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INTRODUCTION

About the Place aims to encourage residents and visitors to go outdoors and enjoy walking in the scenic Mid Sussex countryside.

Mid Sussex District Council has worked with project partners to map a 40-mile walking trail (in seven sections) plus seven circular walks. The walking trail follows a clockwise direction and passes through the picturesque towns and villages of Lindfield, Ansty, Bolney, Handcross, Balcombe, Crawley Down, East Grinstead, West Hoathly and Sharpthorne.

There are car parking places at the start and end points of most walks, identified by carved oak Waymarkers (red dots). Walks 4, 6, 11 and 13 start from a railway station, other routes are accessible by bus. The distances given in this booklet are approximate and the directions are only intended as a guide. The paths are all on public rights of way and can be followed using an Ordnance Survey map.

Halfway points and resting places on the trail have been suggested for people who want to do 'out and back' or shorter and more leisurely walks. The easy walks are fairly flat and less strenuous than those graded moderate; difficult walks include some steep hills.

The routes may be uneven and muddy in places so you should wear sensible walking shoes, a waterproof, hat and sunscreen (depending on the weather), take a map, compass and a mobile phone although you may not get full coverage on all of the walks. Please enjoy the walks and follow the Countryside Code: **www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-countryside-code**

The project was funded through Section 106 developer contributions received by the Council in respect of new housing developments. You can download the routes and find further information about the project on the website **www.abouttheplace.org**

WAYMARKERS

The eight Waymarkers sited at the start and finish points of the walks, were designed and carved by local West Sussex artist Janine Creaye.

Janine trained in Fine Art Sculpture at the University of Northumbria and the Chelsea School of Art. She has exhibited widely and her sculptures can be seen in public sites in Guildford town centre; Tilgate Park, Sussex, Bedelands Nature Reserve, Buchan Country Park, Horsham Park, Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, Arundel. She has drawings in the collections of Lady Antonia Fraser, Stephen Berkoff and the V&A Museum.

Each Waymarker has a wyvern/dragon symbol to represent the circular routes and options to continue in either direction. They are all unique and designed to reflect local themes and historical references. Each mythical beast points towards the natural things you may find, but also represents nature regenerating itself alongside development and industry through the ages in each place.

Sussex has a number of legendary dragons, wyverns and knuckers (water dragons that dwell round springs). These creatures would have undoubtedly inhabited the forests and fires around the bygone furnaces and charcoal burning sites of the Wealden iron industry, which was key to the wealth and development of the area.



Walk 1

Lindfield to Ansty

(6 miles / 9.5 km)

Grading = Moderate

OS Explorer maps 34 (Ashdown Forest)
& 134 (Crawley & North Horsham)

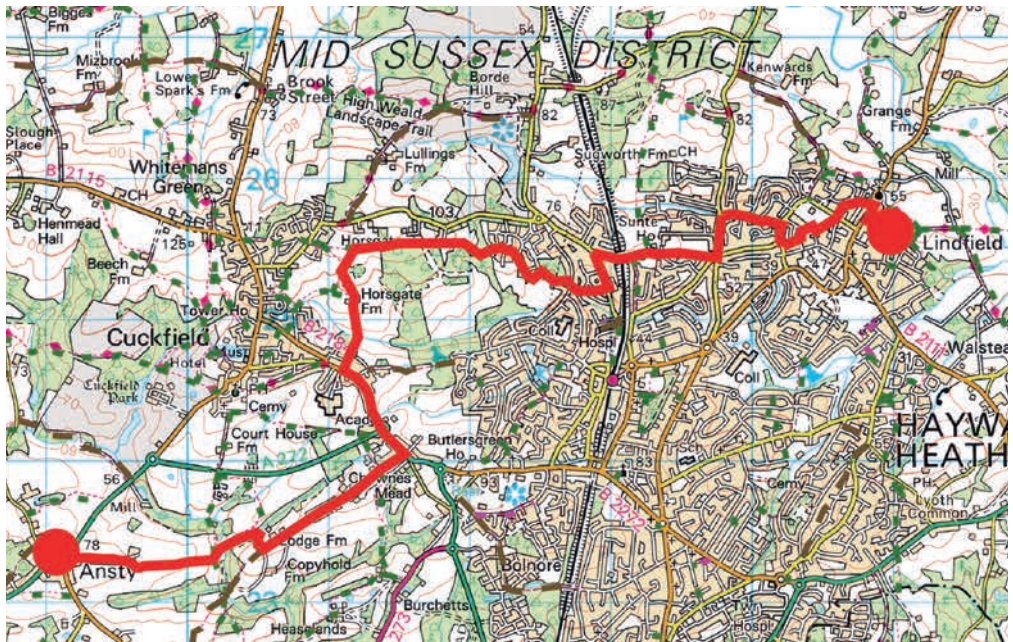


Start point:

Lindfield High Street, opposite The Tiger,
All Saints Church RH16 2HT
(The Wilderness Car Park RH16 2JE)

End point:

Ansty Recreation Ground,
Deaks Lane RH17 5AS



1. WAYMARKER 1 is on the corner of The Wilderness and Dukes Road. Leave the car park and walk toward All Saints Church, go through the churchyard to reach the High Street and cross over the road to the start of the walk. Directly opposite The Tiger, take the left-hand path which is marked with a public footpath sign. Follow it for a short way, it bears to the left and goes down a narrow twitten between two fences.
2. At the end of the twitten, cross Hickmans Lane and head across the recreation ground toward the corner of the hedge opposite. There is a gap in the hedge just to the right marked with public footpath sign that takes you onto Pickers Green. Follow the pavement straight on, then turn left down another twitten which bends to the right and continue to the road opposite The Witch Inn.
3. Turn right and walk up the road until you see a bus stop on the left-hand side, cross the road and walk down another narrow twitten until you reach By Sunte. Bear left and continue, past Savill Road on the right and Fieldway on the left, when you reach end of the road cross over and turn left up Portsmouth Lane, passing Birchen Lane on the right.
4. Just before the mini roundabout, turn right down another narrow twitten, with lots of tree roots under foot, which leads to Sunte House on your right-hand side. Follow the footpath and continue straight on (ignore the tarmac drive to your right which leads to Birchen Wood). Cross the bridge over the London to Brighton railway line and continue on to Old Wickham Lane.
5. At the end of the lane use the island to cross Balcombe Road and then turn left, keep to the pavement, cross over Barnmead, and walk on until you see The Barn and a right turn with a public footpath sign. Go through the wooden gate and walk on until you reach the green opposite, head straight across to reach another narrow twitten.
6. At the end of the twitten you will see the Harland Primary School entrance opposite, go up the drive and follow the path to the right and then left beside the fence until you reach three

- bridges over a number of small streams. The path goes off to the right along a makeshift wooden boardwalk. At the end of the sports field keep following the fence on your left, the path bears to the right through some woods.
7. After a few hundred yards you will come across two fallen trees near to the path and some houses on your left, follow the path toward the houses to Campbell Mead. Walk straight on, past a drainage pond and small play area to your left and follow the pavement as it curves to the right, then up a couple of steps. On your left you will see a public footpath which leads you over a little bridge and into the woods.
 8. Follow the path uphill, past Gravelye House on your left and then walk straight on until you reach a stile. Cross the stile and take the footpath to the left and immediately turn right an open field. Go through some trees and you will reach a footpath sign, take the left turn and walk through some wild scrubland with brambles and possibly some grazing horses. You should have a good view of the spire of Cuckfield Church and the South Downs in the distance.
 9. Go through the kissing gate at the bottom of the field, walk past the trees and then bear left diagonally across the field. Go over a stile at the bottom of the hill and follow the hedge round to the right to Linhay Farm. Follow the shady tarmac road downhill, over Scrase Stream and up the other side. At the top of the hill you come out on to Hatchgate Close, turn left to emerge opposite the Wheatsheaf Inn.
- Resting Place (3.5 miles / 6 km): Stop off at the Wheatsheaf Inn, Broad Street, Cuckfield RH17 5DW or turn right here for Cuckfield village centre which has a number of cafes and pubs. You could sit for a while in the Holy Trinity Church yard on the commemorative feather bench, made by artist Christian Funnell as a memorial to the 500 unmarked babies' graves.
10. Turn left and walk on the pavement for just under half mile, past the roundabout, cross over at the pedestrian crossing, continue on until you reach Copyhold Lane on your right-hand side.

This is an attractive private road and public bridleway. Follow the lane until it turns sharply to the left.

11. At Copyhold Cottage turn right onto the public footpath which goes around the back of the house, downhill, then over a stile and then around to the left by the pond at Lodge Farmhouse and through a five-bar gate. Go straight on into a field (ignore the footpath on your right and follow the left-hand side of the field downhill).
12. Go over a stream, up some wooden steps and follow the path through a small wood. At the other side of the wood you come out onto a gravelly track. Turn left through the hedge to pick up the path, there are trees on the right and a large open field to the left. Go through the gap in the hedge into the next field and continue on until you reach a house on the right.
13. Turn left and walk down the track until you reach the A272, cross over at the roundabout at the pedestrian island, keep right and follow the pavement to Deaks Lane and Ansty Recreation Ground on the right-hand side (WAYMARKER 2)



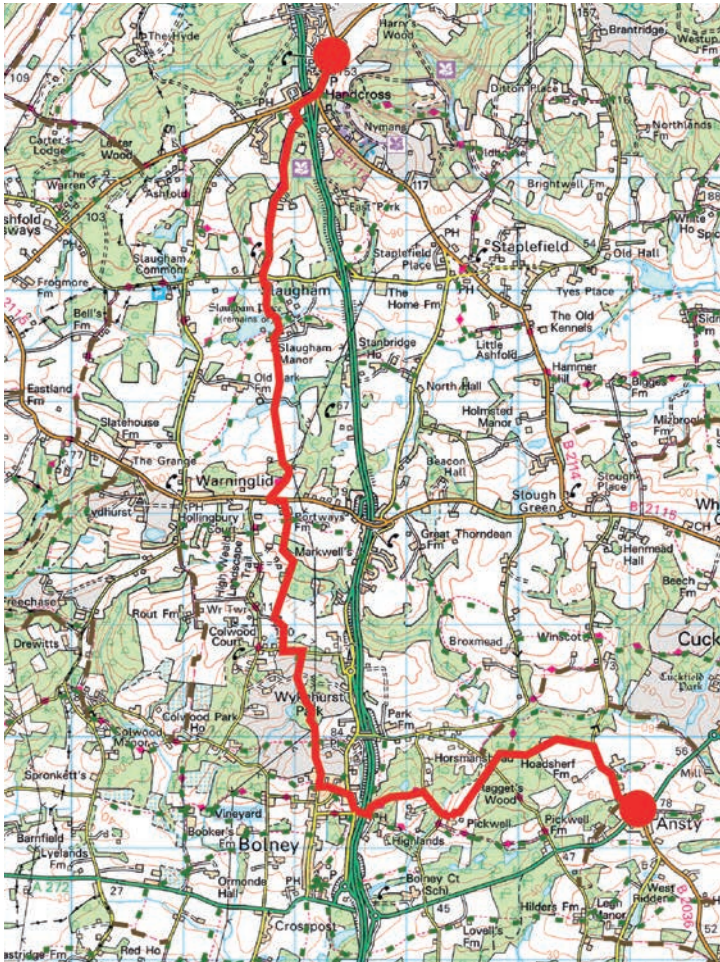
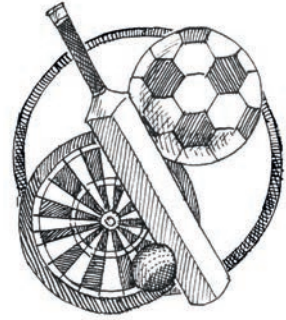
Waymarker 2
Ansty

