

A walk around Sutton Woods

2 miles



This walk takes you around Sutton woods/common – a mix of open heathland and mixed woodland.

Directions

From the car park take the path which starts at the 'No Cars/Motorbikes sign. Follow this path straight ahead - large parts of this area were cleared a few years ago to restore the area to heathland.

Go straight across a bridle path and keep going until you see a gate on your left - go straight on past this and turn right through another gate.

This takes you onto a narrow path that meanders across the heath towards the woods.

Go through the gate at the end of this path and follow the sign for 'North Trail'. This leads through the woods and comes out on the edge of the North Car Park.

Go pretty much straight ahead keeping to the right hand side of the car park track past the notice boards and take the path leading into the woods – there's an old (blank) green sign up on a tree at the side of the path.

Stay on this path until you come to a Y junction in the paths – there's a tree pretty much in middle of the junction – go right.

Follow this until you come out on the bridle path again – there's a bench and a sign saying 'Nature Trail'.

Turn half right and pick up the path leading off the other side of the bridle path.

Follow this path until you come to a gate in a barbed wire fence – go through this and follow the path to another gate which you also go through.

Follow the path through the woods - there are large areas of dense silver birch saplings amongst the bigger trees – the birches came up like weeds after the 1987 'hurricane' flattened a lot of trees around here.

When you come to a bench at the foot of a large pine tree go on down the path to the right of the tree/bench.

As you follow this path a fence 'comes in' from the left , keep going until you come to a gate on your

left – turn right here onto a short path through the pine trees back to the car park.

