

Cross Newark Lane to the footpath on the opposite side of the lane and turn right. Walk along the footpath, on your left after a few minutes walk you pass the ruins of Newark Priory (on private land), continue until you reach a bridge over the Wey Navigation the 2nd bridge, that is traffic light controlled. Note the National Trust Wey Navigation path on your left. Cross over the road at the traffic lights and over the River Wey. Turn right on to the FP opposite Newark Mill House, go through the gate and follow the river bank to Papercourt Lock. Pass through the gate and proceed up to the lock, cross the bridge.

At this point an extension of 3 km can be added (see below) otherwise cross a second bridge and go straight ahead towards the gated meadow. Enter the meadow and head along the track to your left at approximately 11 o'clock. After approximately 250m you can see Woking Palace in the distance to your right, the River Wey is between you and the Palace at this point. The track takes you diagonally across the meadow, over a stile. Carry straight on when you come across a track crossroads. The track narrows when it gets closer to the river near a number of weeping willows. After this it widens again as vehicles can use this section. Keep following the track until a gated exit on to the road. Turn right, and shortly you cross over the river Wey and up to the mini-roundabout at the junction of the A247 and the B382 and the car park is straight ahead.

Extension: Turn left in front of the lock cottage and follow the towpath past the moored barges and pleasure craft. The tow path passes Send Tannery on the opposite side of the bank after Tanyard Bridge. At this point if you wish to rest on your right is a small garden and seating area made of railway sleepers. Carry on the towpath passing High Bridge until you reach Cartbridge. Stay on the towpath going under the bridge and turn right up to the road, Turn right again and cross the river, turn right again

down onto the towpath between the New Inn pub and the Wey Navigation. After about 200m cross the canal using Ashburton Foot Bridge over Broadmead Cut and proceed to Fisher's Farm. Turn right going north past the new houses until you reach the High Street. Turn right to the car park.

For more information on Woking Palace please visit the Friends of Woking Palace website www.woking-palace.org

By Car

For those travelling by car, park in the free long-stay car park (Beyond the smaller short stay one) off the mini-roundabout at the junction of the B382 (High Street) and the A247 (Broadmead Road), TQ018 569. Alternative car parking can sometimes be found in the small car park in Church Street although this is usually full with residents parking.

Public Transport

For those travelling by bus please check the timetables before travelling. Currently (Spring 2014) the Arriva Buses 462 and 463 service between Guildford and Woking via Send stops in the High Street near Manor Way. It is roughly an hourly service. There is also a very limited service run by Abellio Surrey, No. 40, from Ripley to Woking that stops along Old Woking Road by Palace Way and Carters Lane. No buses currently operate on either route on Sundays or Bank Holidays.

Amenities

Unfortunately there are no public toilets available on the route. There is a sandwich shop, restaurant and takeaway near to the start of the walk. The "Seven Stars" pub is a short walk past the bridge over the River Wey and the New Inn near the end of the walk for drinks and food.



Woking Palace and its Park

Walk 2

THE PALACE AND THE PRIORY

A circular walk to Woking Palace, a Tudor Mansion in the meadows to the east of Old Woking, then past the ruins of Newark Priory returning along the River Wey

Distance: About 6km (3.5 miles) + extension of 3km (2 miles)

Time: Approximately 2 hours + 1 hour

Map: OS 1/25000 145 Guildford

Going: Flat with uneven ground, parts impassable when wet
Stiles on extension walk

Please follow the Countryside Code at all times on this walk.

