

This walk is roughly a figure of eight. Being a fan of the Wey and Arun Canal, I have incorporated, in part, a section of the canal briefly before heading out north of Ifold and returning to it via Loxwood.

The walk is around 5 miles and starts at Oak Tree Stores in Ifold. Park in the most convenient place you can.

- From the shop, walk down The Drive for around half a mile until you reach a signed footpath off to your right (just after a house called Southlawns), down the driveway of Loxwoodhill, veering left on to the footpath, shortly to see a small lake over to your right at the back of the property.
- Cross over the Loxwood Stream on a footbridge and then head half right over the meadow following the path up to the canal itself. Turn left to walk along the towpath with the canal on your right.
- Continue along this path for around $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile. After the wooden footbridge over the canal on your right, take the stile after 40yds or so on your left – a yellow arrow points the way, by a metal gate, toward another stile, also by a metal gate. Continue ahead to cross another stile.
- Cross the driveway and go over the stile in to a pony paddock. Keep to the right hand side and at the end, go through the metal gate on the right. Stay ahead on the cobbled driveway of Sydney Farm, going through another gate alongside the house, turning left immediately after it,* to walk down the driveway to another house and after 20 yds taking the stile on the right before you get to it. Cross this small paddock veering half left to the stile you see ahead. Cross the footbridge.
- Stay ahead to cross the stile ahead of you through thick hedge, another footbridge and stay ahead over two more stiles in a field. Go through a metal gate to exit this field.
- Stay ahead in to another field and hugging the right hand side to follow it down and around the left hand corner. After 30 yds take the right hand gated exit from the field. Stay ahead and cross a small wooden walkway. Continue straight ahead finally enter woodland via another stile with a large modern house to your right. Stay on the footpath (a left right angled bend) and stay ahead for around half a mile in woodland until you reach a

- small field, to then cross a stile and then a bridge over the River Lox to reach the canal.
- Cross the canal, maintaining your direction on the path ahead to shortly turn right at a 4-points sign. Continue on this path, crossing a driveway and continue (heading for Loxwood) until a field appears on your right. Stay on the path, skirting the field, which is on your right, until you reach Loxwood village.
 - As you reach the houses, a black barn conversion in front of you, turn right on the footpath leading out of the village in to a field. Continue ahead along the edge of the field to shortly reach woodland. Heading downhill you will shortly reach Devils Hole Lock. Cross the brick bridge and turn right along the towpath, the canal again on your right.
 - Within 100 yds, take the first signed left forked footpath over the meadow (familiar from the first part of the walk), back over the Lox footbridge and out on to The Drive via the same footpath in view of the lake. Turn left down the The Drive to eventually reach Oak Tree Stores.

My tip : If ever in doubt of the direction in which to travel, go back to the last signed foot/bridle path. In West Sussex they are very accurate and will help with direction. The exception being at * on this route!