Walk 2

Ansty to Handcross
(7 miles / 11km)

Grading = Moderate

OS Explorer map 134
(Crawley & North Horsham)



Start point:

Ansty Recreation Ground (car park),
Deaks Lane RH17 5AS

End point:

Handcross Recreation Road (car park),
High Street RH17 6DU

1. Start at Ansty Sports & Social Club (WAYMARKER 2), come out of the car park and turn right down Deaks Lane, walk past the vineyard and then turn left through a gate and up a couple of steps onto a signposted footpath with the woods to your right.
2. Walk on with the vineyard to your left, then through a gate onto a wide muddy path and keep to the main path through the woods until you reach Pickwell Lane. Cross over the road and go through the 5-bar gate marked Raggets, past the white house on your right and continue straight on a wide grass path with fences either side.
3. Cross stile ahead and follow the path until it turns to the right, go down the hill through trees to Buncton Lane, turn right and walk a short way uphill past Woodland Farm to a large house on the right, then turn left onto a footpath that is signposted Diamond Jubilee Walk.
4. Follow a windy path through the woods over a couple of little streams until you can see traffic on A23 ahead. Go over a stile and turn left alongside the A23, go down some steps and turn right to go under the pedestrian underpass.
5. At the junction, turn right and head north on the pavement toward the Equestrian & Country Store, then cross the road to turn left into Top Street.
(Resting Place (3 miles / 5 km): Do not turn left, continue straight up London Road for about 10 minutes until you reach the Bolney Stage (RH17 5RL) on the right - a dog friendly traditional pub and restaurant. Other refreshment options in Bolney include the community café at Rawson Hall, Batchelor's Field, the Eighteen Acre Café at Bolney Wine Estate, Foxhole Lane or the Cycle Café in Top Street – opening times vary).

6. There is no path so be mindful of cars and walk on until you reach a bend in the road and a public footpath sign directing you to turn right and follow The Street out of the village past The Thatched House which is to the left.
7. Walk on to a five-bar metal gate and follow the path past the farm buildings and a horse field on your left. Go under a brick bridge and continue uphill to a footpath crossroads where you keep going straight on and downhill into a little wood. Keep the metal pylon on your right.
8. The path can be quite boggy and there are bluebells here in the Spring. Go over a wooden plank bridge and carry on the windy path through the woods, over another bridge and follow the public footpath sign into a field where some saplings have been planted.
9. Cross over a track, then over a stile and head across the field, for the path becomes quite steep for a short way until you reach a stile at the top.
10. At Jeremy's Lane, turn left past Firdene and follow the road as it snakes round past some houses, then turn right onto a drive marked North Cottage and then follow the narrow footpath to the left. It is quite shady with overhanging branches and you may need to duck down in places.
11. Go through a gate and head to the left across a field, toward the water tower in the distance, then cross the next field, over a stile toward a gap in the hedge opposite and over another stile, keep the fence to your right and head for the gate.
12. Cross over a little track that runs down to the farm on your right-hand side, through the gap in the hedge and follow the public footpath sign, look out for the electric fence on your right!
13. Go through a metal kissing gate, continue on through two gates and over a wooden plank bridge into a field, walk straight on, on a path with woods to either side with cables overhead.
14. The path turns to the left, alongside and then through the woods and across some horse fields, over a stile and straight on at a footpath crossroads, past the paddock and stables on your left.

15. Go over a stile and turn left over a cattle grid and down the drive to reach Cuckfield Road where you need to turn left, there is a grass verge but no pavement so beware of traffic, cross the road and follow the footpath on the right.
16. Bear diagonally right towards a pylon at the edge of a wood ahead, the path continues on and then turns to the left downhill through the woods and out into a field. Head down toward the right of the house ahead and follow the path between two ponds.
17. The path turns slightly right and continues on until it joins a track leading to a large mill pond. Keep the pond to your left, cross the tarmac drive and follow a footpath that turns off to the left along a fence by the mill pond edge. The path bears right after the footbridge.
18. Follow the bridleway north until you reach the churchyard at St Mary's Church, Slaugham. Pass to the left of the church and Go out through the lychgate and cross Staplefield Road to walk into the village ahead. Walk past the houses and a white telephone box on your left, continuing until you reach a white gate ahead marked 'Slaugham Park, Private Property', go through the pedestrian gate on the left and continue along the road.
19. Keep following the wide path passing between a pair of metal gates, until you reach the main road where you need to turn left. Cross over at the islands to turn right along the pavement, the road bridge crosses the A23, and turn left at the road junction. Walk 3 continues into Nyman Woods opposite but turn left at the Red Lion pub for Handcross Recreation Ground and car park (WAYMARKER 3).

Walk 3

Handcross to Balcombe

(4 miles / 6.5km)

Grading = Moderate

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(Crawley & North Horsham)
& 135 (Ashdown Forest)

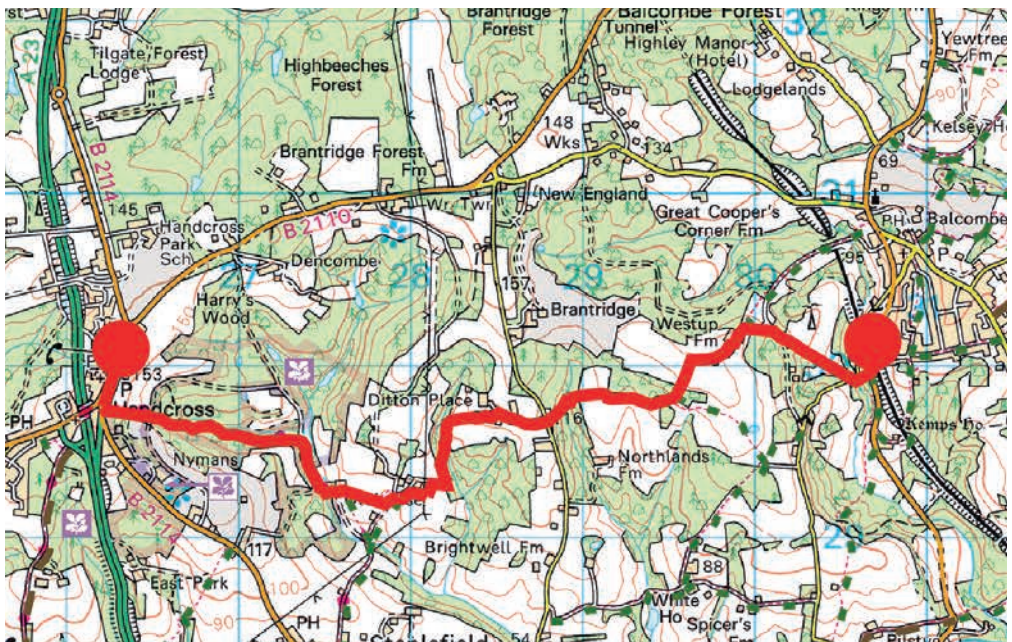


Start point:

Handcross Recreation Ground (car park),
High Street RH17 6DU

End point:

Balcombe Railway Station (car park),
London Road, Balcombe RH17 6JQ



1. Exit the car park (WAYMARKER 3) and turn right through the centre of Handcross toward the Red Lion pub. Cross the road to a small area of grass and a seat and turn left along the public footpath which leads through Nyman's Woods (National Trust) between two of Nyman's car parks, followed by a steep descent to a path.
2. The path narrows and continues to descend through trees with some steps and can be very muddy after wet weather. At the bottom it joins another path coming in from the left. Bear right over a little stream (dry in the summer) then keep round to the left (do not ascend the path straight on).
3. The path continues along the right bank of a small stream and widens to a track as it enters an avenue of redwoods. A pond and a lake can be seen below on the left. At the far end of the lake keep straight on (do not cross the bridge onto the dam). There is now a large garden to your left.
4. Following the footpath sign, bear to the left at a redwood with a slight descent and a sharp left down to a bridge over a stream with a dam to your left. Ahead a boardwalk leads over wet ground to a steep flight of muddy steps up to a gate into a field.
5. Continue straight ahead along the side of the field with a hedge to your left, over a drive, past a post box labelled Old House Private Mail Only. The hedge turns left but keep straight ahead heading just left of a pylon on the skyline to pick up the hedge again on your left by the vineyard.
6. Go through the gate at the far end of the field, bear left to cross a stream (dry in summer) by a wooden plank bridge, then up a slope keeping the fence on your left and grass to your right to emerge onto a drive. Turn right and immediately left up a drive which curves to the left leading to Allen's Farm.
7. A short way up the drive stone steps on the right-hand side lead up the bank to gate into a field. Straight ahead is a gate beyond which are power lines. Go under these and then immediately turn left through a gate into another field.
8. Go diagonally to the right across this field heading

towards a large gate in the right hand corner. Cross the stile beside a five bar gate. On the other side of this gate a path leads through the wood with a field to the left and a deep wooded valley on the right. The path turns right and descends steeply to the stream. Ignore the paths marked private on the right and descend to water level, and a bridge will be seen ahead.

9. Cross this and follow the path up with the stream to your left. The slope is gentle at first, but the path curves to the right and steepens leading to a rocky sandstone path with a stream that flows down it in wet weather. Take great care as the stones are very slippery when wet!
10. Go through kissing gate into a field with an impressive house (Ditton Place, 1905, once a school, now apartments) ahead. Ascend the right-hand edge of the field past a house and through a gate at the top corner onto their drive. Leaving Ditton Place to your left go along the drive bearing right to eventually emerge onto Brantbridge Lane.

*Halfway Point (2 miles / 3 km):
Brantbridge Lane*

11. Cross Brantbridge Lane to a footpath through the hedge a few yards to your left, cross a track and walk on into the woods, the path bears left and right and then descends steeply down some rough steps into a gully. The plank bridge at the bottom is narrow and there is wooden railing on only one side so go cautiously across the small stream and back up the steep steps on the other side. Continue to follow the waymarked path uphill.
12. At the top, go over a stile into a cattle field, keep to left and walk on to a gate and stile into another field with a small pond to your left. Keep straight on along the edge of the field where there are views of the South Downs on a clear day.
13. Go left over a stile at the footpath sign and follow the path to the right of the boundary hedge for a short way until you reach a wider track which turns right toward Westup Farm. Walk through the farmyard to the tarmac driveway, past the house on your right and go down the hill with a large pond to your left.

