



Walk from the Old Railway Station

This circular walk is about 6 miles, taking 2½ to 3 hours. The going is mostly level, on firm ground with no difficult stiles. Starting from the Badgers pub/restaurant or the Old Railway Station, the walk first goes by the historic Coultershaw Beam Pump, then out into wide-open countryside with views to the South over Duncton Down. You stroll into the historic town of Petworth, before entering the grounds of Petworth House walking through part of its huge park. Finally you go down the old turnpike road which crosses the River Rother and leads you back near to the pub and the station.

Directions

Leaving the car park, cross the footbridge and turn right along the footpath. Follow the footpath along the river to the historic Coultershaw beam pump. Then go on to follow the road until you turn right along a track with a public footpath sign. The track winds to the left past a cottage on the right. Here, take the track on the left, walk a few hundred metres, and then turn left through a large field to a distant house and a large tree. Take the path to the left of the house's garden which leads into its entrance drive.

At the end of the drive and a track, turn right and cross carefully over the road to an old cottage. The footpath sign points up to the right of the cottage drive. Go through the gate and you go past the house and into an overgrown arable field. Keeping the woods on your right, follow the often barely-visible winding track running roughly left around the right-hand of the field.

At the next finger post leave the field and turn right following the edge of another very large field until you reach a finger post and a gate on your right leading into grassland. Turning left, follow the path up the long grassy slope. On the left is a housing estate, on the right a valley and woodland. Shortly after the crest, at a finger post, turn left and follow a path into and between the houses into a small park, then walk on with allotments on either side. At the path's end you come to Grove Street in Petworth. Turn right past some old cottages. The road leads you down into the town square. Turn right, going on, uphill past a hardware shop into Lombard Street, a picturesque cobbled lane (with a car "no entry" sign). Follow the street to the top.

At the junction, cross over and turn right past the church and war memorial, then go round left towards the pedestrian entrance to Petworth Park. You have to cross the road going along the pavement until you see the slanted entrance shortly on the left. Then cross with care!

Bearing right inside the entrance, follow the National Trust sign pointing you down towards a dark pedestrian tunnel on the left. The tunnel comes out to gates next to Petworth House. Follow round to the left, past the house and on round the fenced gardens until, after some time, you come to a gate in the fencing on the left, leading into sports fields. Cross through the pitches towards a gate lodge where you will hear traffic. Turn right at the park boundary, going on and up towards the next lodge.

At the lodge gates, go through the left-hand gate and turn right, very carefully crossing the road and going down to a finger post on the left, signing the narrow entrance to the old turnpike road. This takes you a surprisingly long way, staying straight through arches of trees, across a bridge over the River Rother, past some fascinating stone outcrops. Keep straight along the road until you arrive at the junction with the busy A285. Turn left to reach the Badgers pub, which is shortly down and across on your right. Take extreme care, walking to face onto oncoming traffic.

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