

Bourne Brook Roam

(Circular route) 4km (2.5 miles)

I have always liked this walk and now I am so pleased to see the pathway down the brook is finally being upgraded to an all weather path as the lower part can be so muddy in the winter.

It is a flat walk of two different characters, part one is a leafy walk beside a babbling brook which feels very “ rural “.Part two, the return leg, is through a Victorian park, Lodge Hill Cemetery and finishing at a Castle ruin. Some parts of the walk can be muddy and access can be difficult for the less abled or children in pushchairs. This is because currently you have to use stepping stones at one point to cross the brook. The path is being built but not yet complete as of December 2011.

Route

Start at the Weoley Castle Museum entrance in Alwold Road and do take time to have a look around the ruins. There is no café on the route.

1... Walk along the tarmac foot path, just to the left of the Weoley Castle Visitors Entrance. The pathway runs along the fence overlooking the ruin on your RHS.

2... After 100yds, turn right. Caution 4 steps, lead onto an unpaved pathway. This part can be muddy.

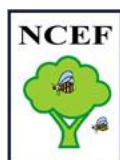
3... Note that the steps and path form part of the old Lapal no2 canal .

4... Turn left onto Bottetourt Rd.

5... Join the pathway and turn right just before the bridge.

6... Follow the pathway down the Bourne Brook. Can be muddy and rough. Caution on the stepping stones.

7... Turn right onto Harborne lane



8... Before the roundabout turn right up the entrance drive and into Selly Oak Park.

9... Cross the bridge, and turn left over old Lapal No 2 canal and follow the path around to children's play area. Stay on the pathways on the very edge of the park. Don't leave the park there are some wood sculptures to be seen on the route.

10... As you rejoin the main wide "through" park pathway turn left out of the park.

11... Turn left onto Woolacombe Lodge Road.

12... Turn left up Weoley Ave.

13... Turn right into Lodge Hill Cemetery (note there are war graves in the cemetery)

14... Follow the main drive through the cemetery

15... Turn right onto Castle Road

16... Turn left onto Alwold Road

17... Arrive back at Weoley museum.