14. The footpath goes left through a gate and about 30 degrees diagonally across the field toward some tall pine trees, then over a stile into a copse.
15. Come out of the woods onto a road and turn left, go over the railway bridge then take the footpath off to the left. Walk up a short steep section to a stile and onto the London Road B2036. There is a layby for parking on the opposite side of the road, just to the north of the church.
16. Cross the road using the island and turn right, then turn left along the pavement signposted toward Borde Hill Gardens until you reach the Half Moon Inn.
17. At the pub, use the island to cross over and walk along Balcombe Hill a short way until you reach a red phone box and post box on your right. Turn left down Stockcroft Road, past the Victory Hall, then go right at the bowls club down a tarmac path between two hedges which leads to the recreation ground.
18. Go straight on through the recreation ground, follow the narrow footpath round the back of some flats, then when the path opens out follow the footpath sign and keep walking on the pavement on the right. Turn right down Newlands and just before the postbox cross over the road, turn right and go down the footpath that leads to Balcombe Station.
19. Cross the main road by the red telephone box (WAYMARKER 4), go over the station bridge and walk along the platform to the car park.

Walk 4

Balcombe to Crawley Down

(7 miles / 11km)

Grading = Easy

OS Explorer map 135

(Ashdown Forest)



Key

Red dots =
Waymakers

Orange dot =
village map

Start point:

Balcombe Railway Station (car park), London Road,
Balcombe RH17 6JQ (reasonable daily charge)

End point:

Burleigh Way Car Park, Crawley Down RH10 4HJ

1. From the station car park, take the pedestrian bridge, from the north bound platform, over the railway line and go up the steps to London Road. Turn left (WAYMARKER 4) and cross the road at the island. Take the path to the left of the red telephone box which leads to Newlands
2. Cross over and turn right to walk along the pavement until you reach Jobes. Turn left and follow the public footpath on the right which leads to the recreation ground. Walk straight on past the bowls club until you reach Stockcroft Road.
3. Turn left, past Victory Hall, then go right toward the Half Moon Pub and Balcombe Village Stores. Go past the store and then turn right to follow the public footpath. The track bears right and goes toward Balcombe Cricket Club.
4. When you reach the playing field, follow the footpath around to the left until you reach a small wood. A gate leads into another field, keep the hedge to your left and go straight on, then at the sign turn right downhill toward Balcombe Lake.
5. Walk on past the lake to your left, up the tarmac path which eventually bears left. A red sign states that the drive beyond this is private and a detour is necessary to rejoin the drive on the other side of the farm. Take a sharp right through a gate and a stile into a field, keep along the top edge by the hedge.
6. A gate and stile lead into the field on your left. Go up with the wood to your right but do not get too close to it. Head for another field the other side of a hedge toward a barn where the drive, now a track, is rejoined.

7. Turn right through a gate and up the chalk track ahead to the top where another track comes in from your left. Turn right and follow this track to emerge on a narrow lane. Turn left and follow this lane (Back Lane) for about 1.25 miles.
8. Continue to follow Back Lane, passing a lane (Stoney Lane) to the left and a drive to the right. There are initially fields on both sides of the lane, it then passes through a wood, then a large field on the left with a view of Worth Abbey.
9. The route turns left along a footpath just as a wood starts on the left opposite a drive and white gate. Cross the stile next to the gate and follow the path downhill with the field on your left and a fence and woods on the right ignoring two tracks into the woods.
10. At the bottom of the field the path enters a wood and crosses a stone bridge (or alternatively use the wooden plank bridge which crosses the stream to your right). Follow the track up with a field to your left and a wood to the right.
11. Ignore the track off to your right and when the wood finishes; Worth Abbey can be seen to your right. There are tennis courts on the right and then the track becomes a paved road. Before you reach the impressive gates, continue straight on into a field which is used as a golf course. Keep the low wall to your right then bear left toward the busy road (B2110).

*Halfway Point (3 miles / 5 km):
Worth School, Worth Abbey,
Paddockhurst Road, Turners
Hill RH10 4SD*
12. Cross over the road with care, turn right, then almost immediately left toward a large wooden gate to follow a wide track which heads north. Shortly after the track starts to descend ignore the left fork and continue straight on.
13. Follow the path for just over a mile through the woods until you reach a stile a few yards to your left which leads onto The Worth Way (footpath/bridleway from Three Bridges to East Grinstead). Turn right toward the road and then turn left to walk along the pavement. At the end, cross over to pick up the Worth Way opposite (WAYMARKER 5).

14. The Worth Way is very flat, level and wide, continue on the Worth Way, crossing a tarmac track, until you reach a crossing over a road which leads toward an industrial estate to your right. You can make a short diversion to stop for tea and coffee at the Centre Café which is up the road on the left.

Resting Place (6 miles / 10 km): Centre Café, Rowfant Business Centre, Wallage Lane RH10 4NQ

15. Continue on the Worth Way past the Rowfant Sawmills on your right hand side, there are some steep drops down the embankment on either side of this stretch.
16. Arrive at Old Station Close and walk straight on, past The Carriage restaurant on the corner, over the road ahead to the war memorial, turn left then immediately right into Burleigh Way, following the Worth Way signs, where you will see the Car Park on the left, opposite Auchinleck Court.

The pictorial village map on Station Road was designed by artist Helen Cann



**Waymarker 5
Worth Way**

Walk 5

Crawley Down to East Grinstead

(3 miles / 5 km)

Grading = Easy

OS Explorer map 135

(Ashdown Forest)



Key

Red dots =
Waymarkers

Orange dot
= village map

Start point:

Burleigh Way Car Park, Crawley Down RH10 4HJ

End point:

East Grinstead Railway Station Car Park,
Grosvenor Road RH19 1HS

1. Set off from the car park, heading away from the shops, down Burleigh Way following the Worth Way signs. This is a relatively short, flat walk following the old railway line, which is well signposted all the way.
2. Continue on through the residential housing, right down Woodland Drive and then left into Hazel Way. When the road turns to the left, bear half right into Cob Close and pick up the Worth Way by Crawley Down Pond (WAYMARKER 6).
3. After about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile (1.2km) you will reach a crossroads with a bridleway to the North and footpath to the South, keep to the Worth Way and go straight on.
4. You will go under a bridge at Imberhorne Lane, another at Garden Wood Road and you will reach your destination at the East Grinstead Station car park Go across the road and continue straight on over the pedestrian bridge and down the steps (WAYMARKER 7) to reach the National Rail ticket office.

Walk 6

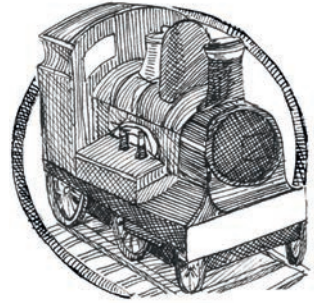
East Grinstead to West Hoathly

(6 miles / 10km)

Grading = Moderate

OS Explorer map 135

(Ashdown Forest)



Start point:

East Grinstead Railway Station Car Park,
Grosvenor Road RH19 1HS

End point:

Finche Field Recreation Ground (car park),
Church Hill, West Hoathly RH19 4PN

1. Walk away from the station entrance (WAYMARKER 7) toward the roundabout, keeping Sainsbury's on your right, and turn right down Brooklands Way. Pass Pannell Close on the left and continue straight on, past the park on your left to the junction at the bottom of the hill.
2. Cross over at the roundabout and turn right into Turners Hill Road, and cross to the other side of the road. A few metres on the left-hand side there is a public footpath which runs behind the houses.
3. Continue along this path through a number of gates, over a wooden plank bridge through a boggy patch and stream, past the housing to your left until you reach Streatfield Place, by the Dunning Mills pub.
4. At the road, turn right and walk on the pavement for a short way, then turn right at Coombe Hill Road (marked Private Road), go past some houses and then turn left down Medway Drive into a large field with mature trees all around.
5. Walk along the right edge of the field, through a wooden den and continue uphill on a sunken pathway with trees on either side. When you reach the rugby club, turn left and go past a mobile phone mast on your right to reach the road.
6. Turn left at the road and then go right at the entrance to Standen House and Garden (National Trust), follow the track for a short way and then turn right onto a footpath just before the houses on your right-hand side.
7. Walk down the narrow tree lined path, through a kissing gate into a cow pasture and continue downhill towards the reservoir with the field boundary on your left, go through a metal gate and follow the enclosed path through the trees, ignoring the footpaths to your right.

*Halfway Point (3 miles / 5 km):
Weir Wood Reservoir Local
Nature Reserve*

8. When you are nearly at the reservoir, turn diagonally right across an open field, cross under a power line, go through a gate and follow the fence around to the right until you come to a track with some metal gates on your left, with no public access.
9. Turn right here, past the car park on your right-hand side and follow the track to the main road, then turn right up the hill. *Take great care at this point as it is a busy road.* A short way up on the left, there is a public bridleway sign and a metal gate, walk this way and go past the Stone Hill climbing rocks on your left.
10. At the point where the main track bears right, follow a public footpath that turns left, through a gate into a sheep field, go straight across the field downhill toward a gap in the trees, past a stream and over a gated bridge on your right.
11. Turn left and go over another little bridge and head for a gate on the far side of the field, with the vineyard to your right. Cross over the track, go through the metal gate into the woods and follow the path.
12. Go over a stile and up a steep hill toward the Bluebell Railway line. At the top, Stop, Look, Listen and then cross over the tracks, go down the other side and over a stile at the bottom. Cross over a little wooden bridge and follow the path keeping the fence to your left until you reach a track.
13. Turn left up the track toward Birch Farm, then turn right just before the white gates, to go over a stile and follow the public footpath straight on toward the woods. Go over a stile at the end of the field and walk through the woods on a wide path.
14. Keep following the path straight on until you come to a wide track, turn left and then almost immediately right, to continue on through the woods on a slight incline with some tall pine trees on the left. Cross over an unmarked track and continue uphill.

15. When the path narrows you will reach a footpath junction, bear left on the path with banks either side and head uphill until you come to a gate and a kissing gate. Continue on, past Laburnum Cottage on your right and a garage on your left, toward West Hoathly village ahead.
16. Take care crossing the road as there is limited visibility and then walk along the pavement on the right-hand side of North Lane. Walk past the recreation ground and public toilets on your right, and the primary school on your left, and then turn left onto Sandy Lane.
17. Walk to the end and then take the path on the right past the garages, follow this path to the left of the Millennium Beacon, where you can take in the view toward the South Downs, and you will see the car park ahead (WAYMARKER 8).

