

Sutton Park (No stiles) (Re-walked January 2018)

Distance: 5 miles

Map: OS Explorer 220

Start: Toby Carvery, Sutton Park, B74 2YT

Turn right from car park. Keep close to right hand hedge to pass through metal gate to reach cross roads.

Turn right and follow road past Donkey Sanctuary entrance, continue ahead through metal gate and eventually walk downhill to Keeper's Pool. At first corner of pool turn right along the dam and then continue ahead on path uphill through holly woods to Blackroot Pool.

Continue along left hand edge of Blackroot Pool to fork where wide main path goes uphill. Take smaller track to right through trees, skirting poolside.

Follow main path through woods keeping ahead across two sets of intersections. Then bear right and go slightly downhill. Turn right to cross bridge over railway and continue right along track down to Bracebridge Pool. Follow dam to far side, passing Boathouse Restaurant.

Walk a short distance ahead through trees to a track. Bear left and follow path over many wooden bridges to a clearing by the lakeside. Take left fork uphill through birch wood to a wide clearing and intersection of tracks. Turn left and then bear left, with open scrub land on your right, to meet main track taking you gently downhill to bridge at end of Little Bracebridge Pool. Cross bridge and continue ahead to pass through tunnel under railway line.

Keep ahead through conifers, avoiding bogs and pools as necessary, to reach car park and open field beyond. Cross field, aiming for gap in hedge, directly ahead. Continue through gap towards brow of hill bearing slightly right of a circular holly cope to arrive at Jamboree Memorial Stone and ice cream van/coffee stop.

From triangular island, take right fork. Follow this road until passing through a wood. Where road bends to right, take track on left (two blue footprints on road). Make sure you take the track between a left hand holly bush and a right hand pine tree. Within 20 metres take another left fork leading through recently cleared woodland. At the next track intersection take the track with the holly wood on your left. This track leads down to a wider track. Turn left briefly on to this and then sharp right onto the road.

This road leads you back past the Donkey Sanctuary entrance, the first cross roads and ultimately the Toby Carvery.

