

Circular Walk around Furnace Green

Start Point: **Lakeside Car Park, Tilgate Park**

Distance/Duration: **2 miles / 45 – 60 mins**

Difficulty: **Easy**, no hills or undulating surfaces. Parts can be wet and muddy so sturdy footwear is recommended

Accessibility: The majority of the walk consists of surfaced paths so may be suitable for buggies. Some sections may not be suitable for wheelchairs. There are no stiles on the route.

Refreshments/Facilities: Café and toilets in Tilgate Park / Tilgate Golf Club

Directions	Information
1. Leave the car park by returning to the road.	
2. Turn right onto the road and walk towards the golf course and clubhouse.	
3. At the clubhouse there is a public footpath sign with three arrows. Follow the arrow bearing right along the surfaced track	The clubhouse is open to the public for refreshments
4. At the next public footpath sign continue along the surfaced track as it bears left across the golf course. This is not marked as a public footpath.	
5. Continue along the surfaced track crossing three sections of fairway. Approximately 20m after crossing the third section of fairway take the path to the right into the trees at the marker post.	Watch out for golf balls!
6. Continue through the woods and under the pylons. Go across the board - walk and straight on until reaching the railway. At the railway bridge turn left and follow the public footpath keeping the railway on your right.	
7. Follow the path back under the pylons and shortly after bear right at the sub-station and leave the woodland on to Rosamund Road. At the junction with St Leonard's Drive turn right and follow pathway going towards the railway line.	
8. Just before the railway bridge turn left into playing fields with the stream and railway on your right.	

9. Walk across the playing fields. At the pylons, continue behind the houses keeping the pylons on your right. Join the surfaced track at the yellow barrier and bear left into Waterlea open space with the stream to your right.

Waterlea is a hidden little oasis in Furnace Green, with ponds and wet meadows. Roe Deer can often be seen here.

10. Follow surfaced track through Waterlea before turning right on the pavement at the streetlight.

11. Turn left on public footpath / cycleway at school and continue until you reach Ashburnham Road.

12. Cross Ashburnham Road and follow Furnace Farm Road straight on. Turn right on to St Leonard's Drive and then left on to Weald Drive.

13. Follow Weald Drive around to the left. Just after Forest View, turn left and cross playing fields towards recreation area.

In Weald Drive are bus stops serving Routes 2 and 273.

14. Pass to the right of the recreation area and walk to gap in the hedge. Cross through hedge and on to road to Tilgate golf course. Turn left and walk along the road to return to the Fisherman's car park.

To increase the walk by another mile, enter Tilgate Park south of the car park and walk around the lake.