If you are in need of refreshments, there are two pubs in West Hoathly – The Cat Inn, North Lane RH19 4PP and The Fox, Highbrook Lane RH19 4PJ



**Waymarker 8
West Hoathly**

Walk 7

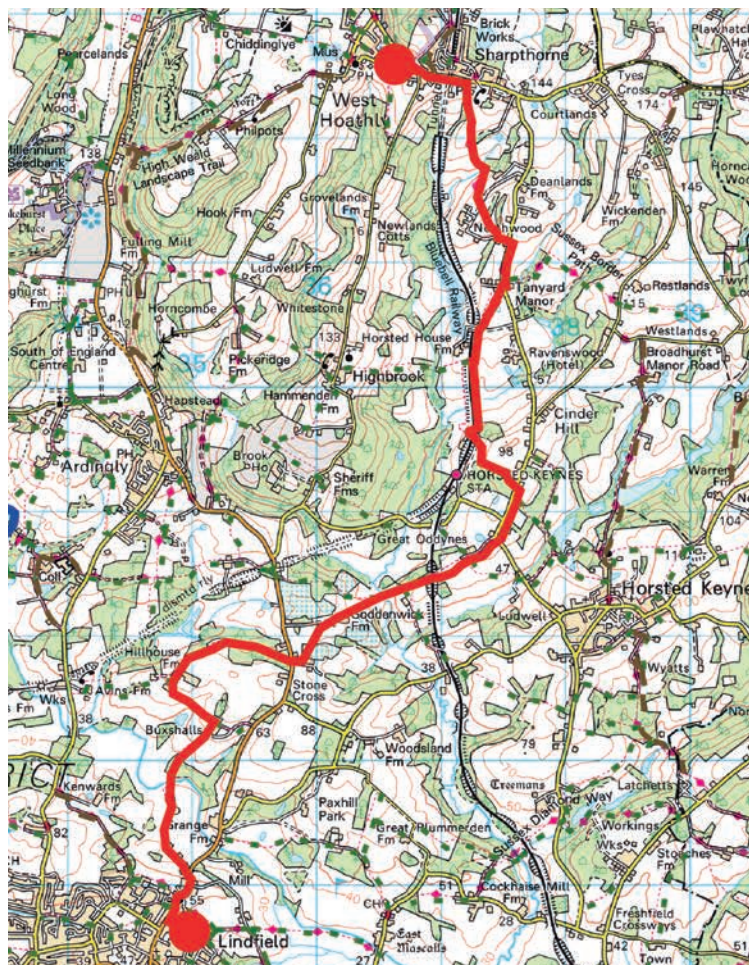
West Hoathly to Lindfield

(6.5 miles / 10km)

Grading = Moderate

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(Ashdown Forest)



Start point:

Finche Field Recreation Ground (car park),
Church Hill, West Hoathly RH19 4PN

End point:

Lindfield High Street, opposite The Tiger,
All Saints Church RH16 2HT
(The Wilderness Car Park RH16 2JE).

Warning!

**Sections of this walk,
particularly the paths
that go through farmyards,
may be very muddy.**

1. From the car park (WAYMARKER 8), follow the footpath adjacent to the road that runs past the allotments. At the bottom of the steps, turn right by the pub and follow the pavement on the opposite side of the road along Top Road until you reach the Sharpthorne Club which is on the right, just past the Costcutter and Post Office.
2. Turn right and then left at the end of the building, before the car park, to follow the footpath down an alley at the back of the clubhouse which continues on between two fences. At the end of this path there is a metal kissing gate, carry on across the field with the hedge to your left. Lovely views of the South Downs ahead.
3. Head down the hill and at the bottom of the field continue through a metal gate into another field. Head straight across this field toward the metal gate at the bottom of the field.
4. Walk down a steep bank and over a small stream to a stile and then turn right along the side of the stream. Head toward a large oak tree in the middle of the field, walk uphill and through another gate.
5. Bear diagonally right across the field to the hedge on the other side, through a metal gate then walk through the field keeping the little fence to your left and head toward the trees. Turn right along the bottom edge of the field until you reach a gate, stile and fingerpost directing you to follow the Sussex Border Path.
6. The path goes between two fences and comes out onto a track by a house called Claverdale. Turn left and follow the track to a road where you need to turn right. The traffic is fast and there no pavement but there is a narrow grass verge on the right-hand side.
7. When you reach the houses, turn right at Vox End down a

track, the footpath turns to the left, go over a stile into a horse field. Walk straight through a couple of fields until you reach the Bluebell Railway.

8. Don't go over the bridge, cross the tarmac drive, over a stile and head South through a field with the railway line on your right until you reach a crossing. Stop, Look, Listen, over a stile, through a kissing gate over the tracks and turn left down the side of the track along the embankment which falls away quite steeply in places.
9. When you reach a metal gate, turn right over the stile and follow the path through the woods, the path loops around back to the left, over the railway bridge, into a private car park and then turns to the right.

*Resting Place (2 miles / 3 km):
Bluebell Railway, Horsted
Keynes Station RH17 7BB
– stay on the track and walk
down the hill to the entrance,
if the station is open you can
purchase a platform ticket and
there is a café serving teas,
coffees and snacks.*

10. From the car park, walk down the track, under the power line, and turn left (before the station) through a kissing gate

onto a footpath with Leamland Wood on the right and a horse paddock on the left. Go over a stile into the field and follow the post and rail fence to the end then back over another stile and down a steep muddy path to reach the road.

11. Go right at the road, there is no pavement so keep close to the hedgerow as the traffic is quite fast, pass Station Approach on your right and continue until you come to a house on the right hand side where there is a public footpath sign directing you down a track which leads to Oddyne Cottages.
12. Go past Great Oddyne, a Georgian style house, and into a working farmyard. Go straight on keeping to the right hand track, continue straight on with farm buildings on both sides, then out through a five-bar metal gate. Keep going straight ahead, pass through two more metal gates, and you will reach a bridge over the Bluebell Railway.

Halfway Point: (3 miles / 5 km) Bluebell Railway Bridge, Nobles Wood

13. Walk into the field, with Nobles Wood on your right, and go over a stile into the next field. Go straight on and down the

- hill, through a tight squeeze kissing gate, straight ahead toward a little bridge on your right that goes over a stream.
14. The path goes off to the left, go through a high wooden gate and straight on uphill through a conifer plantation (not right), continue on through the next conifer plantation and at the top turn right, then go over a stile with a mesh gate into a wooded area which has lots of wild garlic growing in Spring.
 15. The narrow footpath runs along the top edge of the wood with a smallholding to your left. Turn right, on a plank bridge over a boggy patch, the path then heads left toward Goddenwick Farm where there is a pond on the left and field with a wooden animal shelter on the right.
 16. Follow the cement path with chestnut trees on either side and then turn left into a staked field and straight up through another conifer plantation. Follow the path around to the right toward the houses and over a stile.
 17. Turn left toward the main road, go straight across (taking great care because this is a fast road) to join a public footpath opposite which goes through some woods. Keep following the path through the woods until you come to a narrow path with trees on the right and a house on the left with a large beech hedge.
 18. Go past Burstye Farm on your right and then turn left to follow a tarmac track. Go past a large pond down on your right and just before a house a little further on turn right down a public footpath.
 19. Keep to the left-hand edge of a ploughed field, the path heads off from the corner of the field into a wooded copse and on to a bridge over the River Ouse. You will reach a field with a Beware of the Bull sign so cross swiftly and through a side gate into the farmhouse garden opposite. Keep right here as the ground near to the left hand fence can be particularly muddy.
 20. Keep the house on your right, go past the farm buildings and continue down the track ahead. Go through a metal kissing gate onto Spring Lane which leads to Lindfield High Street, turn right toward All Saints Church and turn left just before the Bent Arms into Dukes Road (WAYMARKER 1), then left again into the Wilderness for the car park.

Walk 8

Lindfield Circular
(9 miles / 14.5 km)

Grading = Moderate

Explorer map 135
(Ashdown Forest)



Start/End point:

Lindfield High Street
(The Wilderness Car Park RH16 2JE)

**Warning! sections
of this walk may
be very muddy!**

1. Turn onto Brushes Lane by The Bent Arms pub on Lindfield High Street and at the junction for The Wilderness car park on your left and Dukes Road there is a public footpath by WAYMARKER 1. The path leads to a kissing gate at the entrance to the Wilderness Field, turn left to walk diagonally across the field, following the path to the far corner.
2. At the five-bar gate, turn left and walk on until you reach a private road leading to a farmhouse. Turn right here and follow the tarmac road, cross over a stream and carry straight on a wide footpath which goes slightly uphill and then the footpath turns to the left by a five-bar gate.
3. Go over a wooden bridge, walk on a short way and go over a second plank bridge. The footpath comes out on to a road that leads to Walstead Forge, walk straight ahead and cross straight over the busy road ahead to pick up the public footpath opposite.
4. Walk slightly left across the field ahead, then cross over a private driveway and through the metal gate opposite. Walk diagonally across the field until you reach a couple of houses. Go over a stile and carry on between the houses past Keepers Cottage on your left and continue on the footpath ahead.
5. The footpath crosses a field, over a stile into another field, walk diagonally across, through a kissing gate into the wood then go over a stream on a wooden bridge.
6. Follow the windy path through the woods (which can be very muddy) and at the footpath junction follow the sign to the left to continue straight on. The path goes uphill through the woods until you reach a grassy clearing and a Woodland Trust bench by Costells Wood.
7. You need to turn left and follow the path under the pylons overhead. Where the path divides, take the left-hand fork to stay on the Sussex Ouse Valley Way.

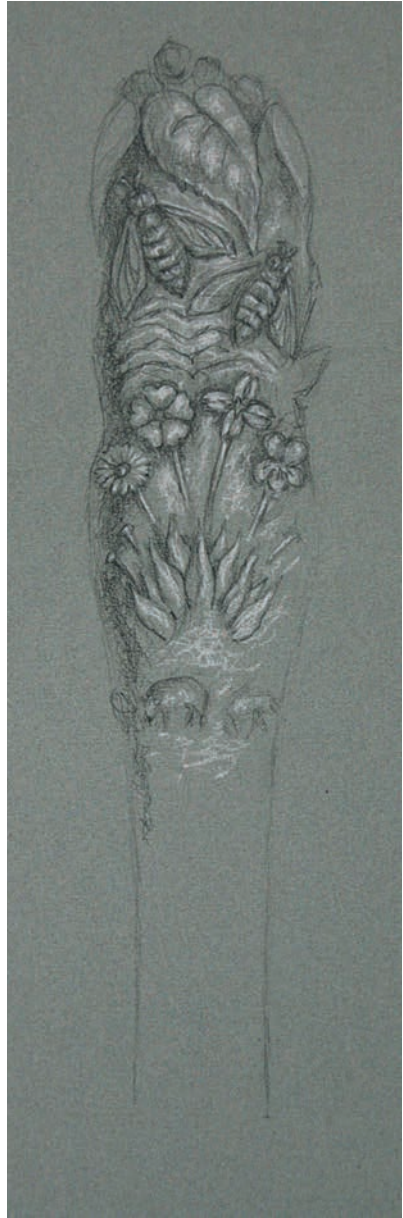
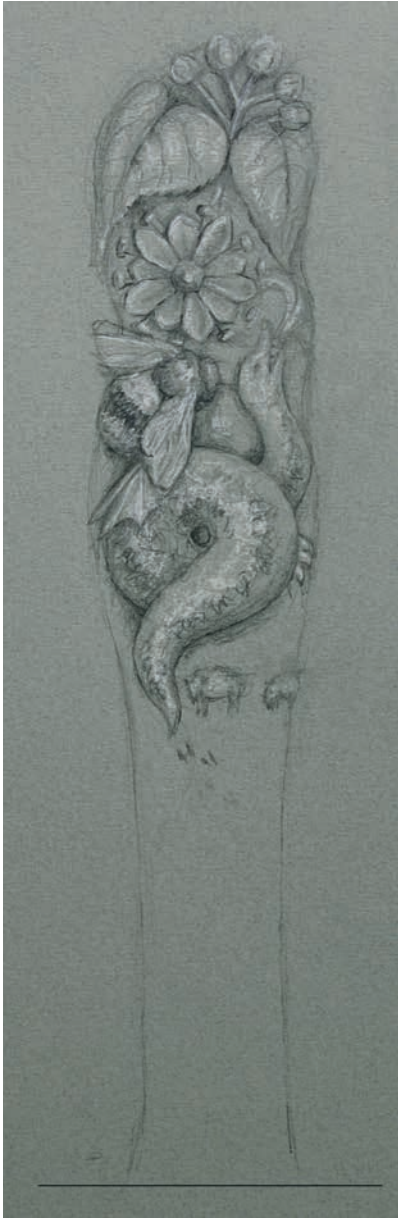
8. The path goes between two post and rail fences and an avenue of trees and turns to the left behind an old brick house. At the end of the drive carry on down the road ahead.
9. Just before you reach Nash Lane and a little car park on the right, turn left and follow the public footpath sign into the woods down a tarmac path. When you reach the house turn right to go down a grassy footpath.
10. The path goes through a wooden gate to the left of a five-bar gate along a narrow (potentially muddy) footpath between a holly hedge and a fir tree fence. Go through a tight squeeze wooden kissing gate and the path goes off to the left, diagonally across the field toward a gate in the far corner.
11. Go through another kissing gate, past a little pond on the left-hand side, into a field then through a gap in the hedge and walk straight ahead across a wide open field.
12. Go through a metal kissing gate and down some steps, turn left down a road and walk past Nash House with a grand Georgian entrance.

