Lingfield Byways Walks

Walk 6 Matthew's Wood via Mill Lane Circuit

Route Distance 3.7 miles Estimated time 1 hr 34 mins



Take the front gate out of the Lingfield and Dormansland Community Centre car park onto Town Hill. Turn left and walk down Town Hill. Cross the end of Church Road and continue down Town Hill. Cross Station Road and continue on to Racecourse Road. When you reach the pedestrian crossing, cross the road and turn left to continue along Racecourse Road. Just beyond the service road to Lingfield Racecourse, but before the railway bridge, turn right onto the bridleway known as Mill Lane.

Walk along Mill Lane, which has a few twists and turns until you see a bridge on your right. Go over this bridge and turn immediately left onto a high footpath which borders the fairway of the 17th hole of Lingfield Park Golf Course. At the end of the high path, turn left onto the tarmac drive, which borders part of Lingfield Racecourse. Continue along this drive until you reach Matthew's Wood and eventually turn left into the Wood. The main footpath goes straight ahead, but this is often muddy, so you may want to bear left and go up through the wood until you rejoin the main path. As you emerge from the wood at the 11th Tee, go straight ahead on a narrow path which leads to an open fairway. Turn right immediately and then left, behind the line of coniferous trees at the back of the golf green. Turn left again and enjoy the view back towards Lingfield and the spire of St Peter and St Paul church. Almost immediately turn right and after 50

yards or so, rejoin Mill Lane and turn left.

At the bottom of the hill, you will rejoin the point where you left Mill Lane earlier. At this point retrace your steps along Mill Lane until you rejoin Racecourse Road. Turn left and walk along the pavement until you reach the pedestrian crossing. Turn right to cross the road here and walk straight ahead along the tarmac path to cross Eden Brook. Just as you reach the end of Lingfield Station platform, turn left and then, when you reach Station Road, turn right. When you reach Station Approach, turn left across the road to 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.