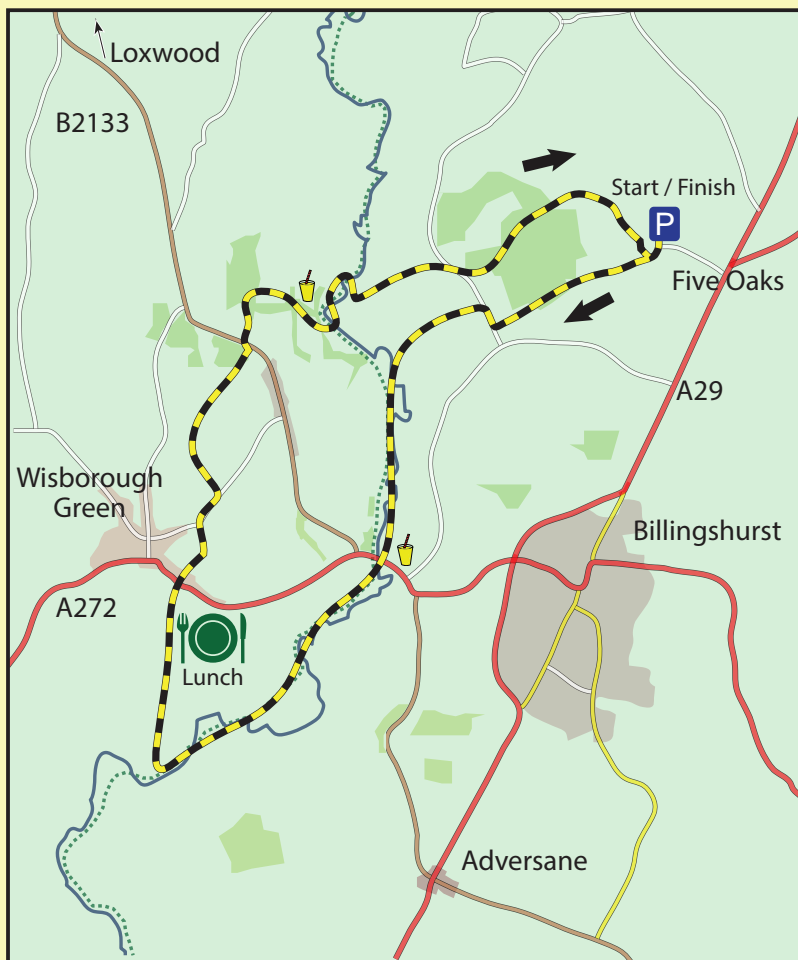




The Wey & Arun Canal Trust's  
45th Annual Poddle  
Sunday 4th June 2017  
**Walker's Guide**



**Please read the notes on page 2 before starting  
and do enjoy the walk!**

Please keep strictly to the marked route at all times, leave no litter and keep dogs on leads where there are sheep, game birds or cattle and on all roads. Please respect the privacy of residents whose property you pass by and close all gates behind you.

Be especially careful when crossing busy roads. Take care if you have to cross a field containing cattle etc. particularly if you have a dog with you. Marshals are posted at each main road crossing to assist you – please follow their instructions when crossing the roads.

Your sponsor form will be returned to you at the end where you can collect a certificate. Please do not leave the walk without returning to the Start / Finish point to check out even if you finish at the Lunch Stop or at any point during the walk – that way we know everyone is accounted for.

