



You are invited to take part in
The Wey & Arun Canal Trust's
52nd Annual Poddle
Sunday 1st June 2025
'Walking to the Summit'



Farnhurst Bridge on the canal's Summit Level

What is it?

The 2025 Poddle is a 12-mile sponsored walk featuring the Summit Level, raising money towards the restoration of the Wey & Arun Canal.

Who can do it?

Almost anyone, with the exception of the very young, infirm and pushchairs as the walk has some stiles. Dogs are welcome especially if sponsored!

What do I need to do?

Register at weyarun.org.uk/poddle
 Complete the sponsor form overleaf and raise as much money as you can – minimum £25 please (refreshments are provided) then just turn up and walk.

Where, when, how?

- ◆ The start is at North Hall, Guildford Road, Loxwood, West Sussex, RH14 0SF. The Guildford Road is the B2133 so if you are coming from the Guildford/Bramley direction turn onto this road at Alfold Crossways, and if coming from the Horsham/Billingshurst direction take the A272 towards Wisborough Green and turn right after Newbridge. You may also take the A281 to Bucks Green and turn left onto the Loxwood Road. As you reach Loxwood turn right into Spy Lane. The hall is opposite the junction of Spy Lane and Guildford Road. There is plenty of parking around the hall and overflow into the adjacent playing field. Please follow directions and park considerately.
- ◆ Arrive between 9am and 10:30 to check in and receive your Route Guide and start walking the whole route, or only the morning route. If you only wish to walk in the morning, we will provide transport from the lunch stop back to the start .
- ◆ If you only wish to walk in the afternoon come to Alfold Village Hall, Dunsfold Road, Cranleigh, Surrey, GU6 8JB. At Alfold Crossways on the A281, take the turn for the B2133 but immediately turn right at the junction then left into Dunsfold Road. The entrance to the hall is about 100yds on the left. Arrive between 12 and 1.30pm to check in and receive your Walker's Guide. We will provide transport from the finish in Loxwood back to Alfold.

The Wey & Arun Canal Trust, which is working hard to restore 23 miles of navigable waterway linking the River Arun at Pallingham to the River Wey at Shalford, organises a sponsored walk each year. This is our most important fundraising event and makes a vital contribution to pushing the restoration effort forward.

The walk starts at North Hall, Loxwood and follows a route to Alfold Village Hall for a lunch stop, where food and hot and cold drinks will be provided, before returning to North Hall. For those who prefer a shorter walk you may choose to walk either in the morning, or the afternoon only. There will be refreshment stops at Wildwood Lane in the morning, and Rosemary Lane in the afternoon.

The morning walk is about 6 miles and follows delightful rural footpaths offering panoramic views and varied woodlands before meeting the Summit Level of the canal by Dunsfold Aerodrome and a restored section before lunch at Alfold. The afternoon walk, also about 6 miles, mostly follows the canal via the very scenic section through Sidney Wood, Bonfire Hanger and the restored locks at Gennets Wood, Southland and Devil's Hole, back to Loxwood for a well-earned cup of tea and cake.

Did you know we offer 50/50 sponsorship? If you enter as a 'Team' and raise more than £200 sponsorship (minimum £25 each) we are happy to split funds equally with another charity or organisation of your choosing. If you or your organisation wish to take part as a team please complete individual sponsor forms as usual but please also contact the organiser, or look on our website for a 'group' form.

If walking isn't for you, why not

- ◆ Sponsor the Last Man?
- ◆ Make cakes for the walkers?
- ◆ Help on the day as a marshal or at a refreshment point?

Please contact the Poddle coordinator for more information or to offer assistance - all help is greatly appreciated.

To contact the coordinator
 📧 poddle@weyarun.org.uk or 01483 505566

For more details of the Wey & Arun Canal Trust and its aims, contact our office.
 📧 support@weyarun.co.uk
 ☎️ 01483 505566

Wey & Arun Canal Trust Annual Poddle Sponsorship & Gift Aid Declaration Form

Please hand in this Sponsor Form - it will be given back to you at the finish when you check out.

Please sponsor me to walk the 2025 'Poddle' on Sunday 1st June 2025 in aid of the Wey & Arun Canal Trust.
(name of walker - CAPITALS PLEASE)

We, who have given our names and addresses below and have ticked the box headed "Gift Aid?", want the charity named above to reclaim tax on the donation detailed below, given on the date shown. We understand that each of us must have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for the current tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities and Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for the current tax year.

Surname (CAPITALS PLEASE)	First Name (CAPITALS PLEASE)	Home Address (essential for Gift Aid)	Postcode (essential for Gift Aid)	Amount £	Date Paid	Gift Aid? (✓)
Remember: Full name + Home address + Postcode + (✓) = <i>giftaid it</i>				£		

(To be completed before arrival - IN CAPITALS PLEASE)

Walker's Details

Full Name

Address

..... Postcode

E-mail address

Gift Aid

Please ensure that if any of the above donations are to be Gift Aided by you or a donor that you / they are a taxpayer, aware of your / their commitments, and that you / they have recorded the first line of their address and their postcode and ticked the Gift Aid box. By doing this their donation increases by 25%, i.e. 25p for every pound. If all are able to do this it will mean that the total amount raised is increased by 25%.

Signature: **Date:**

Please tick here if you are a member of the Wey & Arun Canal Trust

Please collect your sponsor money as soon as possible and transfer to:

Sort code 20-35-35, account number 50961949
 Barclays Bank, account name "**Wey & Arun Canal Trust Ltd**" - please add "Poddle" and your name as a reference.

Alternatively please send a cheque payable to "**The Wey & Arun Canal Trust**" to: The Treasurer, Wey & Arun Canal Trust, Bridge End, Somerswey, Shalford, Guildford, GU4 8EQ

If you have more sponsors, please download a form from weyarun.org.uk/poddle (or continue on separate sheets of paper).

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Walker Number: