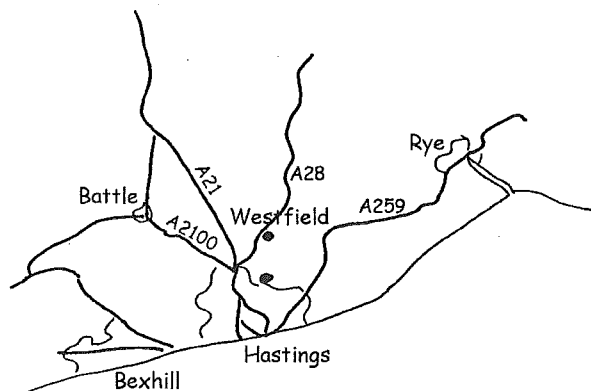


How to get there



Beaney's Lane - A Walk for All Seasons

This is a linear walk offering the opportunity for people of all ages and levels of mobility to enjoy being in the countryside. On the outer edge of Hastings, it is a route that provides a rural haven from the hustle and bustle of life.

Grid reference: TQ 810125

Distance: ¼ mile – 1 mile

Level of difficulty: 1

Ordnance Survey Map: Explorer 124

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Mary Avis, East Sussex County Council
Hastings Area Archaeological Research Group
Hastings & District Landrover Club
Hastings & District Bridleway Association (now part of the High Weald Bridleway Group).

Wren Walks

The Wren walks are a series of graded walks to encourage people to extend the length and type of walks they feel confident to undertake. The walks range in levels of difficulty. Level 1 1 walks are for those who are unable to walk far or do not wish to walk any great distance. The level of difficulty increases up to level 5 5 for the more experienced walker.

Local people who know their area well and who wish to share the experience of taking recreation in the country have devised the walks so others can explore and enjoy the Sussex countryside.

- 1 easy walking, with gates or gaps and no stiles, generally flat
- 2 longer easy walks with gaps, gates or easy access stiles and few gentle hills
- 3 walks of mid-length with more hills, with gaps, gates or stiles
- 4 these have an increase in the level of exertion needed to complete and usually 3-4 miles in length
- 5 more arduous walks with a greater number of hills and where it is more likely to be muddy underfoot

Other walks in the WREN series can be obtained from East Sussex County Council 01273 481654

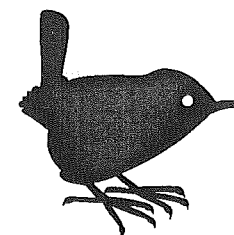
Beaney's Lane – The Ridge, Hastings Lane 1

Miles Without Stiles – Herstmonceux 2

Vistas & Valleys – Brede 3

Pill Boxes and Fish Ladders – Barcombe 4

5 WRENs Round Newick – 5



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Strolls for healthy exercise

Walk, Relax and Enjoy Nature

Beaney's Lane - A Walk for All Seasons

Beaney's Lane is a byway open to all traffic that allows all users groups to enter the countryside along what is an ancient highway. Located on the northern edge of Hastings, the track leaves the hustle and bustle of the Ridge and takes you into an area of tranquillity.

The track itself is approximately a mile long from The Ridge to Stonestile Lane and is dry underfoot all year round. The walk is generally flat but involves one steep incline towards The Ridge end of the lane.

¼ mile waymark posts indicate how far you have travelled and resting posts have been installed for those who wish to rest or just take in the atmosphere.

