

A circular walk to Hollesley from Sutton 7.3 miles



This is a walk over a mixture of farmland, open heath and a bit of woodland on tracks and paths that stay dry in practically any weather because of the sandy soil. On this walk there is a meadow near Hollesley that gets very wet after a lot of rain.

The walk crosses the Polar Park equestrian centre and, if an event is on, it's best to do a different walk in the area.

All places names are taken from O.S. maps.

Directions

Turn right out of the car park down Old Post Office Lane, at the end of the lane turn right.

Past the pig units (Abblitt's Farm) turn left opposite a pair of semis.

You'll soon be on sand tracks – cross a bridge over a stream and take the field edge footpath on the right (just before you reach the houses on the left).

Follow this until you come to a path junction – turn left pass the crag pit on the left and, at the next junction, turn right.

Take the next left (after Black Bottom Plantation), the track is less used and has an open area on the right and woods ahead (sawpit covert).

At the signpost veer right and stay on the 'obvious path' (may not be exactly as on OS maps) until you reach a wide sand track.

Go straight across this through a gate and cross the heath heading slightly right towards the corner of the fencing.

When you hit the next wide sand track turn right and go straight on leaving some cottages on your left until you eventually hit the road at Holy Stile.

At the road turn left down a track and then through the gate at the end into the field.

After the large irrigator the path veers slightly left down the slope to a hedge – turn right following the waymarker.

Cross the first meadow, through the gate into the second and head to the far left corner where there's a stile followed by a bridge over a stream.

At the end of the path turn left along a hedge and, before the gates to a house, turn right – this path becomes a track and then tarmac as you reach Hollesley.

Where the road bends right take the path on the left (unless you want to visit the shop etc.). Stay on this path until you hit a broad hardcore track up to Poplar Park – turn left.

Go straight past the buildings and up a gentle slope - keep going until you emerge onto heathland and, past Poplar Park, take the bridle path veering off to the left.

You will arrive at the 'Brew House' – turn left and follow the wide bridle path straight ahead – don't veer right onto the other track, the correct one has a line of trees on its right hand side. Keep left as you go down a slope past Bussock Woods and you will eventually come down to the cottages you passed a while ago.

Go straight on the main bridle path for a while and turn right at the cross roads with a tank.

Go straight down this track, over the cross roads by a couple of houses and you will find yourself back on your outward track.

Carry on down to Ablitt's Farm, turn right and then left when you get to Old Post Office Lane.

