

Introduction

This is one of a series of routes that may be enjoyed by all including wheelchair users, families with pushchairs, those wanting a more gentle walk and walkers who are less mobile. The route has been selected as it has no barriers, such as stiles or steps. Detailed information on the route is provided - it is up to the user to decide what is suitable for them. Every effort has been made to ensure the information is correct at the time of publication, however things change over time. West Sussex County Council would like to thank John and Jenifer Fox for providing the inspiration to publish easy countryside trail information.

Other routes can be found on the West Sussex County Council website: www.westsussex.gov.uk



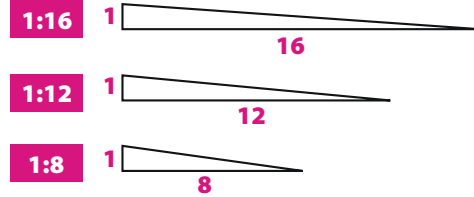
Public Travel



Some of the routes are accessible by public transport, for further information please visit www.westsussex.gov.uk or contact Travel line on 0871 200 22 33



Gradients



Gradients of slopes have been shown to help you decide if a route is suitable. To help you relate to these gradients we have attempted to describe them below assuming an average wheelchair user with an averagely strong pusher.

1:16
Gentle slope. Extra effort may be required over long distances. Gradients less than 1:16 have not been measured as they are considered easy going.

1:16 - 1:13
Fairly gentle slope, extra effort will be noticeable over longer distances.

1:12
Slope noticeable but not particularly steep, extra effort will be required over medium to long distances.

1:11 - 1:8
Steeper slopes, will require extra effort even over short distances. Only short sections of gradients of this steepness are found on any of the routes in this booklet.

> 1:8
Steep slope - nothing of this steepness will be encountered on these walks.

Please follow the Countryside Code and respect the local area you are visiting.



Key to maps Please note that some symbols may not be used on this walk.

- Easy Access Trail
- Extension to Easy Access Trail
- Public Footpath or Bridleway
- Permissive Path
- River/Stream/Canal
- Waterway/Water Channel
- Parkland/Wooded Area
- Urban/Built-up Area
- Parking
- Gradient Information
- Seating or Picnic Area
- Refreshments
- Church
- Caravan Park
- Gate
- Marshland



Chichester Canal

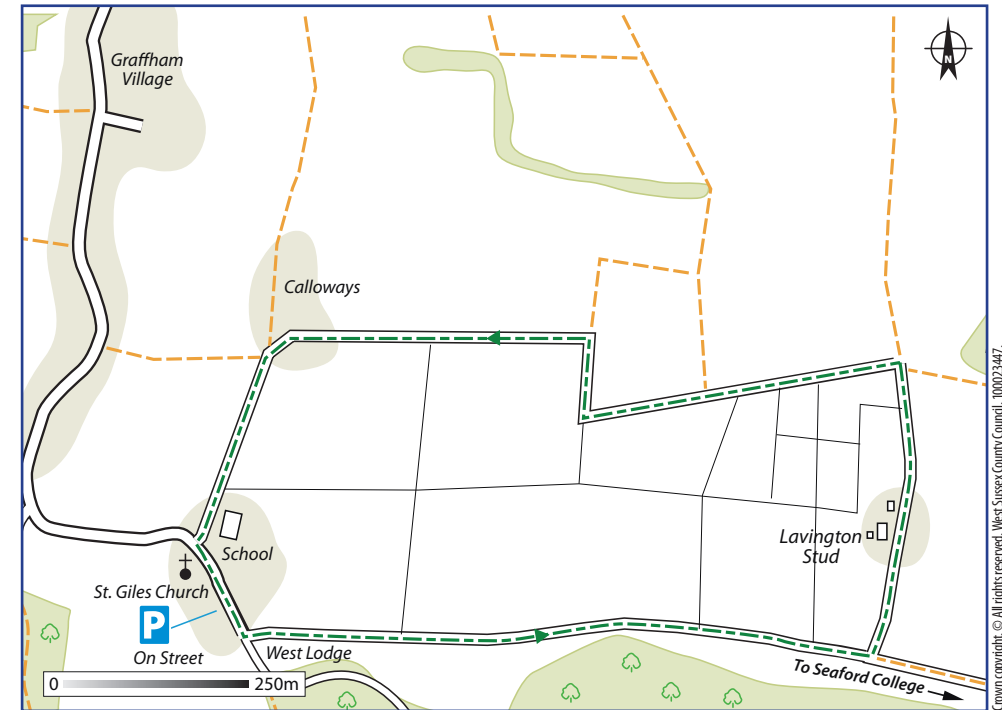
<i>Distance</i>	2.6km (1.6 miles) round trip
<i>Terrain</i>	Tarmac Maximum gradient: 1:16, generally level
<i>Start/finish</i>	Seaford College gate, Graffham - the road is wide enough to park on the verge just past the church, before the public road comes to an end Grid reference: SU 928 167 Post code: GU28 0NJ
<i>Directions</i>	Roads to Graffham are signed from the A286 (2km/1.2 miles south of Midhurst) and the A285 (3.5km/2.2 miles south of Petworth). From the A286 follow the signs for about 6.3km/3.9 miles and turn right in Graffham to the church. From the A285 follow signs for about 4.3km/2.7 miles and turn left in the village to the church
<i>O.S. Maps</i>	Explorer 121, Landranger 197
<i>Public Transport</i>	Bus stop: Graffham Village, 800m (0.5miles)
<i>Points of interest</i>	Beautiful views of the Downs and countryside to the north
<i>Facilities</i>	Shop, The White Horse and The Forester Arms pubs in Graffham. The nearest disabled toilets operated by RADAR key are in the Petworth town centre car park (behind Somerfield supermarket)



Graffham

On a clear day there are wonderful views looking north towards Petworth and the hills around Haslemere along the whole of this walk. The walk is entirely along public footpaths over very quiet private tarmac roads and generally level so is fairly easy going. If the full circuit is a little too far it is worthwhile doing the first part of the road and back for the wide vistas, seen easily from a wheelchair as the hedge is kept in immaculate condition at just the perfect height!

The walk starts at the Graffham gate into the grounds of Seaford College. From here take the footpath along the road and as soon as you pass the lodge on the right wonderful views can be seen on the left looking over the fields of Lavington Stud. If it is a clear enough day you will be able to pick out Petworth House and the town on the right of the horizon. On the other side of the road is a very lush steep bank



of trees with paths leading up Graffham Down to the South Downs Way. As this road is so little used deer can sometimes be seen venturing out of their cover to feed on the grass.

When approximately level with the buildings of the stud, the route turns left, but if you want to explore further you can continue on along this road as far as the college buildings (approximately 550m) before returning the same way. Having turned left down the drive, pass to the right of the offices and well-kept stables. There are some very fine looking horses grazing in the fields all around. After the cottages, turn left; the walk keeps on this road turning right and then left. Bear left at the buildings of Calloways to come down the lane with a view of the church straight in front. This leads to the village

school where you will find yourself back on the public road close to where your car is parked.

Access into St Giles Church is easy, so a visit is worthwhile. Although the building retains four pillars and connecting arches in the middle of the nave from late Norman times, the outside was redesigned and rebuilt in the 1870's as a memorial to Bishop Samuel Wilberforce, a son of the famous anti-slave campaigner William Wilberforce.



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