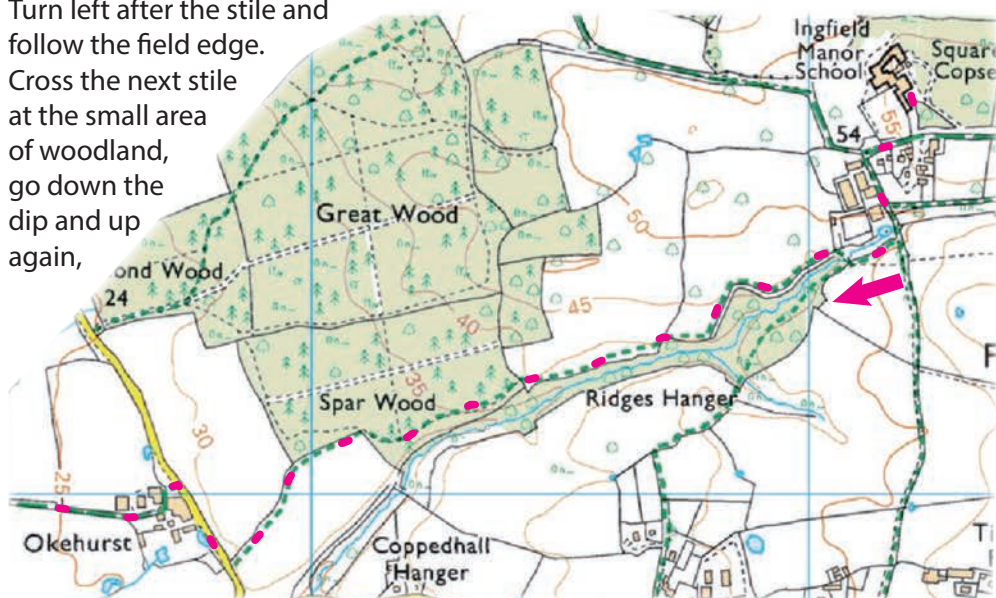
## Section 1: Ingfield Manor to Okehurst

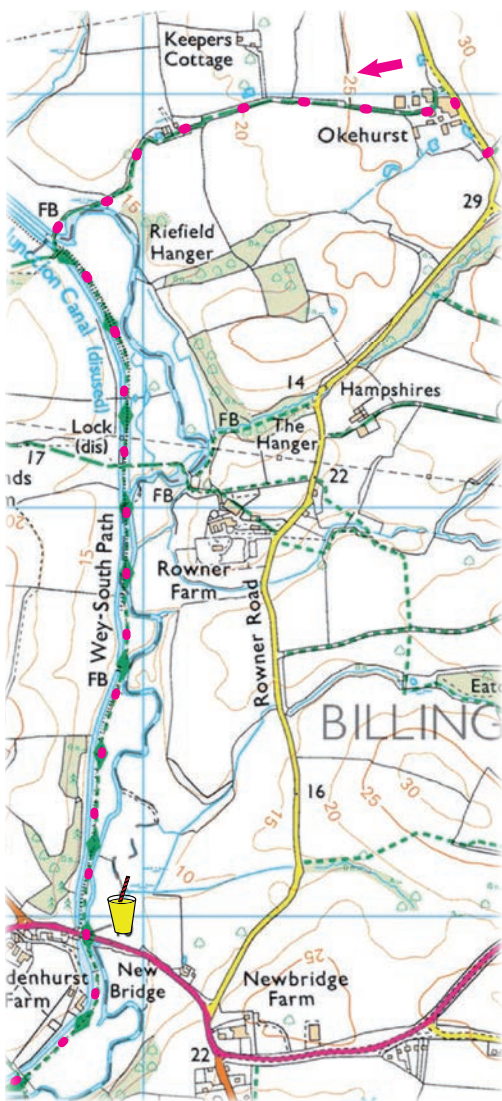
Leaving the doors from checking in, turn right to walk alongside the front of the building, through the car park and then turn right down the drive between tall hedges.

After 100yds turn left at the barn and keep straight on leaving the concrete drive to join a track into a dip and through the gate ahead into a field. Turn right and continue alongside the hedge for 100yds to turn right at the next finger post, through the brambles to cross two wooden bridges bearing left and rising up to a stile.

Turn left after the stile and follow the field edge.

Cross the next stile at the small area of woodland, go down the dip and up again,





bearing right to the stile. Head straight across the field towards the end of the line of trees in the middle distance then bear left to follow the hedge line along two sides of the field to cross the stile in the far corner.

