

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



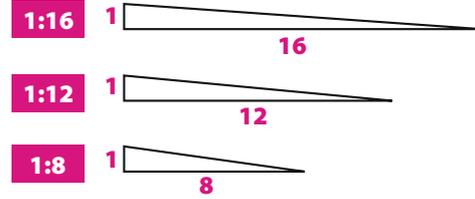
Public Travel



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



<i>Distance</i>	1km (0.6 mile) round trip— possible extensions to Burton Church 1.6km/1 mile return or to Chingford Pond 2.1km/1.3 miles
<i>Terrain</i>	Compacted stone, tarmac and earth. Can be muddy and wet in places. Extensions can be very muddy in places Maximum gradient: 1:8 short section on tarmac from car park, otherwise undulating, with a few steeper sections
<i>Start/finish</i>	Burton Mill car park, off Burton Park Road Grid reference: SU 978 180 Post code: GU28 0JR
<i>Directions</i>	Burton Mill is 4.5km (3 miles) south of Petworth. From the A285 Chichester to Petworth road take the road signed to Burton Mill. After 1.5km (1 mile) the car park is on the left just after a sharp left bend
<i>O.S. Maps</i>	Explorer 121, Landranger 197
<i>Public Transport</i>	Bus stop: Burton Park Road (0.6km/0.3 miles - unmarked)
<i>Points of interest</i>	There are no facilities on site, the nearest disabled toilets are in Petworth town centre car park behind Somerfield supermarket
<i>Facilities</i>	Dogs are allowed under close control or on a lead on the footpaths but should not be allowed to run freely through the nature reserve



Burton Pond

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This is a lovely route in all seasons through the ever changing woods of Burton and Chingford Ponds Local Nature Reserve which is managed by the Sussex Wildlife Trust. The ponds were built in the 16th century to support the local iron industry.

From the car park the route goes up to the road (the slope up from the car park is the steepest point of the route), along to the right a short way and then left along the footpath through the entrance to Burton Mill Lodge. The path can be muddy here. Go through the timber gate and continue straight on along a semi-surfaced undulating path through woodland. After about 200m (220 yards) turn left off the main path, or for those wishing to explore Burton Park further, continue straight on.

For either extension the first part continues along an undulating path (fairly steep in places), parts of which can be very muddy. On reaching the tarmac path, after approximately 500m, you have a choice; you can go to Chingford Pond, which is about another 450m to the left, the last part of which is steep and along a muddy track. Alternatively, you can continue

straight on to Burton Church (420m), which is one of the smallest in Sussex, and has good brasses. There are some interesting early wall paintings clearly visible, one of which shows a female figure hanging upside down on a cross. It is possible to get into the church, which is usually unlocked, in a wheelchair but the door is difficult and appears at first not to open. For either extension retrace your steps back to where you left the trail.

Continuing on the route having turned left follow the winding path through the trees,

which after a while drops fairly steeply down to the pond's edge. There is a seat here and it is a lovely peaceful place to stop for a while. Great crested grebe breed here along with varieties of ducks, geese and coots, so a pair of binoculars is useful. Many other species can also be spotted in and around the woods and ponds if you look carefully. Continue along the path which gently climbs to re-join the main path. Turn right and retrace your route back to the car park.