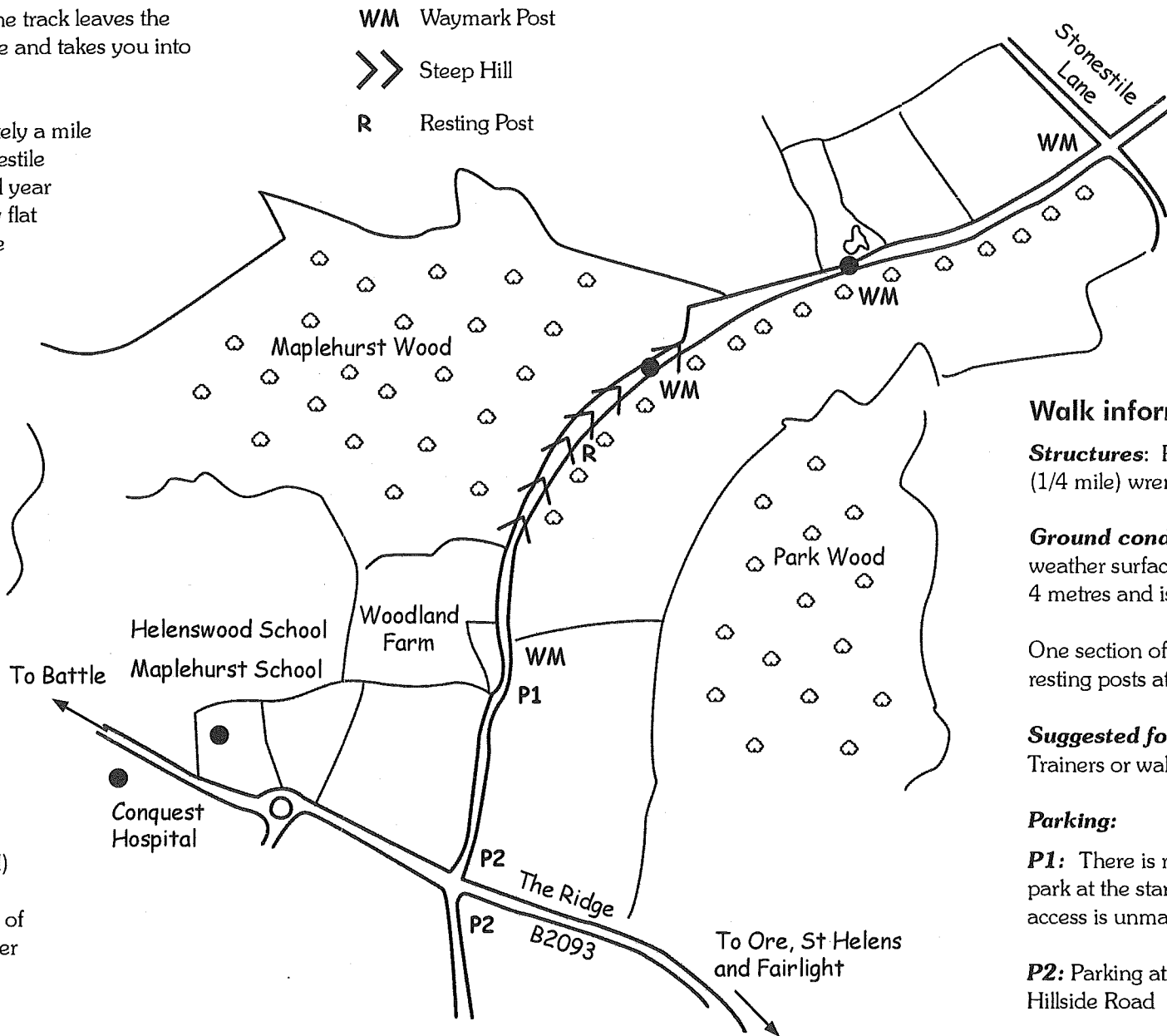
These posts have been crafted from local timber and designed to merge into the surrounding area.

It is a lane enclosed by trees which provide shelter from the rain and the sun.

Maplehurst Wood is also a Site of Specific Interest, (SSSI) and is valuable for breeding birds and plant species, some of which cannot be found in other areas of the county.

The woodland is beautiful all year round. In the spring, bluebells can be seen carpeting the woodland floor and in the autumn, contrasting colours of leaves decorate the trees.

Scenes of activity can be traced back 2000 years. In the 19th saw the cultivation of Hops, active brickworks and quarrying of local materials for soil improvement.



Walk information:

Structures: Resting posts and measured (1/4 mile) wren marker posts.

Ground conditions: The track has an all weather surface with a minimum width of 4 metres and is accessible all year round.

One section of the lane is very steep with resting posts at regular intervals.

Suggested footwear: Trainers or walking shoes.

Parking:

P1: There is room for one or two cars to park at the start of the wooded track. The access is unmade with several potholes.

P2: Parking at the entrance to the lane or in Hillside Road