

# Out and about

## Key facts

**Start/finish:** Potters Lane. If travelling from Woking, take the A247 towards Old Woking. Continue through Old Woking, and turn right at the mini roundabout onto the A247 towards Send. Just after a sharp left-hand bend, turn right at The New Inn into Potters Lane.

If travelling from the A3, take the exit signposted Ripley. Continue through Ripley until you come to a roundabout. Turn right onto the A247 and continue through Send. Just before The New Inn, turn left onto Potters Lane.

**Distance:** Approximately six kilometres (four miles).

**Time:** Allow two hours.

**Type of walk:** Easy to moderate, generally flat, with some narrow paths and uneven surfaces. Some areas will be very boggy when the weather has been wet.

To check out the previous walks, visit [www.woking.gov.uk/woking/magazine/walks](http://www.woking.gov.uk/woking/magazine/walks)

For more ideas and a variety of clubs and groups that organise walks in the area, visit

[www.windowonwoking.org.uk](http://www.windowonwoking.org.uk)

## The route

1. Once parked, walk from Potters Lane towards the A247, and turn left past The New Inn. Once past the pub, turn immediately left onto an unmade lane and continue alongside the Wey Navigation for about a mile. Continue past a small but busy lock called Worsford Gates.
2. Where the River Wey leaves the canal to the left, cross the bridge and continue towards Triggs Lock and the lock keeper's cottage.



Built in 1653 by Richard Weston, The Wey Navigation was the first canalised river in the country and was designed to allow river traffic from the Thames to reach Godalming and Guildford.

3. Soon after the lock you will reach a bridge. Instead of crossing the bridge, turn left over a stile and follow the public footpath.
4. Follow the path across the water meadow, which might be boggy after heavy rain, towards a bridge crossing the river.
5. Cross the bridge over the river, taking special care not to trip on the bars across the steps, and continue along the towpath.
6. Upon reaching St Mary the Virgin Church (C. 1200), follow the path, keeping the church on your right until you come to Church Lane.



7. Turn left and follow Church Lane, continuing straight ahead at the crossroads up Send Hill.
8. After passing Send Cemetery, turn left onto an enclosed footpath. Continue along the path and out into the open field. Upon entering the field turn right and follow the path along the edge towards the houses.
9. At the corner of the field with the houses on your right, turn right, heading towards the houses and go through a



five-point gate. Turn left on to the gravel track and follow it until you reach Farm Lane. Turn left onto Sandy Lane and then turn right at Hillside Farm onto a wide public footpath.

10. Continue along the footpath. At a fork in the path, turn right and continue along a narrow fenced path that passes by some picturesque lakes, where a range of water birds can often be seen fishing for food.
11. Join a tarmac track and continue straight on until you reach Potters Lane.
12. Turn right into Potters Lane to head back towards The New Inn.



The New Inn Public House, built in 1843, was used by barges and other canal users. It was even used as a mortuary for a time, but is now a traditional family pub decorated with canal memorabilia. The garden is especially pleasant in the summer.