

WALK TITLE:

Hazlehead Park and Countesswells Wood Trail

DISTANCE: 4 miles/6.4km

OS GRID REFERENCE: NJ 896055 start and finish of walk

OS LANDRANGER /EXPLORER SHEET: 38 / 406

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Circular route around Hazlehead Park. The route takes in Countesswells Woods, Anderson Woods and Denwood Trail. Many shorter walk options are available and clearly marked.

GETTING THERE:

Bus available to Hazlehead Park or parking at the Old Tram Terminus. Bus Route is First Bus Route 11 and leaves from Union Street.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION:

The walk starts at the old tram terminus. Go into the park and pass the tearoom, walk along track passing the North Sea Memorial Garden on left hand side. Keep following the track, you cross over a road then you have golf course on either side of you. Follow signs for Anderson Woods. Turn right when you come to T junction, which is sign posted Anderson Woods and Countesswells Woods. If a shorter walk is required follow the signs for Anderson Wood Trail. For the longer walk follow signs for Countesswells Wood Trail. Keep following trail until you come to a large metal gate, do not go through gate but follow the rougher track which goes through the woods. You then come out of the woods to a lovely view looking southwards. (map ref. NJ 878050). This takes you onto proper track again, turn right. With the golf course on the left hand side follow the rough grass track between two stone dykes. Follow this rough track until you come to Countesswells Rd (tarred road), turn left. This is the only section with cars. Walk about 200m along the side of the road, then turn left through the opening in the dyke onto golf course. Stay on the right side of golf course parallel to the road. Pass a large pylon on your left, picking up a small rough path which takes you around the twelfth Tee. Carry on until you pick up a proper track. Turn right. Follow sign for Denwood Trail. Follow the next sign for Hazlehead Park. Cross over road passing wood pile then follow sign to Gardens and Restaurant, which take you back to old tram terminus.