross the drive and maintain your direction, staying ahead all the way, on all of the paths, for about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile, to eventually reach the Social Club again.

Despite my earlier remarks, a prolonged spell of wet weather can make the bridle paths greasy and difficult, even in summer. Wait for a few dry days.

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