The road turns to the right and just before a brick barn ahead, there is a public footpath sign directing you left behind a wooden fence (this short section can be extremely wet and muddy).
13. Go through a kissing gate and head straight across the field, slightly downhill, toward the copse ahead. Go through a kissing gate on the other side of the field and then turn left through the wood (not straight ahead on the raised path).
14. The path curves round to the right until you reach a stile, go past the pond with a duckhouse on the left, go through a wooden gate past a white and tiled cottage on the left, over a stile and turn right down a tarmac track which leads to Sloop Lane.
15. Halfway Point / Resting Place (3 miles / 5 km): The Sloop Inn, 99 Sloop Lane, Scaynes Hill RH17 7NP country pub with beer garden, serving food and drinks.
16. Turn left along the road and walk past the Sloop Inn; there is no pavement so take care and walk on the grass verge toward the oncoming traffic. Go over a bridge,

past the farmyard barns on the right, then over another bridge across river. Walk past Freshfield Mill Farm on the right and Freshmill Cottage on the left, then as the road bears to the left you will see a public footpath up a few steps on the right.

17. Over a stile and then turn slight left and walk straight ahead, uphill across the field toward a brick bridge over the Bluebell Railway. Cross the railway and then go straight ahead on the track ahead, when you reach the tree line turn left over a wooden plank bridge into a field. The path goes diagonally left slightly uphill.
18. Walk around the back of a large country house with an orchard and out through a pedestrian wooden gate. Turn right along the road, past the wooden beamed Town Place and then turn left through a gate along the footpath, past a vineyard on the right.
19. Go through two kissing gates and into a wooded area until you reach a track where you need to turn left and walk on, following the Sussex Diamond Way, until you reach Freshfield Lane. Cross over and turn left
- along the grass verge, then just past the West Sussex boundary sign you can turn right onto a public footpath which leads to a quarry. Turn right and follow the fencing around the back of the quarry, the footpath bears left into the woods, downhill with a large lake on the right.
20. Over a wooden bridge and then the footpath turns to the left down a track. Go past the entry to the quarry on the left and the path continues straight ahead (ignore private track to the right). The footpath comes out on Treemans Road, go down some steps, cross over, through a gate to follow the footpath opposite.
21. Over a stile and the path goes off to the right, over another stile and then diagonally left through a kissing gate. Walk on and at the corner of the post and rail fence turn right, over a stile and a little plank bridge, up some steep steps and over the Bluebell Railway line. Beware of Trains!
22. Down a few steps, over a high wooden bridge and follow the path through the trees. Through a gate, over a wide concrete bridge and up through

- the middle of a field. Go over the stile and at the path ahead turn right.
23. When you reach the wooded area turn left to follow the footpath through the trees. Carry straight on, go through a little metal gate and turn left down Plummerden Lane for a short way.
 24. Just before Great Plummerden Cottage turn right and follow the public footpath through the vineyard. When you reach the treeline go through a metal 5-bar gate and turn left.
 25. Go through a metal kissing gate and then turn left. Through another kissing gate and then turn left up the drive to Little Plummerden. The footpath goes off to the right past the house on your left and to the right of the garage.
 26. Go through a kissing gate, through another little gate and walk down the right hand edge of the field until you reach a little wooden bridge over a stream. Turn right and then the path turns left along the front of the Lindfield Golf Clubhouse.
 27. The footpath comes out onto East Mascalls Lane and you need to turn right, it is quite a fast road with no pavement so be careful and walk in single file on the right hand side so you can see oncoming traffic to follow The Highway Code. Go past East Mascalls Farm and over the River Ouse, then turn right onto The Sussex Diamond Way footpath that runs along the side of the river.
 28. Where the river bears right (before you reach the end of the field), the path turns left across the field toward a small bridge and a gap in the trees. Go straight ahead, slightly uphill toward some farm buildings to your right.
 29. Go through a gap in the fence by a 5-bar gate and follow the path straight ahead. Then turn right, following the public footpath into the Wilderness Field. Head diagonally across the field to retrace your steps back to WAYMARKER 1.



Waymarker 1
Lindfield

Walk 9

Ansty Circular

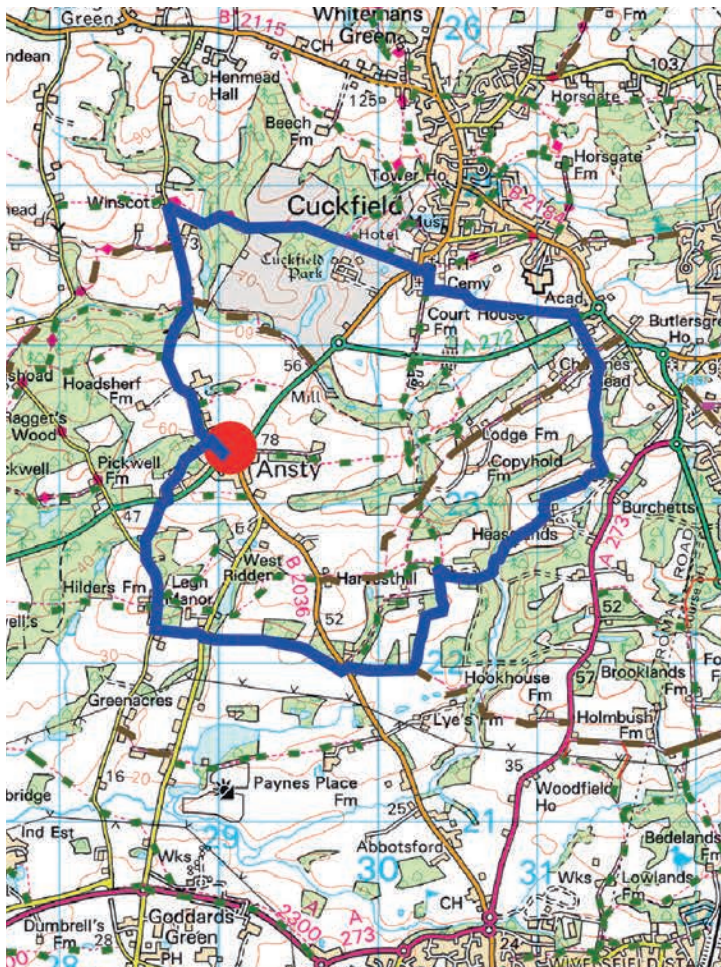
(7 miles / 11.3km)

Grading = Moderate

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(Crawley & Horsham)

& 135 (Ashdown Forest)



Start/End point:

Ansty Recreation Ground,
Deaks Lane RH17 5AS

1. Leave the car park recreation ground (WAYMARKER 2) and turn right down Deaks Lane. Walk for a minute then opposite 4 Lavender Cottages turn left down a driveway signposted public bridleway.
2. Walk through a wood yard and then the public bridleway turns off to the right through some trees and between deer fencing on either side.
3. Go past a bungalow called Silverdale and continue on the public bridleway. The path goes around the back of the houses and leads out onto the A272 where you will need to turn right and cross over almost immediately to keep following the public bridleway. It is quite a dangerous crossing on a bend so be careful.
4. Follow the bridleway opposite until you reach Bishopstone Lane where you need to turn left and walk slightly uphill. Go past the public footpath on your left, past the cottages on your right and then turn left along a public bridleway, through a gate.
5. The bridleway leads to Cuckfield Road where you need to go directly across to the path on the other side. Follow the bridleway until you come to a field, walk along the left-hand edge with trees to the left.
6. Continue on between a hedgerow on the right and the tree line on the left until you reach Harvest Hill. Cross straight over onto the driveway leading up to Moonhill Farm and turn directly right onto a public bridleway through the trees.
7. Turn off the bridleway through a kissing gate on the left signposted public footpath. Walk along the left-hand side of the agricultural field, and turn right when you reach the copse, follow the edge of the woodland to keep heading north until you reach Upper Ridges Cottage on your right (just before the cottage the waymarked path follows a track to the left of the hedge).

8. Follow the footpath in front of the house and continue towards the bottom right hand corner of the field until you reach a little brook where the path goes left and immediately right. Go over a stream, left uphill through a wooded area and then through a gate into a field, keep to the right-hand side of the field.
9. Go through a metal kissing gate, diagonally left across the field and round the back of the house and then toward a gate in the left-hand corner of the field. Keep to the left-hand edge of the field, go through a kissing gate and diagonally left to gate in corner of field beside a bungalow. Follow the path along the left hand side of the field, beside a fenced off area of woodland.
10. Go past a tumbledown shed on your left and then turn left across the field toward the trees, walk past two large trees to your right and you will see a footpath ahead that leads into the woods.
11. There is a steep gulley to your left, walk downhill over a stream and up the other side. Over a stile, keep walking straight ahead, there is a fence on your left.
12. Go over the stile, past the farmhouse and over another stile. Over one more stile and then cross over a lane to carry straight ahead, through a kissing gate and across Copyhold Lane. Follow the public footpath straight ahead between two fences until you reach the A272.
13. Go straight across the main road to pick up the footpath directly opposite and then turn left along the fence behind Warden Park School on the right. Keep walking straight ahead until you reach a track which runs along the south hedge of the cemetery at the Holy Trinity Church, Cuckfield.
14. Just before the footpath turns sharp left (and the track continues straight ahead) you need to turn right through a metal gateway and walk directly through the cemetery toward the church spire.

Resting Place (5 miles / 8 km): Turn right in the cemetery toward the war memorial and under the tree you will see the 'Feather Bench' made by artist Christian Funnell. The work was commissioned by Cuckfield Parish Council in 2019 to 'remember the many babies who rest near this

place'. Cuckfield is a good place to stop for a coffee or a pint as there are several good pubs and cafes.

