

Doorstep Walks

A Closer Look Guide

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A 'Family Friendly' Walk at Letwell

Doorstep Walk 3 – Just the Words

Some people may find the small print of the walks leaflets a little tricky to follow, or walk leaders may wish to have a handy, large print version of the walk to insert notes. We thought it would be useful to have a description only version of the walks to enable you to cut and paste, enlarge or remove text as you wish.

1. Start at the Bus Stop at the junction of Gildingwells Road and Barker Hades Lane (the Letwell Stop), facing the bus stop turn left and head along the village road, keep a look out on your right for the dovecote which lies behind houses. This 18th century octagonal structure is one of the very few remaining examples in the country
2. Stay on the road as it becomes a stone track leaving the village behind, and heads out through farmland. Soon the farm track joins a tarmac access road, follow this straight ahead, keeping an eye out for private vehicles.
3. After a while the tarmac road bends right (a private road to a farm) and tracks carry on ahead or to your left by a small copse. The track on your left is the one you will be returning on a little later. The patch of ground ahead and on your left by the copse is where Swiss Cottage once stood. Head straight on along the stoned track, there are woods immediately on your right and a large field to your left. The track eventually enters Dyscarr

Wood, a local nature reserve and Site of Special Scientific Interest. Keep an eye out on your left for a sign about the nature reserve, when you see this follow the path left further into the wood.

4. To visit Langold Country Park carry on along the track and after a very short time you will see an entrance on your right, head through this and follow the track into the park, which is run by Nottinghamshire County Council. The park, around a large lake, has several short interesting walks and has a snack shop which is open during the summer.

To visit Langold, which has refreshments, ignore the side track into the park and stay on Church Street as it passes houses, at the end of the street turn right and you will arrive at the village.

To return to the trail from either place retrace your steps.

5. Head along the path through the woods, which narrows as it proceeds. At times you will see houses behind the wood to your right, stay on the path as it abuts several fields on your left until, after some time it leaves the wood and comes to the corner of a large field.
6. Turn left and follow the farm track across the field and then along field edges heading towards another small wood in the distance. Eventually you will reach the woodland and head into it, stay on the track and after a short while it turns slightly left and joins another farm track.
7. The main road is a short distance away on your right, turn left along the track, which shortly leaves the wood and enters a large field. Pause a moment and look to your left and right, the curve of the hedges is part of the old circuit where the first St Leger was allegedly run. Head straight, following the track, eventually you will rejoin the road you left behind by the site of Swiss Cottage.
8. Turn right, keeping an eye out for vehicles, and follow the tarmac road back towards Letwell, eventually the road heads off to your right at a corner, ignore this and keep going straight along the stone track back into Letwell Village and the start of your walk.