Lingfield Byways Walks

Walk 3 Gratwick Wood via Rushfords and Lingfield Station

Route Distance 3.66 miles Estimated time 1 hr 31 mins



Leave Lingfield and Dormansland Community Centre by the side gate and turn right to go along the twitten. On reaching St Peter and St Paul Churchyard, keep left and then descend two flights of steps with the Lingfield Community-Partnered Library on your left. Cross Vicarage Road and ascend the flight of steps onto the footpath on the other side of the road. At the end of this enclosed path, go through the kissing gate on your left into Jenner's Field. Go around to the right of the playground and cross Jenner's Field diagonally to the point where the gravelled footpath crosses through the hedge line. Turn right and at the bottom of the incline go through the kissing gate on your right. Go past the Fire Station on your left and turn left into Saxbys Lane. At the end of Saxbys Lane cross over into Rushfords. Ahead of you between nos. 33 and 35 Rushfords, you will see a footpath and this will take you through kissing gates over the railway.

Continue straight ahead and cross the two stiles and intervening wooden bridge. In the next field bear slightly left and cross Eden Brook on the footbridge. After descending from the second stile turn sharp right heading for a stile in the corner of the field. Cross over the stile and walk straight ahead with a ditch and hedge on your right. This path is often very muddy in winter. Go over the next stile; turn right and go over the next stile. After passing the cottages on your left, the path crosses a tarmac drive at which you bear very slightly right, keeping the big house on your right, to take the rough track ahead. When you reach the corner of a big field, turn left along a chalky track. At the top of the field turn right with a line of trees on your left. After walking across two fields, turn left at the end of the line of trees where you will be walking along part of the perimeter of the National Centre for Young Epilepsy. When you reach a signpost by a gate into Gratwick Wood,

go through the gate and turn immediately left to walk around the edge of the Wood. When you reach a stile on your left, go right and then straight ahead on the obvious path. This will take you back to the gate you came through earlier. Go through the gate and turn left to retrace your steps to the line of trees.

On reaching the line of trees go straight ahead and follow the footpath downhill to the kissing gate. The area around this gate can get waterlogged in winter. After passing through the gate go slightly left and take the little footbridge over the boggy area and then continue to the next footbridge which takes you back over Eden Brook. Continue straight ahead until you reach a whitepainted kissing gate, after which you turn right. Walk along the platform and cross the railway on the footbridge.

On exiting the Station, go straight ahead to the junction with Station Road. Cross the road and take the footpath that leads up through fields to the Star Pub. Cross the road and bear right into Church Gate. At the gates into St Peter and St Paul Churchyard turn left and then left again into the twitten which leads you back to the Lingfield and Dormansland Community Centre.