

A walk via Wood Hall and Vale Farm – 3.4 miles



This walk passes through very pleasant countryside including many old trees some in avenues, others in clumps.

Much of the outward section is on very quiet tarmac tracks but there's a wide verge if you prefer softer going underfoot.

After passing Wood Hall it crosses a couple of fields by streams which can be wet but they were still easily passable even after the wet winter of 2019/20.

The place names in the directions are taken from OS maps.

Directions

Leave the car park and turn left, cross the main road and take the foot path to the left of the garage - this leads you out onto a cross field path.

When you reach the tarmac drive turn left – this passes Sutton Hall and reaches a T junction at the group of houses at Sutton Street.

Turn left at the T junction and continue along a fine avenue of trees, past Wood Hall and on towards the main road (B1083).

Cross the road, go through the gate opposite and turn half left across the field – the signpost shows the direction.

Ahead you'll see a low bridge – head for this but you may have to detour slightly around a shallow depression which can be full of water.

Cross the bridge and turn left and cross the next stream over another bridge – continue with a fence and stream on your left.

Go through a gate and, almost immediately, veer right across the field passing a clump of old trees on your right – you are heading for the gate ahead.

Go through the gate and turn right onto the track.

This leads past Vale Farm and comes to a cross roads – turn left onto a bridleway.

Follow this past a footpath leading off to the right until you reach another footpath on the left – take

this past an old crag pit (on your right) until you come to a path junction by a gate.

Turn right keeping the fence on your left. This field edge path leads you onto a broad bridleway in front of a house.

Turn right and then, at the next house, turn left – there is a footpath marker.

Follow this path through a small copse and out alongside a field eventually coming out on another broad track opposite the buildings of Broxstead Farm.

Turn left onto this track and, after a left hand bend, turn right into Old Post Office Lane which leads back to the Village Hall.

