

Church Hill North walk description

Walk details: *A walk of just under 3 miles, mostly flat but there is a short fairly steep incline near the beginning of the walk. The paths are mostly paved but there are sections of parkland, which are lovely but can get muddy in wet weather spells. No stiles, three benches. Park in the Church Hill Centre car park, B98 9AA (2 hour restriction).*

Walk description: From the car park walk towards the main 57/58 bus route, which is called Church Hill Way at this point. You will reach a pedestrian crossing. Don't cross it but turn right along the pavement. Just past St Andrews Church turn right along a footpath. Cross Upperfield Close and continue up the disused road which runs along the site of the old Icknield Street [1].

Continue to the end of the road, passing Redstone Close on the way. At the end of the road head towards a subway. Don't go under it but keep left on the path and left again on a lane into the end of Redstone Close. Here turn immediately right along a path into a copse, passing a bungalow on your left.

Where you emerge from the trees take the right hand route through more trees and you will reach a high level clearing. Turn right and walk along Wendy's Way [2] as far as the peace memorial [3] - a good place to pause for a moment.

When you are ready continue along Wendy's Way to its junction with another path by a sign showing the end of the nature trail [4]. Turn right along this path, keeping the woodland on your right. Continue for about 300 yards on the main path until you go via a subway under Papermill Drive.

Continue on the path, bearing left and over a ditch. Soon cross Ridings Lane by a post box and continue ahead on the path which takes you past the end of Snowhill Close and into the fringes of the park. Continue on this path and soon you need to make a dogleg, left and then right, to maintain direction.

At a junction of paths turn left and continue ahead on the Sustrans cycling and pedestrian route with its white line down the middle. Soon you will pass a bench. Follow the white Sustrans line all the way to a pedestrian bridge and over it.

You are still on the Sustrans route following the white lines. After about 200 yards, at a crossroad of paths with a rubbish bin and a lamp post with a "turn right" sign high up on it, turn right. When you reach Upperfield Close pond follow the railings round on the right of the pond.

At the other end of the pond don't turn left to the playground but maintain direction ahead. You will pass the side of a house with 3 small windows in it in a vertical line and after that a small triangular green before you reach the bus route.

Cross over and take the path opposite, soon bearing left along the disused road which runs parallel with the bus route which is on your left. Towards the end of the disused road bear left and you will be able to cross the bus route and turn right to reach the car park.