15. Walk past the church and turn left through the lychgate and walk straight on down Church Platt, round the back of the White Hart Pub. Cross over South Street and turn left through a gate to follow the High Weald Landscape Trail.
16. Go through a kissing gate, down a steep path to a stile at the bottom. At the bottom of the hill there is a little stream and a wooden bridge, on the other side there are some steps going uphill.
17. The path continues on, through a kissing gate, then the path turns downhill until you reach a little stream, go over the wooden bridge with a handrail and then uphill toward Deaks Lane.
18. When you reach the road turn left, there is no footpath but it is a relatively quiet road with little traffic. Follow Deaks Lane all the way back to the Ansty Recreation Ground car park (WAYMARKER 2).

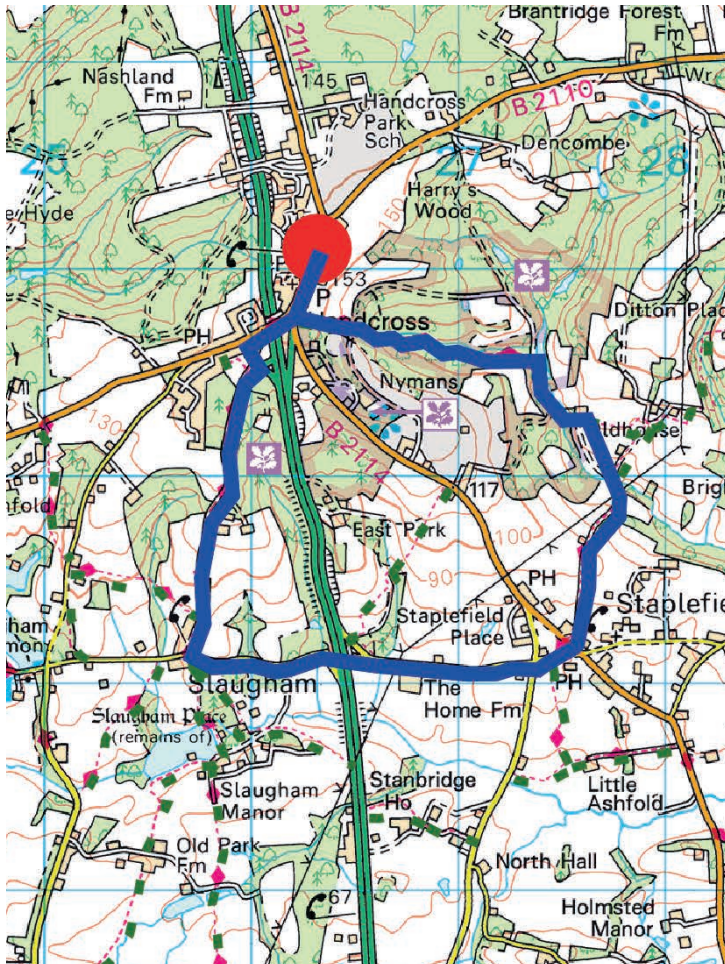


**Waymarker 2
Ansty**

Walk 10

Handcross Circular
(5 miles / 8km)
Grading = Moderate

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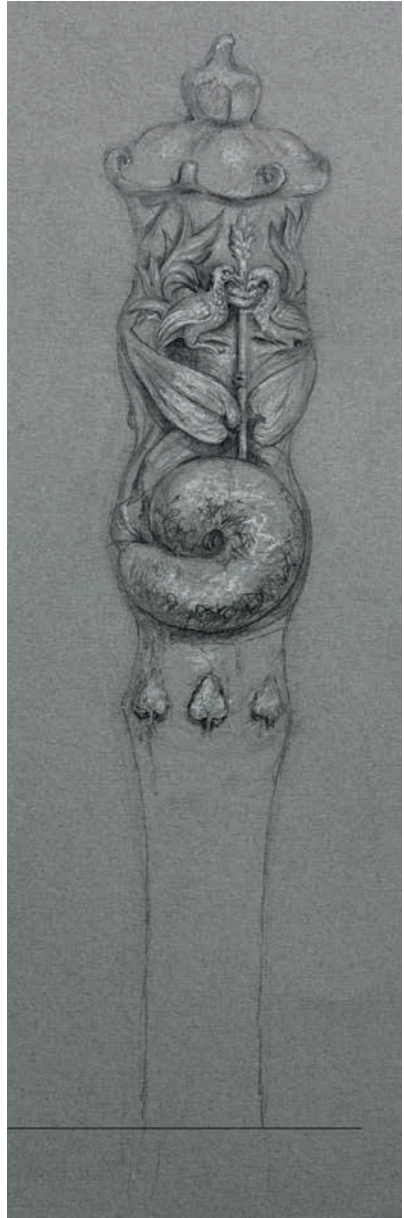
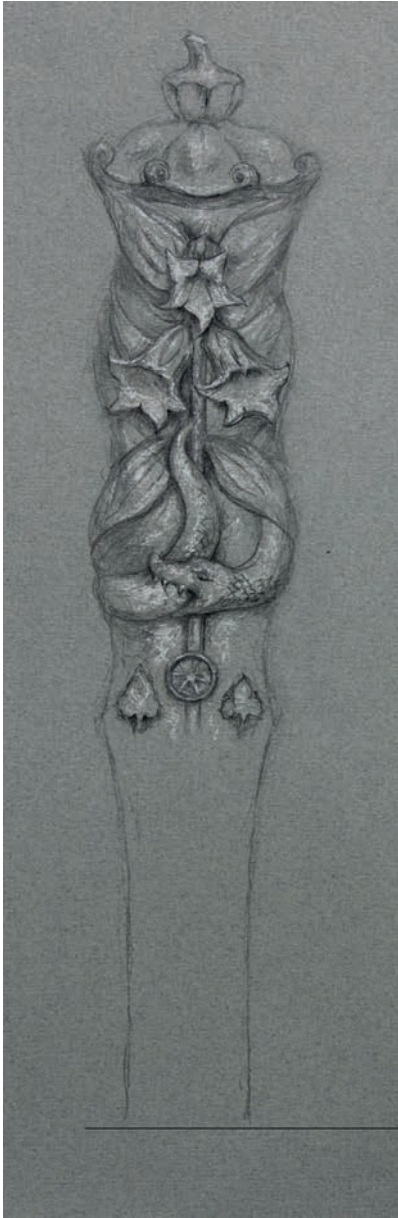
Start point:

Handcross Recreation Ground (car park),
High Street RH17 6DU

1. Exit the car park (WAYMARKER 3) and turn right along Handcross High Street. At the Red Lion pub turn right along the pavement on the B2110 (signposted Cowfold and Horsham) which takes you over the A23. At the mini roundabout, turn left and cross over the road using the island.
2. Keep to the pavement on the right hand side until you see a public bridleway sign directing you right through a gate onto a road that looks like a private drive.
3. Ignore the paths to your left and right and continue straight on down, go past some grand metal gates and keep walking until you reach a big white gate just before you come to Slaugham village.
4. Walk on toward the church and then turn left to follow Staplefield Road for just over one mile. It is a quiet country road but there is no pavement so take care and keep to the right-hand side to face the oncoming traffic.
5. Walk past the Church Covert Woodland Trust nature reserve (14 acres of public meadows and woodland habitat) and the Slaugham Place housing development on the right-hand side, then walk on under the A23 road bridges.
6. Continue on the road until you reach Staplefield Lane and the cricket clubhouse on Staplefield Common. Cross the common toward the war memorial, cross over the road, turn left and then right by the red phone and post box to follow the public footpath sign. There are two pubs in Staplefield if you are in need of refreshments.
7. Follow the path uphill, then downhill and over a stream, then when the path divides take the left-hand turn through a gate by a cattle grid. When you reach a house ahead with a little red post box, turn left and follow the public footpath sign through a gate, down some steep wooden steps.

8. Go over a wooden bridge over a stream with a dam on the right and then go up the hill into Nymans Woodland National Trust land with a big lake to your right. Follow the wide public footpath and keep left and uphill through the woods, getting increasingly steep as you reach the top (follow the public footpath signs and orange route arrows).
9. At the Nymans car park go straight across and continue on the path which comes out opposite the Red Lion where you need to turn right to go up the High Street, back toward the recreation ground (WAYMARKER 3).

Refreshments available at the Red Lion or Jo.Co Coffee shop in the High Street



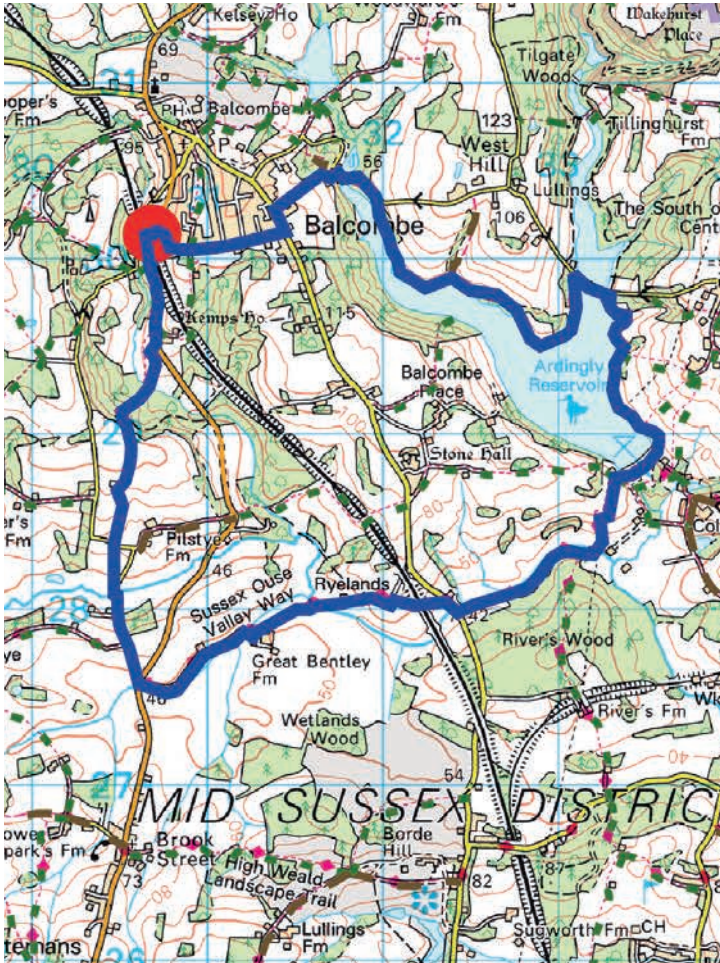
Waymarker 3
Handcross

Walk 11

Balcombe Circular (7.5 miles / 12km)

Grading = Moderate/Difficult

OS Explorer map 135
(Ashdown Forest)



Start/End point:

Balcombe Railway Station (car park),
London Road, Balcombe RH17 6JQ
(daily charge)

1. WAYMARKER 4 is on London Road by the pedestrian entrance to the station. Walk to the vehicle entrance to the car park on London Road and you will see the footpath to your right in the trees. Before you reach stile, take the left-hand turn to walk along the path adjacent to the road on your left.
2. Ignore the big green public footpath sign and continue on along the side of the road and the footpath turns right through the trees.
3. Go over a stile and then turn right downhill and follow the edge of the field until you reach a public footpath sign and kissing gate on your right that leads to some steps down to a bridge and into the woods and then up the hill on the other side which gets quite steep.
4. When you come out of the woods take the top track heading left. Just before the bend in the road on the right-hand side there is a stile signposted public footpath that goes down some steps to a little wooden bridge over a drainage gully. Go across the field, through another gate and follow the path down through the field ahead, keep the telegraph poles to your left.
5. Go down some steps and turn left along the road, cross over and turn right to follow the footpath through the next field. The path comes out onto Cherry Lane, turn right over a wide stream and walk along this relatively quiet country lane with no pavement so beware of vehicles.
6. When you reach the junction with the busy London Road, turn left and cross over to pick up the public footpath opposite and follow the track toward Great Bentley Farm.
7. Go past some corrugated barns, the path turns to the right and on your left, before you reach the farmhouse, go through a metal gate, down some steps and walk straight on the higher ground with the hedge on your right.

