

Discovering the Preston Candover Area

Seven Scenic Walks

Walk Number 1 - The Upper Wield Walk

approximately 7 miles; 3.5 hours

1. From the lay-by next to Preston Candover Village Hall walk in the direction of Alresford for some 400 metres and take the turning to the left of the Village green; pass the cottages on the left and just past Church Farm enter the path on the left by the Footpath sign. Follow along the side of these fields in a straight line keeping the boundary hedge on your left, cross the next 2 stiles, continue straight across the centre of the next field to the stile in the hedgerow opposite, cross and continuing in a straight line go across the next very large field to yet another stile in the opposite hedgerow.
2. After crossing over this stile turn left and following the side of the field continue past the apex of the field until an opening is reached (roughly opposite the stile where you entered the field). Go through this opening and cross the field to the right hand corner of the facing copse. Follow along the side of this copse until a field gateway (waymarked) is reached, enter the wood and cut across in the same general direction to reach a stile entrance to the adjoining field. Go across this field to the corner (left hand) of the adjoining field.
3. Go through the gateway on your left to enter upon a farm trackway. Turn right on this track and follow until after a short distance the Lower Wield/Bradley Road is reached.
4. Turn right and walk along this street through Lower Wield for some 0.6 miles, taking the Upper Wield (left) turning at the road junction. Then just past the Yew Tree Pub (left) and the Cricket ground (right) there is an entrance (signposted footpath) to a field on your right. Enter and keeping the field boundary on your right, go to the end of this field, cross the stile and cross through the centre of the next field to reach the entrance of an enclosed trackway (slightly to your left).
5. Follow to the end of this track to the Village Green at Upper Wield. Cross and turn right on the village street, and proceed along this for some 500 metres (in the direction of Preston Candover) until the lane does a very sharp turn to the left, ignore this and instead proceed in a straight line through a gateway (Caigers Farm) and down a narrow lane. After about about 150 metres there is a stile on your left; cross to the adjoining field and turn right. Following the side of the fields continue through the next three fields until a very thick boundary hedge is reached; turn left to keep to the side of the same field and you will soon reach the Wield/Preston Candover Road.
6. Turn left on this road, proceed for about 100 metres and there is an entrance to a field on your right (at footpath sign). Enter and walk in a straight line aiming at two electric light posts (set very close together) which can be seen on the horizon, two fields away (you will cross the Oxdrove on the way). Go through the the hedge opening and keeping the hedge on your right follow until the Bogmore Hill Road is reached. Turn right on this to reach the main village street; turn right and after about half a mile the large lay-by where you started your stroll is reached.

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