

Doorstep Walks

A Closer Look Guide

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The Wales Walk at Rother Valley

Doorstep Walk 5 – 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 visitor centre in Rother Valley Park and head for the access road, crossing the road bridge ahead, then follow the road right and after a very short distance head left uphill, following a stone track.
- 2 At the end of the track at the road turn right, taking care on this short section of road. About half way along the road a path opens up on your left, follow this turning immediately left again after the hedge to follow the ditch, then shortly after turn right crossing the ditch and through the plantation. Head straight across the field and then into another small plantation.
- 3 Soon you will enter open fields again, *pause for a while to admire the views West, this site was once all open cast.* Head straight across the field towards the track ahead, watch out as half way across the field is a ditch, once across this turn right and follow the track to Mansfield Road.
- 4 Carefully cross and head right uphill along the pavement for a short while before a track opens on your left, follow this

and then cross fields, bearing slightly right and uphill. After a time you will come to the motorway boundary, head right uphill, through a path next to housing and reach School Road, Wales and carefully cross.

- 4A To take a side trip into Wales where there are pubs and shops bear left, the village is just a few hundred metres away.

To join the walk from Wales start at the Post Office and face Manor Road, bear left and follow the road, crossing the motorway, take the path next to it on your left, then follow the description from 5. At point 7 after the golf course follow the path along the main park access road and, just before the bridge at the visitor centre head right up the track and follow the description back from point 2.

- 5 Follow the path between the side of the motorway and houses and soon you will enter fields with fine distant views of Nor Wood. The path soon turns right along a hedge (following what is known as a headland path) and soon you will reach Mansfield Road, turn right and, just before the petrol station you will see a path heading into fields on the opposite side of the road.
- 6 Cross carefully and follow the headland path until you reach the golf course, then turn left following the path along the course edge, passing the club house (where there are refreshments) and soon you will reach the park main access road.
- 7 Follow the separated path right and soon you will see the main access bridge, cross this and return to the visitor centre.