Within 20yds cross another stile and go straight ahead across the grass field towards the pine trees in the distance. Look for a stile to the left of these trees and cross into the woods, keeping straight ahead. Follow this path until it emerges into the corner of a large field. Proceed along the side of the field, keeping the hedge to your right, until reaching Okehurst Lane. Turn right down the lane for 150yds, past a farm house, and turn left at the fingerpost.

## Section 2: Okehurst to Newbridge

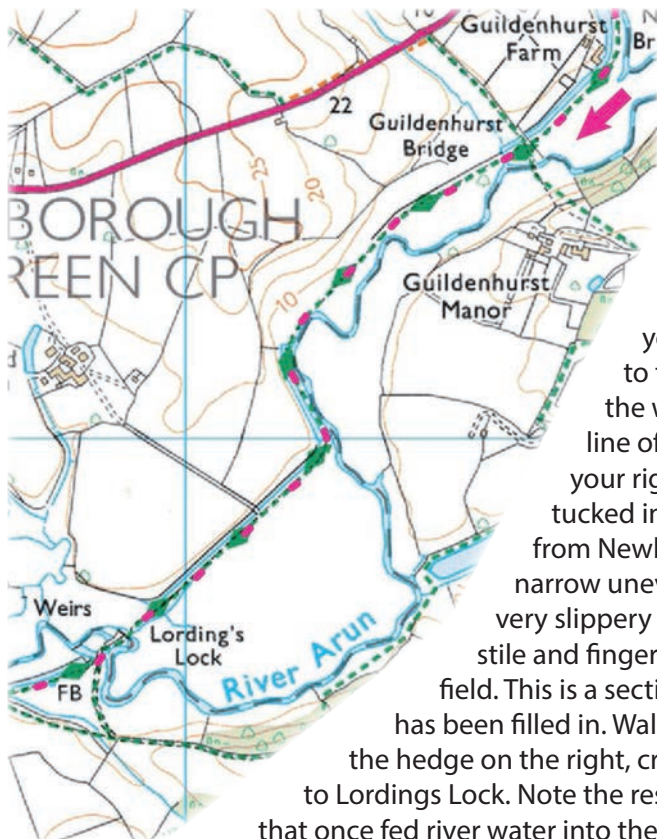
**F**ollow the track between the farm buildings and the house and then bear right to continue along the track for ¼ mile. Bear left in front of a house and pass a brick outbuilding to take the bridleway between the hedges. Pass through two gates, shutting them behind

you, and with the River Arun on your left, arrive at a wooden bridge over the Arun, (this is where the river was diverted to allow the canal to be built). Cross the wooden bridge, and turn left towards Loves Bridge (an early restoration project). Do not cross it but continue straight on through the gate and walk along the bank of the canal to Rowner Lock, where restoration work commenced in 1971.

Continue ahead between the river and the canal, passing Northlands Lifting Bridge, to Newbridge, and a [REFRESHMENT STOP](#).



### Section 3: Newbridge to Lordings

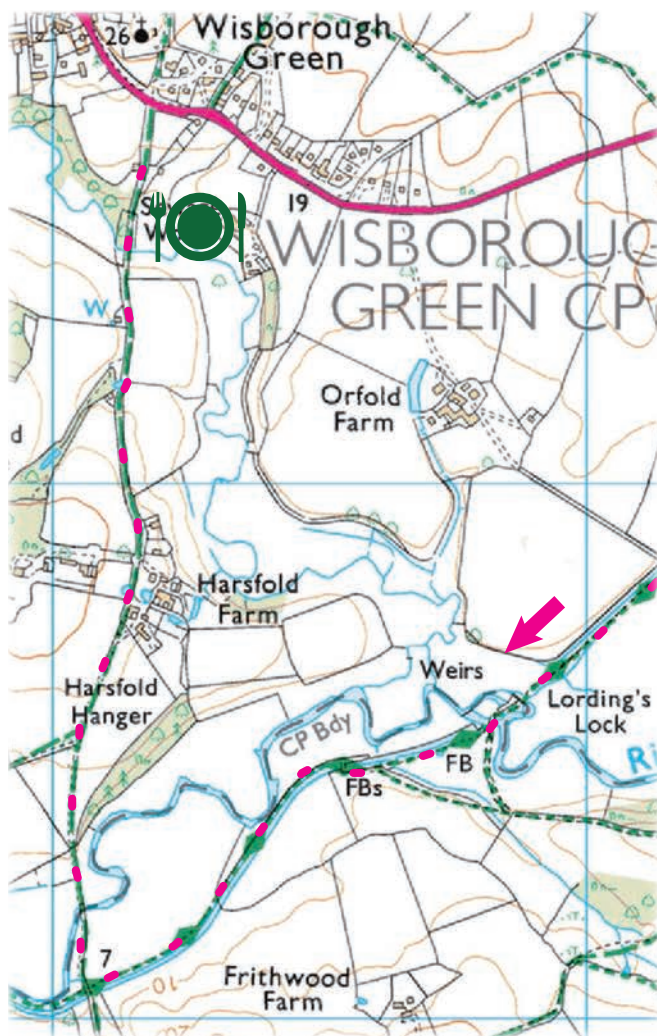


**U**NDER THE GUIDANCE OF THE MARSHAL, carefully cross the A272 main road. Go through the gate and walk between the river and the canal. Go over the stile. (Note the original wharf building on your right). Proceed ahead to the next stile and then over the wooden bridge. Follow the line of the Arun Navigation (on your right) until you reach a stile tucked in woodland some  $\frac{1}{3}$  mile from Newbridge. Take care on this narrow uneven section as it can be very slippery when wet. Continue to a stile and fingerpost and turn right into the field. This is a section of the navigation that has been filled in. Walk across the field parallel to the hedge on the right, cross a stile and take the path to Lordings Lock. Note the restored, unique, water wheel that once fed river water into the canal at the lock.



## Section 4: Lordings to Wisborough Green

At the end of the lock cross the river bridge bearing right towards the basin. Go through the gate and walk along the canal towpath, passing a kissing gate on your left, until you reach Floodgate Bridge. Cross the bridge and turn left, through the gate, to continue alongside the canal until you reach the farm access track which crosses the canal on a causeway at Harsfold. This is the site of a proposed new bridge. Cross the stile and turn right down the track, cross the old brick river bridge, pass through the gate, and stay on this track, through another gate, and up the hill. Keep straight on when you reach the metalled track by the first houses and stay on this track until you reach the Wisborough Green Scout Hut for the [LUNCH STOP](#). 5.9 Miles



***Left: The waterwheel at Lordings, when operational, is driven by the River Arun and lifts water into the canal where it crosses the river in an aqueduct.***



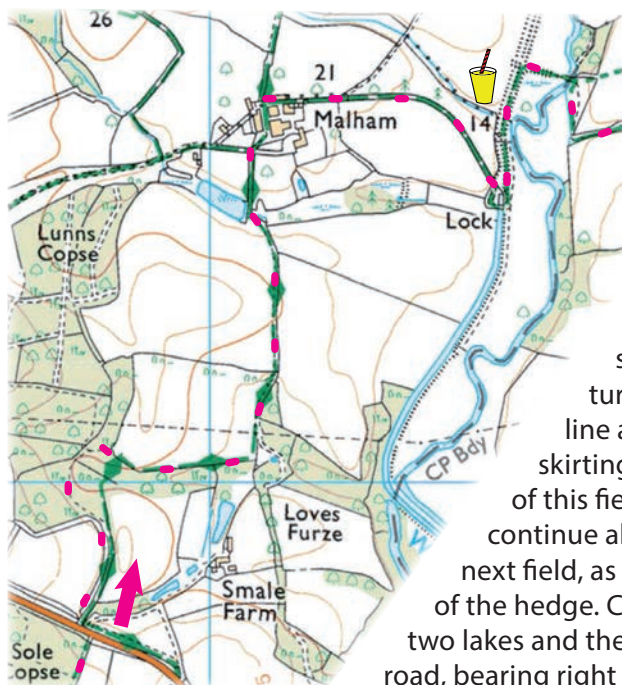
## Section 5: Wisborough Green to the Loxwood Road (B2133)



