

This page gives a written guide to the Published Walk on offer at present. On the next page is an A4 size hand-drawn map showing the route described. **Walk No 6 Revised IO/2000**

## **CIRCULAR WALK - SUCKLEY HILLS**

**6 Miles, strenuous in parts**

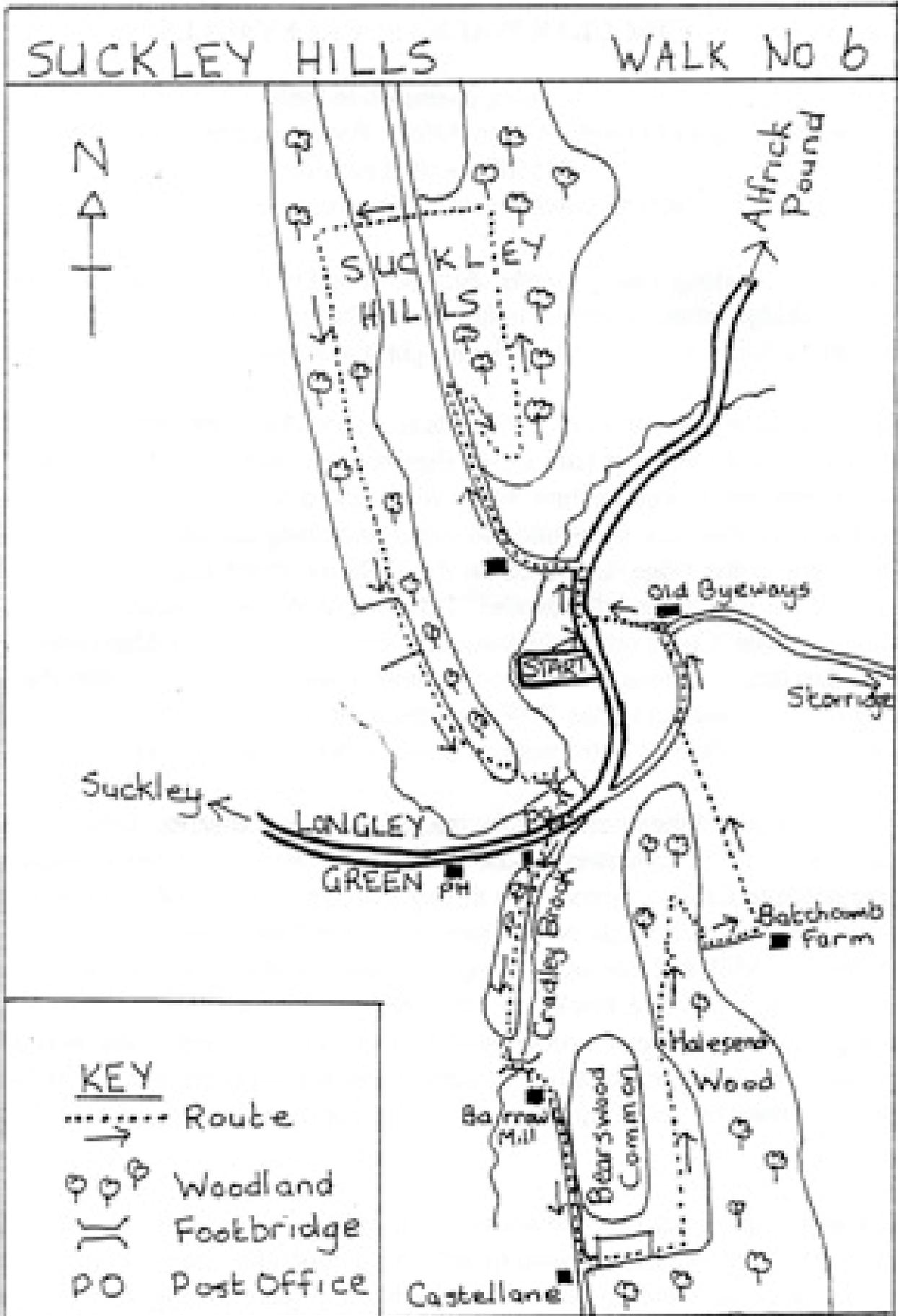
START: At layby on right of Longley Green-Alfrick Pound road by Suckley Parish road sign at grid reference (GR) 735508 (limited parking).

MAPS: Landranger 150, Explorers 190 & 204

1. From layby continue along road towards Alftick Pound In 150 yds, turn left over Cradley Brook, past Upper Tundridge Farm. Continue uphill. Pass a house on the left, a footpath sign on the right and another on the left. Take the next track on right into the woods.
2. Follow this permissive path for about 260 yards to a junction. Turn left uphill and follow the track (also a permissive path) for over half a mile (ignoring left fork) to a cross path near the top of the hill. Turn left onto the Worcestershire Way (WW) and down to the road, GR 731521. Cross the road and follow the WW over two stiles into the wood and along the second path on the left. The path turns right, uphill to the ridge. Continue on the WW for about half a mile. At the second path crossing where the WW turns left downhill, leave the WW and go straight ahead. Go over another path crossing to a stile. Come out of the wood and continue along the edge (fine views on right). Go through a wicket gate. Continue, then through another wicket gate to re-enter the wood. Go steeply downhill (Grove Hill) and rejoin the WW and turn right. Go through a gate, down field through two metal gates, over a footbridge to the road by Suckley PO, Longley Green, GR 734504.
3. If refreshment is required then turn right for the Nelson Inn, 400 yards. Otherwise cross the road to take the lane opposite PO to a stone house on the right where bear left through gate and take the path leading down to Cradley Brook. Go through wicket gate on right and take the path on inside edge of wood. Exit wood through wicket gate and on to footbridge on left. Go over footbridge up track past Barrow Mill and continue along the lane for about half a mile, passing Bearswood Common on left. Just before a black and white house on right (735492), turn left on track and go over stile by gate ahead. Proceed through field to another stile. Keep wood on right for 150 yards to turn left on the track going left of a line of trees. Continue on same line across field to the brow of the hill and then make for the point where the hedge appearing ahead meets Halesend Wood on the right.
4. Ignore track going uphill but proceed ahead along track just inside wood. Follow this track which climbs gently uphill (ignore tracks down to left) to a T-junction. Turn left and after about 250 yards turn right at a cross path and go down hill to a hunting gate leading out of the wood. Maintain direction to the next hedge and left to the track at Batchcombe Farm, where turn left, passing orchards and continue to the road. Turn right, uphill to white house ahead named 'Old Byeways' and then left down a hedged path to the Longley Green-Alfrick Pound road and back to the start.

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