2. A Short Walk Around and About Frith Wood

Where

Frith Youth Centre – Bussage Pleasure Ground – Frith Wood – Old Neighbouring – Frith Youth Centre

Length

Under 1 mile

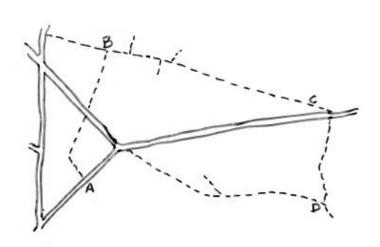
About the walk

This is a fairly flat stile free walk of under a mile around Frith Wood and Old Neighbouring.

This walk starts in familiar territory but may then take you down paths you have not explored before. It is less than a mile in length and has no stiles. It should reward you with wild flowers, birdsong and the trees of Frith Wood in their seasonal changes. The path through Frith Wood can be muddy after rain.

Parking is available by Frith Youth Centre.

The route



A Begin outside the Frith Youth Centre. With your back to the Centre, cross the road, The Frith, and go into the playing field with the bike ramps to your right, perhaps stopping to admire the skill of the riders. Past the ramps, you bear slightly right, heading for a green barrier at an opening in the wall, to come out onto a road. Go straight across onto a newly resurfaced path, improved by the Parish Footpath Group.

B At the T junction at the end, turn

right, which will bring you to a wooden kissing gate into Frith Wood. Here the main path which you will follow has wooden edging to begin with; it then loses this but is fairly clear to follow as it then goes straight ahead. Here you can expect to see swathes of spring flowers, wood anemones, bluebells and wild garlic, depending how the season progresses. Please stay on the path to protect the flowers.

C You reach another wooden kissing gate. Go through and keep straight ahead to the road. Cross the road, bearing slightly left to enter a footpath which skirts the cemetery wall. Alongside this path muntjac deer have been seen in broad daylight. The path needs a little care in places, as the tarmac surface is broken and there are protruding tree roots.

D The path comes to a metal barrier at a T junction with another path. Turn right onto the new path and keep straight ahead, ignoring any turnings to right or left. Eventually, the path becomes a track and delivers you back on The Frith, where the Youth Centre will be on your left.

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