8. At the end of the field there is a bridge that goes over a stream, go over a stile, and then the path heads off diagonally left across the field.
9. You have to go over another stile by a 5-bar gate, head diagonally right across the field toward and over a stile in the corner of the field. Go past a house on the right-hand side, the path turns left and then to the right through a kissing gate.
10. Go through the field toward the Ouse Valley Viaduct, through a kissing gate, through another gate and then under the viaduct (look to your right through the arches).
11. Cross the field towards the road, go through a kissing gate and turn right to walk beside the road (take care as this is quite a busy road), cross the road, go over a bridge and pick up the footpath on the left. Go through a kissing gate and the footpath path runs along the side of the river on your left.
12. At the footpath junction, turn left over the stream on a wooden bridge, cross another little bridge and follow the path up quite a steep hill with a hedge to your right.
13. The path goes right through a gap in the hedge, follow the hedge on your right, the path goes to the left and you can see Ardingly College on the hill on the right. Go through a kissing gate and follow the path ahead to the footpath junction where you need to turn right and walk down toward Ardingly Reservoir.
14. Go past the sailing clubhouse and slipway on your left and walk straight on to follow the path along the waters edge. Keep following this path until you reach Balcombe Lane where you turn left along the pavement until you reach a gate on your left.
15. Head back on yourself with the reservoir on your left and keep following the bridleway until you come to Mill Lane where you should turn left. There is no pavement, the road turns sharply to the left so beware of oncoming traffic, then over the reservoir and snakes to the right past Mill Cottage on the left and Mill House on the right where a public footpath is signposted on the left up some steep steps.

16. At the top of the steps head straight ahead up the hill, keeping the woodland to your right, toward the houses. Go past the houses on your left to reach Haywards Heath Road. Cross over and turn left to walk on the pavement for a short way and then turn right into Oldlands Avenue.

Turn right on Stockcroft Road if you want to go into Balcombe village for refreshments in the pub or the tea rooms.

17. Walk on until you reach Newlands, the road curves round to the right and when you see a red postbox ahead you need to turn left, cross the road and follow the path toward Balcombe Station. Cross over London Road at the island and go in the pedestrian entrance (WAYMARKER 4), over a bridge and down the steps to the platform to return to the car park.



**Waymarker 4
Balcombe**

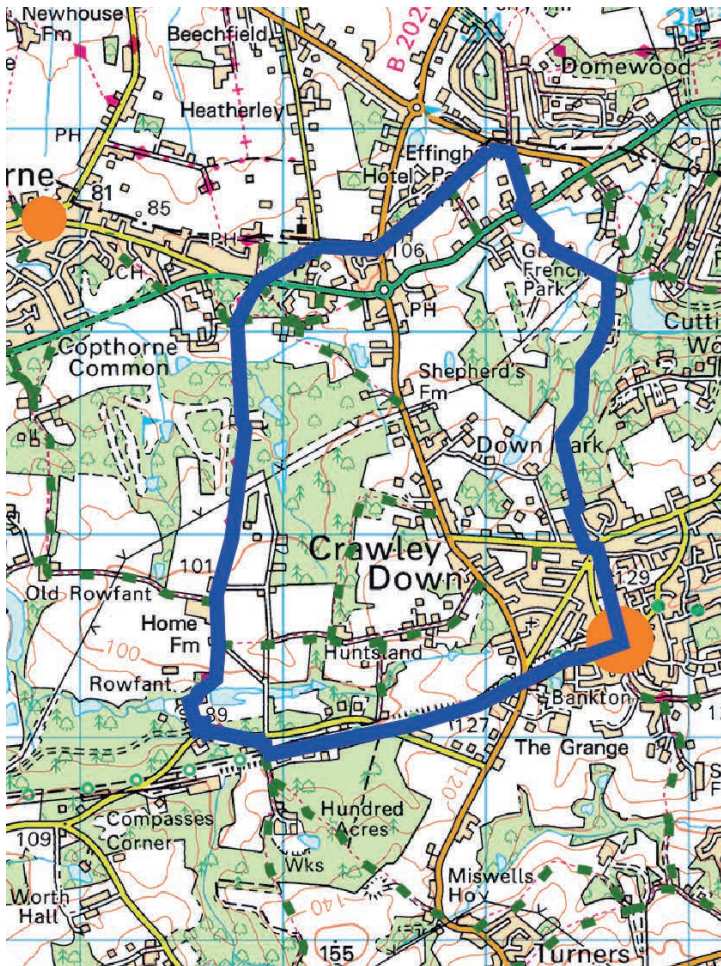
Walk 12

Worth Circular

(6 miles / 10 km)

Grading = Easy

OS Explorer map 135
(Ashdown Forest)



Key

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village map

Start/End point:

Burleigh Way Car Park, Crawley Down
RH10 4HJ

1. From the car park, go west on the Worth Way toward Crawley on Old Station Close. Stay on the Worth Way, which is a wide flat bridleway, for just over a mile, past a sawmill on your left until you reach a junction at the entrance to the Rowfant Business Centre.
2. Turn right toward the road, following the footpath to the right of the gate, over a bridge and past a pond on your left. Turn left and walk along the road for about 5 minutes, beware of traffic going in and out of the business centre, and then turn right at the driveway to Rowfant Lodge, bear right past the garage to join the driveway to Rowfant House.
3. Turn left and follow the drive up to the house, go under the arch and turn to the right past the housing to follow the West Sussex Border Path left into the woods. The path veers to the right, a bit uphill and comes out on a track by Hill House on your left.
4. Walk straight on past the row of houses on your left and continue onto a tree lined path ahead. Go over a stile and keep following the border path north until you reach a five-bar metal gate. Keep to the wide path and go straight on at the footpath junction to reach the busy Copthorne Common Road.
5. Cross the road (using the island to your left) to a track and bench opposite and follow the footpath which heads diagonally right through the woods. There are lots of windy paths in the woods but keep to main footpath heading left until you can see Copthorne Preparatory School through the trees on the left-hand side.
6. The footpath comes out at a road junction by the entrance to the school and you should turn right down Mill Lane. At the end of the lane, cross over the road to join a bridleway opposite which is signposted Chapel Lane, leading to Copthorne Chapel on your right.

7. Go past the chapel and carry straight on until you reach a road, cross over and turn right down the pavement for a short way until you see a public footpath on the right. Cross back over and follow the footpath down a wide drive that leads down to a house called Prevetts.
8. The footpath runs to the right of the Rossley House metal gates. Go through a kissing gate, past a house, through another kissing gate and follow the path between two fences, under lots of trees.
9. Go straight over the road and follow the footpath opposite down a private drive toward a house called Bruce Cottage. The footpath goes to the left of a red brick house, go through a gate and keep following the path between two hedgerows and over some wooden plank walkways. Continue to follow the path as it bears left.
10. Go over a stream into an open field, head uphill across the field under the electricity cables to a gate at the top of the hill. Go through a kissing gate, turn right at the footpath junction and walk past a small-holding and the monastery on your left.
11. The path narrows between two fences and comes out onto a tarmacked road, turn right here and keep following the lane until you reach some houses.
12. Turn right at the public footpath sign and follow Cuttlinglye Lane around to the left, alongside the rear garden fences of a row of houses, until you reach the junction with Sandy Lane. Turn left toward the war memorial.
13. Cross over Vicarage Road, turn right and then immediately left into Hophurst Drive where you will see a red post box on the right-hand side, follow the pedestrian path across a green with the health centre to your left.
14. Walk straight ahead to Bowers Place, follow the road down past the green and children's play area on your right. Turn left and Burleigh Way Car Park is on the left-hand side, opposite a row of shops.

There are two hand drawn village maps in Worth produced by illustrator Helen Cann as part of the About the Place project. One is on the corner of Burleigh Way and Station Road in Crawley Down, near the car park at the start of this route and the other is on Bowers Arms Road in Cophorne near the by the Parish Hub, which is a short walk from Cophorne Common Road.



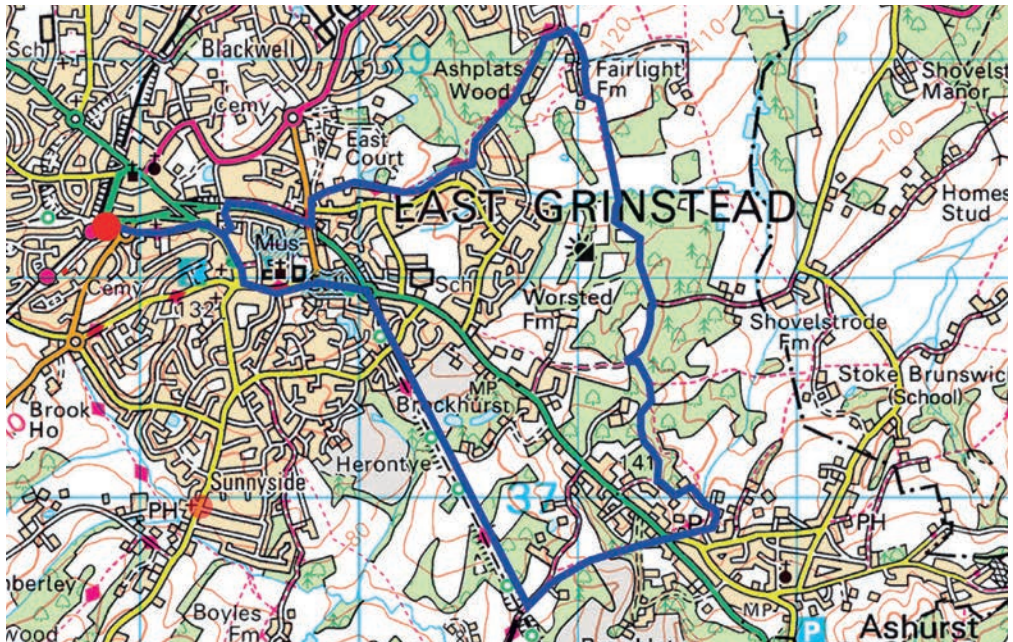
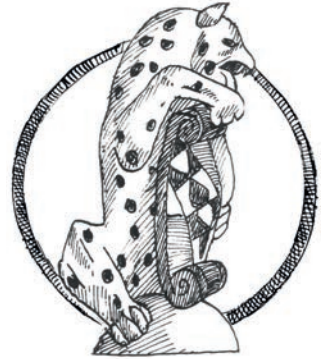
Waymarker 6
Crawley Down Pond

