



RECOMMENDED CIRCULAR WALK: TILFORD TO THE LION'S MOUTH

Distance: 4½ miles | Length: 2- 2½ hours | Rating: Easy

1. Start at Tilford village green car park, SU 873 434. Walk to the top corner, furthest from the **Barley Mow** (150m) and along the bridleway beside the road (300m).
2. Take the track left to the far end of Stockbridge Pond (600m).
3. Continue on this track, passing through the wide metal barrier and round right and left bends into **Hankley Common** (100m) and take the left track at the fork.
4. Carry on until the River Wey is just below the track on the left (300m): *Note: you may not be able to see the river, depending on time of year / foliage.*



5. Turn right on the sandy side track up to the five-way junction (300m) and continue ahead onto **Yagden Hill** (300m). *NB: some paths expand and fade, but **Yagden Hill** is the landmark to head for.*
6. Continue on the same track off the hill (bearing to the left hand side) and eventually up onto and along ridge to the Lion's Mouth cleft (1000m). *You'll be walking above, but parallel to the golf course on your right hand side.*

7. Drop into the cleft and take the first track on the right at the bottom. *Look to your left at this point and you may be able to spot the remains of the replica of **Hitler's Atlantic Wall** in the woods. It was built by Canadian troops in 1943 and used to practise techniques to breach the defences of the French coast prior to the D-Day landings.*



8. Stay on this track across the first cross track (200m) and then continue right through the golf course all the way to the road. On the way, after the second cross track (450m) ignore the right fork. Eventually join the track converging from the left (650m) and go on past the golf club house and car park (150m). Follow the tarmac drive up the road next to the log cabins of **Tilford Woods Lodge Retreat** (120m).

9. Over the road slightly right (30m) walk up the drive to Markham (150m). From the gate take the path that skirts right of the garden and carry on between the fields to the end (600m).

10. Turn left along the track, past the track down to Meadow End Farm and on to the next side path on the right (300m).

11. Follow this path back to the farm (250m) and carry on along the track past the houses (350m).



12. Just after the last small field turn off on the footpath left through the trees to the River Wey South and on beside it. *The lesser path on the river bank offers better views but needs caution as some parts have subsided (500m). Alternatively, take the parallel path through the woods. Eventually pass through the gate and keep on ahead to the road (300m).*

13. Arrive at the green and **The Barley Mow Tilford** for some well-earned refreshment! The car park at the start of the walk is on the side of the green.