Leaving the Hut after lunch turn right up the lane to the A272 main road. **UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF THE MARSHAL** cross the road into Glebe Way and bear left to follow the footpath up to the rear of the church. Go through the gate but do not follow the footpath towards the church. Instead, keep right through the back of the church yard. Cross a stile, turn right, and walk alongside the hedge to cross the next stile. Turn left, and continue down the track, past the house, to arrive at Newpound Lane.

Go ahead, (not towards Whites Farm), on the right hand verge for about  $\frac{1}{3}$  mile. Cross the bridge with 'stone' parapets and turn left at the fingerpost, (before the 'horse rider' road sign), and take the footpath to the right of the field entrance, over the stile and up the steps. Follow the hedge to the wooden plank bridge, cross the stile to the field, and straight on past the house. Go through the gate and across the bridleway to the stile opposite. Continue along the path through the field, under the power lines, over a further stile and then passing into light woodland down to the Loxwood Road. (B2133)

## Section 6: The Loxwood Road crossing to Malham Lock



Turn left, walk 10yds and **UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF THE MARSHAL**, cross the road into the entrance of Smale Farm and turn left through the fence to take the woodland footpath. Stay on this path, passing gates at the field crossing, to the end of the wooded section. Enter the field and turn right to follow the hedge line around two sides of the field, skirting light woodland. At the end of this field follow the fingerpost to continue ahead along the edge of the next field, as it rises, keeping to the left of the hedge. Cross the causeway between two lakes and then cross the farm access road, bearing right to follow this into the farm yard. (Do not go over the cattle grid). Bear left

between the farm buildings and after the large black barn turn right, past the cattle pens, and go down the lane. At the Y junction, take the right-hand path walking between hedges on a wide curving track. At the end of the track, turn left to Malham Lock and a **REFRESHMENT STOP**.

## Section 7: Malham Lock to Ingfield Manor

Cross the bridge, through the gate, and turn left. Follow the path, with the hedge on your left, along the route of the canal until you arrive at Bignor Bridge. Climb the slope onto the bridge path. Turn right (do not cross the bridge), cross the field and then the river bridge through the gates. Turn right for approx. 100yds then left to follow the hedge line (and post & barbed wire fence). Continue on this path, through an open, rusty, gate and around a field until you reach the road at Okehurst Lane.

Turn right and walk along the verge for about a ½ mile. Turn left at the fingerpost into woodland and within 20yds bear right onto the track. After approx. 150yds turn left on to a footpath at the Y junction. Cross the firebreak diagonally and continue through the pine woods. Diagonally cross the next firebreak into dense pine forest.



NOTE the path is not so clearly defined now so please look out for the 'way mark' signs. Follow the track, cross a wooden bridge and continue straight on to cross a second bridge. Turn right at the footpath sign to take a wide grass path through less dense woods. Cross a vehicle track and keep straight ahead in the woods. Descend a dip to cross a bridge and up the far side to shortly emerge into fields. Go straight ahead along the top of the field with the hedge on your right. At the house (Keepers Cottage), keep ahead over the short pebble drive and then turn right at the vehicle access track. Stay on this track back to Ingfield Manor, approx.  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile. On reaching the barn bear left along the drive to retrace your steps to the school entrance and [SIGN OFF AND REFRESHMENTS](#). You have now completed the 11.5 mile walk. [WELL DONE & THANK YOU](#).

## Thank you for supporting the Wey & Arun Canal Trust

The Trust's objective is the preservation and restoration of the former canals and rivers Arun and Wey. The canals and rivers formed a navigable link between the South Coast and the Thames, and thence to the rest of the connected waterway system of England and Wales.

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