
SEND WALKS

One of the actions from the 2007 Send Parish Plan was to promote walks in the local area. To give you a flavour of what you could see, below are some circular walks. Oaktree Routes maps showing local cycle and footpaths are now for sale in Send and Ripley post offices and also Woking Library. To give you a flavour of what you could see, below are some circular walks.

For more details of the wildlife to be found along the Wey Navigation, at Papercourt Marshes, the Heathfield, around the fishing lakes, at the Villages Medical Centre or even in your own garden, visit Around the Parish pages on the website www.sendparishcouncil.gov.uk

It hasn't been possible to set up a walking group just for Send, but a quick browse on the internet will point you in the direction of several local walking groups (see for instance www.walkinginsurrey.co.uk). Surrey County Council also publishes a booklet of countryside walks and events: call 08456 009 009 or email walks@surreycc.gov.uk for further information or to be put on the mailing list.

THE WEY MEADOWS

Just under two miles. A very casual hour.

Start at the New Inn on the A247 at the Cart Bridge. From the New Inn cross the canal by the little footbridge and go on/west to Fishers Farm. Before the farm turn left/south onto the field border path past Runtley Wood Farm and take the track left/east down to Triggs Lock. Cross at the lock and take the towpath back north past Worsfold Gates, where the National Trust has its canal workshop and finally back up the towpath to the New Inn.



... To detour for refreshment or meal, after Runtley Wood Farm go right/south-west down the road to the junction with Robin Hood Lane and continue south on Sutton Green Road to the Olive Tree Restaurant and Bar. Return back up the road and right/east by the footpath below Triggs Lock where you pick up the tow path going left/north back to the New Inn.

THE SECRET WEY

About three miles. A casual hour and a half.

Start at the centre of Send where the A247 meets the B368 at the traffic lights. Along Send Hill take the second footpath left/south on a gravel track between houses and follow the darkavenued path to Vicarage Lane. (The first footpath is across ploughed sandy land and a right pain). Turn right/west to the road junction with Potters Lane and cross carefully (traffic attacks you from left and right) to Church Lane leading naturally to Send Church. Go right past the church and onto a wild footpath which leads across the verdant water meadows (which can be very wet!) along the gently running River Wey.



Cross the river on the awkward little bridge (through the head high grass in summer) to the canal and turn right/north up the towpath to Triggs Lock. Continue on the path to a concrete bridge where you turn right/east across the fields and uphill to Cricketshill Farm and Potters Lane. Cross the road, going left/north and then right/east to the fenced path alongside the fishing lake. Turn right and shortly left into Sandy Lane, then right to Farm Lane. At the end take path or pavement back to Send Hill traffic lights.

THE THREE TRADESMEN

A bit over two miles. A casual hour.

Start at the Saddlers Arms (first tradesman) in Send Marsh. Go right/northwest on the road from the pub towards the Sailing Club at Papercourt Lake (paperstock - the original name - for the second tradesman). Turn left/west after Danesfield by the allotments onto the footpath. At the water course turn right/north to Prews Farm and then left/southwest on the path alongside Tannery Lane (tanner - the third tradesman). Turn left/south at Heath Farm and follow the footpath round to the left/east along and back to Send Marsh.



(Unfortunately the stiles, bridges and bumpy narrow field paths mean that none of these are for pushchairs. The canal towpath provides lovely walks and pushchairs can go there - caution at locks)