Walk 13

East Grinstead Circular
(6.5 miles / 10.5km)
Grading = Moderate

OS Explorer map 135
(Ashdown Forest)

Start/End point:
East Grinstead Railway Station,
Railway Approach RH19 1EB



1. Walk away from the station entrance (WAYMARKER 7) on the pavement toward the roundabout with Sainsbury's on your right. Follow the signs for the Forest Way and cross over to reach Railway Approach.
2. At the end of Railway Approach turn right and walk to the top of London Road on the right-hand side until the road bends to the right and you reach a belisha beacon crossing. Cross here and turn left down the High Street.
3. Continue on the High Street past the War Memorial, Sackville College and the McIndoe sculpture to your left. Cross over Fairfield Road and walk straight on until you reach the Forest Way on your right; it is clearly signposted West Sussex Border Path and High Weald Landscape Trail.
4. Follow the Forest Way straight down, cross over a residential road and continue on this wide tree lined path for some way. When you reach a brick bridge, go underneath and then turn right (to go back on yourself) and at the top, turn right to go over the bridge.
5. Follow the tarmac road for short way until you see a footpath sign on the right, turn off the bridleway and follow the footpath slightly uphill through a field. At the top of the field go through a metal kissing gate and carry on the public footpath into the woods past some large rocks.
6. The path goes under a little brick bridge and past a closeboard fence on the left. Continue on the path until you reach the main Lewes Road, turn left and cross over at the island, then pick up the Public Byway opposite, at the top of Hammerwood Road.
7. The byway goes between a closeboard fence on the right and a wooded bank on the left, follow it downhill between the houses. When you reach a residential road, turn left until you see some high metal fencing, then turn left toward Cherry Garden Farm.
8. Turn down the drive, through a wooden kissing gate to the right of the main gate and walk along the loose gravel track. Follow it up hill to the farmhouse and then take the right hand turn to follow a narrow public footpath which

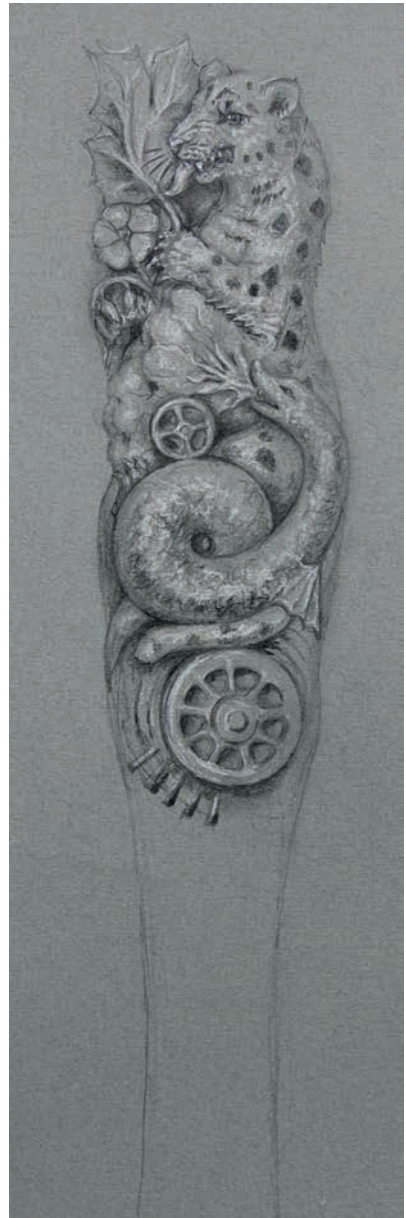
runs between a metal fence and a hedge.

9. Keep following the path as it meanders through the woods and at the top of a slope you need to turn right through a wood and metal kissing gate. The path goes downhill through the woods, the path turns to the left, past some big redwoods on the right.
10. When you reach a wooden log bench, turn right. The path skirts round Fowl Wood and when it bears right you need to turn left over a stile, keep left and walk downhill. You will see a solar farm through the trees on your left-hand side.
11. Go over a wooden plank bridge, keep following the public footpath through the trees then go over a stream on another wooden bridge. Walk into an open field, the path goes straight on between two metal fences. At the top of the field go through a kissing gate, walk on with the hedgerow on your left and a metal fence on your right.
12. Go through a metal gate and follow the narrow path between a closeboard fence and hedgerow (mind the overgrown holly bush!).
13. The path goes downhill toward Ashplatts Wood. Continue on the West Sussex Border Path until you see a green arrow directing you to turn right to follow a woodland trail. Go over a wooden bridge over a little stream and then over another little bridge, keep following the green arrows until you reach the East Court recreation ground.
14. Turn left and walk round the edge of the playing fields with the woods on your left, you can see a large mansion house in the distance on your right (East Grinstead Town Council offices). At the end of the playing fields the green woodland trail turns left, by the dog waste bin, over a wooden plank walkway and then turn right.
15. The path winds through a wooded area then continue on the narrow Sussex Border Path. The path goes slightly uphill, past a pond on the right,

When you reach Fairlight Farm bear right up a farmyard track, past some barns. Just past Fairlight Cottage, turn left to follow the public footpath signposted West Sussex Border Path.

there are residential gardens to your right. You will come out onto a tarmac road by some pretty cottages and Estcots farmhouse, walk straight ahead then cross over the road and turn left toward Estcots Drive.

16. Cross over Estcots Drive at the island, walk over the bridge and cross over at the pedestrian crossing, then turn back on yourself over the bridge and go left down Sandy Lane. This quiet road runs alongside the railway cutting to your left, now the A22 Beeching Way, and there is no pavement so be aware of vehicles.
17. At the bend, turn left to take the footbridge over the main road. Turn left, then cross over at the junction and go right on the pavement with King Street car park on your right. Walk on past the public toilets on your right toward London Road, cross over at the pedestrian crossing and then turn right.
18. At the mini roundabout at the bottom of London Road, turn left onto Railway Approach. Follow the road back to the roundabout to return to the East Grinstead station forecourt (WAYMARKER 7).



**Waymarker 7
East Grinstead**

Walk 14

West Hoathly Circular

(6.5 miles / 10.5km)

Grading = Difficult (some steep hills)

OS Explorer map 135

(Ashdown Forest)



Start/End point:

Finche Field Recreation Ground
(car park), Church Hill, West
Hoathly RH19 4PN

1. Follow the path out of the car park toward the village (WAYMARKER 8) with the post and rail fence to your left and the road (Church Hill) below. Walk through the houses and at the end of Sandy Lane, turn left along North Lane past the Village Hall, the Cat Inn and St Margaret's Church on your left.
2. Follow the road around the corner past the Priest House Museum on the right and West Hoathly Bowls Club on the left and continue straight ahead on the broken-up tarmac track signposted Philpots Quarry and public bridleway that goes gradually downhill.
3. The track goes past Philpots Manor School, it snakes right and then left, keeping to the right of farm buildings and stables, and goes down a steep slope into the woods. Continue on the main bridleway past some big clumps of bamboo and a hidden lake on the left-hand side, until you reach a road.
4. Cross the road and follow the public bridleway ahead. The path goes uphill through the woods bearing left, keep the metal fence to your left and you will pass some large rock boulders on your right.
5. The path comes out onto a track, turn right and then left to follow the public footpath sign down the hill. Follow the footpath left down the hill and into the trees (not the bridleway that goes straight on), it goes quite steeply downhill to a wooden bridge over a little stream (it can be very muddy here) and continues on through the trees.
6. At the top of the hill, where you come out of the woods, the path bears left signposted High Weald Landscape Trail. It goes straight through the field to a gate at the top. It is quite a steep hill and then the footpath narrows between a hedge on the left and a fence on the right until you reach Hook Lane, a quiet country road with no pavement.

7. Turn right along the road past Ludwell House on your left and walk for a couple of minutes until you reach a footpath on the left-hand side with signposts to Pickeridge, Holly Farm. Follow the High Weald Landscape Trail along a track until you reach a footpath junction, take the left-hand fork past Old Holly Cottage, a wooden beamed building, and walk toward a barn ahead on the right.
8. When you get to the barn the footpath is signposted off to the left, go over a stile and down the hill on the edge of the field with the hedge on your right. Go through a gap in the hedge into the next field and keep walking down.
9. At the bottom, go over a stile and down some steep wooden steps through a wooded area that leads to a wooden bridge over a stream. On the other side, go through a gate into a field and go diagonally right up a very steep hill. At the top the path bears right onto a tarmac track which leads to a metal five bar gate and a farmyard. Go straight on past the farmhouse on the right and over a stile into Hammingden Lane where you need to turn left toward All Saints Highbrook Church.
10. Just before the church entrance turn right onto a public footpath, passing a renovated smokery with information board on your right (the door is usually unlocked if you want to stop here for a break), the footpath continues on a muddy track with a fence on the right and hedge to the left. Go through a five-bar gate into a field and down a very steep hill, keeping to the left-hand side of the field, with nice views to the South. Go through a gap in the hedge and continue on until you reach a gate and a stile, at the bottom of the field go through a five-bar gate and walk on through trees, with a steep gully on the left-hand side.
11. You will reach a wooden bridge over a stream and then go up some wooden steps on the other side. Go over a stile and carry on into the field ahead, the path goes slightly left. At the top of the field go over a stile and continue on until you reach the Bluebell Railway.
12. Stop, Look Listen! And cross over the line, then the path goes over a stile and turns left

along the edge of the field. Over another stile to reach a brick bridge over the railway, cross the road and follow the narrow path straight ahead (can be very muddy).

13. Go over a stile and go through the next field, over another stile then the path goes off to the right past a barn and a house until you reach Vox End and Horsted Lane where you need to turn left. There is no pavement but a wide grass verge, walk along the road past Saxons on the left and Violet Cottage on the right, until you reach a tarmac road on the left signposted public footpath toward Northwood House, Northwood Farm and Stablehurst.
14. Go past Bromhall Cottage and then follow the public footpath sign to turn right through a gate and over a stile, go straight up the hill ahead along the left-hand edge of the field and then turn diagonally right toward a gate in the top right-hand corner.
15. Turn slightly diagonally right through a field until you reach a metal gate into the next field where the path goes off downhill to the right. You will

reach a stile, go over a stream and then through another metal gate. Go straight ahead across the field and there is another metal gate opposite.

16. Keep going up the hill on the right-hand side of the field until you reach a kissing gate. Follow the track up the hill, the path leads to the back of the Sharpthorne Village Club where you need to turn left around the back of the building and out onto Top Road.
17. Turn left here, by the Cost Cutter and Sharpthorne Village Garage, toward West Hoathly along the pavement. When you reach the junction by The Fox pub, turn to the left up some steps by the village noticeboard which leads back to the car park (WAYMARKER 8).





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