

## Local Walks from the Storrington and Sullington Community Partnership



## Country Walk to the north of Storrington Starting from the Library car park

If you are doing the longer walk make sure you get the tokens necessary for the car park. Short walk, length: Approximately 1 hr. 20 mins. 2.7 miles. Short walk and longer walk combined: Approximately 3 hrs. 6 miles. Can be very muddy in places. Walking boots are advised.

From the library, keep the library on your left and at the bottom left hand of the car park take the bridge over the weir. Turn left through a set of wooden gates and follow the footpath with the river Stor on your left.

Cross the next wooden bridge with the river now on your right. Follow the footpath through the opening of the wooden fence and turn right over the next bridge. The river will now be on your left. Keep following the path and on the left there is a small but pretty waterfall.



Continue along, there is a wooden pathway which leads up to another bridge. Turn right onto the footpath after the bridge so the woods are on your right with houses on your left.

At the fork in the path keep going straight on continuing with the houses on your left. Along this pathway there may be seasonal flowers and hedges in bloom. Then at the next fork in the path take a moment to look at the pond on your right, rather overgrown with plants but ideal for dragonflies. Turn left passing a playground on your right.

Follow the road up through the housing estate then turn right onto Faithful Crescent. You will come to a set of bollards after which you will turn right onto Hurston Lane. Keep walking until you pass the entrance to Fryern Park on your right, shortly after this take the footpath on the right opposite Stone Barn Farm through a wooded area. The sign post is set back into the hedge.



Over the stile into a field, then path keeps to the right by fence. The field may contain sheep and horses. At the bottom corner of the field cross the stile into what could be a marshy field and head diagonally across the field towards the five bar gate. At the gate go over the stile and over the stream, keep to the left hand side of the field along the path, with high hedges and trees alongside.

Before reaching the end of the field go left, over the stile and over the stream into a pleasant sloping field.



The path runs by the stream, now on your right. Continue along this path, crossing a farmers track and past a bridge made of sleepers, until the point where it forks, by an oak tree and post. Take the path that leads to the top left hand corner of the field.

Now turn right to continue the short walk. (If you were to turn left instead of right at this point you would join the West Chiltington walk, see directions below, which will bring you back to this point).

At the bottom of the field, cross the stream and go through the five bar gate. Keeping the hedgerow on your right, follow the footpath to the top of the field where you will come to a metal gate which must be shut behind you.

The footpath continues on a narrow track between the hedgerow and a small-holding to the left. Continue through a kissing gate following the footpath keeping the hedgerow on your right. Take a few moments to look around at the scenery. Continue forward over the next stile and head towards the corner of the field.

At the junction where footpaths cross, go straight on over the stile and bridge, turning right over another stile, then left over another stile to bring you into a field which may contain horses. Keep to the left hand side of the field and head towards the top left hand corner. Over the stile head right towards the stable yard then immediately left following the footpath sign.

With the house on your right, take the footpath between fences straight ahead. You will cross a stile and the path will become narrow. At the end of the path turn left onto a tarmac lane for a few yards. On the first bend take the footpath on the right into woodland. You will shortly reach another small road where you will turn left, following the road for a short distance. Take the footpath to your right between wire fence and woodland. At the end of this stretch, in an open wooded area, follow the path round to the metal bridge. Continue up the steps and cross the bridge over the river. Looking down you will see another small waterfall. Follow the footpath curving round to the left.

Keep walking until you see a bridge to your left. Walk over the bridge and follow the footpath back to the library car park keeping to the left over the next bridge.

## For the Longer West Chiltington walk:-

At this point either turn right to continue the short walk or left over the stile for the longer walk.

At the point on the route where you break away from the Short Walk (above), turn left over the stile.

After a short stretch the path meets a T junction. Go left along a pleasant ridge with views either side.



Look to your left and you may notice some gliders coming into land. At the end take a left turn around Tickletag Farm, between stone gateposts and left through the white gates of Hurston Street Farm.

Meeting Hurston Lane (no sign) head off right, past Rockytop Farm gate, passing walled gardens and old yew hedges on the right and the river Stor on the left. At the junction you will take the public bridleway to the right through large gate towards Hurston Place Farm. Before doing this take a few minutes to walk 25 metres to the left down the road, to stand on the bridge over the Stor, which is quite attractive at this spot.



Back on the route, just beyond the gate the bridleway divides. Take the right fork, passing Granary entrance and enter the West Sussex Golf course 100 yds beyond. Take the right fork which leads straight across the course, taking care not to inconvenience golfers. Through latch gate, bridleway/drive continues alongside Monkmead Woods until joining Heather Lane where you continue in the same direction.

On reaching road, Monkmead Lane (no sign), cross directly over and head along footpath that runs by stream. At the end of this path, cross directly over road, Common Hill (no sign), into Fir Tree Lane.

At the end, cross directly over road, Roundabout Lane (no sign), into Bower Lane. Bower Lane bears right joining Grove Lane, where you go left, continuing to the end, with a further left before a final turn right when facing 'Little Barn' before reaching Threals Lane (no sign). The route now is right along Threals Lane, (but if you would like a refreshment stop then a five minute walk in the opposite direction, along Threals Lane to road junction, then right over bridge, past letter box, will bring

you to the Five Bells pub. Don't forget to allow extra time on your tokens for the car park if you intend doing this.)

Right along Threals Lane from Grove Lane, passing private road sign, you will see signpost ahead showing footpath route. At the next footpath sign take route to right over stile and enjoy uninterrupted views of the Downs.



Over the stile at the end you cross the road into what appears to be a driveway to Hareswith Holt but is a very short pathway to the next road which you cross directly over seeing footpath sign ahead and Hareswith Cottage. Follow footpath route, over stile, across field to next sign, where you take the straight on route over another stile, quickly turning left and then you are back to the point where you earlier left the Short Walk to join the Longer Walk.

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