

## SELSFIELD COMMON AND CHIDDINGLYE FARM

This walk starts from the National Trust property of Selsfield Common and goes southwards with good views of the South Downs, it then passes the White Hart Inn to return via Chiddinglye Farm. It is an area of pleasant farm and parkland. There are many stiles but all fairly easy.

Distance: 3½ miles (5.6 kilometres) Map reference: O.S. Explorer 135, 348343

There is [parking space](#) for cars by the track on the common. To reach this take the B2028 from Turners Hill towards West Hoathly and Ardingly. On the left about 150 yards before the road divides, turn into a gravel track between the National Trust sign "Selsfield Common" and a pillar box on the left.

To start the walk go forward along the track to a footpath sign on the left. Take this path which runs almost parallel with the main track. At the first fingerpost take the left fork. It leads to a left hand corner of the commonland where there is another footpath sign and again keep left. Near the footpath sign there is a wooden seat at the edge of the field.

From the seat admire the views. Go forward alongside the hedge on your left. Turn the corner still with the hedge on your left and out to the road opposite buildings.

Turn left in the road and cross it just beyond the bend. At the end of a brick wall on the right-hand side of the road (Wyndham Court) is a footpath and footpath sign. Follow the path along the right-hand edge of this field to a stile.

You are now facing (south west) a large open field. Away to the right you will see St Leonards Church, Turners Hill. It has the reputation of being the highest in Sussex.

Go straight ahead, towards oak trees, veering slightly right to a stile into the next field. Away on your right is a small wood. Go to it and follow the edge to the stile. Cross the stile into field and now go straight ahead and over another stile. Ahead you then see a pair of telegraph poles. Make your way over to them and note the way-marks attached. Go to the left to cross a stile by a gateway at the top of a bank.

Follow the track down to level ground, then go left to pass through a gap and on to cross a stile by a fingerpost. Now turn right and cross a stream and two stiles straight ahead. After the second one climb up a series of steps then along an enclosed path out onto a tarmac drive. Turn right.

Pass Old House on your right, and pass a particularly attractive area of ponds, ducks and banks of wild flowers. You then come to the Ardingly Road, almost opposite the White Hart Inn with its lovely barn.

Just before the inn to your right is a footpath sign and low brick stile. Follow this path downhill until it crosses a small stream then take the path leading off to the right.

This path goes through a strip of woodland, crosses a stream and over a stile into a field. In front is a slight hill and house.

Go to the right (direction of fingerpost) contouring round the side of the hill and gradually following the fence of the wood on your right until you come to a stile in the fence. Cross this and follow the path in the wood to the drive to Chiddinglye Farm through a kissing gate.

Turn left, and **BEFORE YOU REACH THE JUNCTION OF TRACKS**, turn left into a narrow path, through an iron kissing gate (footpath sign). The path brings you into a large field, with the buildings of Stonelands on the left ahead.

Go straight ahead to the drive, cross over making towards a gate and stile into a long narrow field. Go forward making for the far left hand corner where a kissing gate brings you to a bend in the drive to Stonelands. Cross this to continue in the same direction along an enclosed track and over stile and on into the drive to another house, (Snegs Hill). Keep straight on leaving the house to your left. When you reach the road cross stile and take care. (Opposite Duckylls House). Cross the road and turn left (to face oncoming traffic).

At the road junction leading to Gravetye Manor (Vowels Lane) you may either keep straight on to the car park, or turn right into this road and follow it until on your left is a footpath sign and a gateway. Follow this footpath across the field towards the water tower and a stile at the right of tower. This brings you to the road. (Forge Cottage).

To the right is Selsfield Common and your cars.

