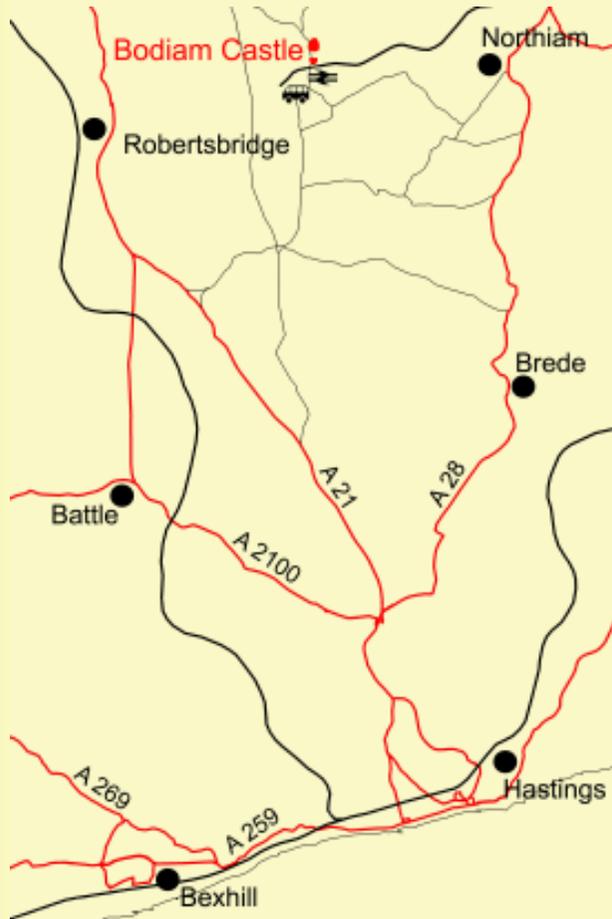


Location Map



Location Symbols

-  Bus stop/Request stop
-  Railway Station
-  Walk Location

Essential Information

Distance:
5 miles/8 kms

Walk grade:



A generally easy walk with some gentle hills, a few stiles and some muddy paths (depending on weather)

Maps:

OS Explorer 136
OS Landranger 199

Start/Finish:

Bodiam Castle National Trust Car Park TQ 783254

Public Transport:

Buses: A regular bus service operates Monday to Saturday between Tunbridge Wells and Hastings, with a stop at Bodiam Castle

Trains: Bodiam Station is on the preserved Kent & East Sussex Railway, with trains from Tenterden and Northiam

Parking:

National Trust car park at Bodiam Castle



Bodiam Castle Walk



Paths to Prosperity

East Sussex is a welcome haven for walkers in the busy south-east of England, with over two thirds of the County covered by the High Weald and Sussex Downs Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

There is also a wealth of picturesque villages, country houses and parkland hidden within its rolling landscape, waiting to be discovered.

Please come and enjoy the unique splendours of our countryside, but please also support the local businesses that help make the countryside the vibrant place that it is today.

The Countryside Code

- Be Safe - plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people

Tourist Information Centre

The Heritage Centre, Strand Quay, Rye
Tel: 01797 226696
Fax: 01797 223460
email: ryetic@rother.gov.uk

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Refreshments and Local Services

(see map for location)

- 1 Bodiam Nursery**
Plant Nursery - 01580 830811
- 2 Bodiam Marquee Company**
Marquee Hire - 01580 830049
- 3 DJ Eastwood - Quarry Farm**
Business units and Office space - 01580 830670
- 4 ITT Europe Ltd**
Computer and IT support - 01580 831873
- 5 The White Dog Inn**
Public House and Restaurant - 01580 830264
- 6 Great Dixter House & Garden**
Historic House & Gardens and Plant Nursery - Northiam, 01797 252878
- 7 Oakwood Farm**
Organic Farm Shop selling fruit, cider and juice - Poppinghole Lane, Robertsbridge, 01580 830893
- 8 Sedlescombe Organic Vineyard**
Organic Vineyard and Shop selling wines, cider and juice - Hawkhurst Road, Cripps Corner, 0800 9802884
- 9 Park Farm Caravan and Camping**
Caravan and Camping Site - 01580 830514

Please note that inclusion of business details in this leaflet does not constitute an endorsement of the business by East Sussex County Council or its agents.

We hope that you enjoy the walk in this leaflet, which is one of a series produced by East Sussex County Council.

Copies of the leaflets for other walks in the series are available from Tourist Information Centres and libraries or direct from East Sussex County Council, by contacting the Rights of Way Team:-

By phone on:-
01273 482250 / 482354 / 482324

By post at:-
Transport and Environment Department
County Hall
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Lewes BN7 1UE

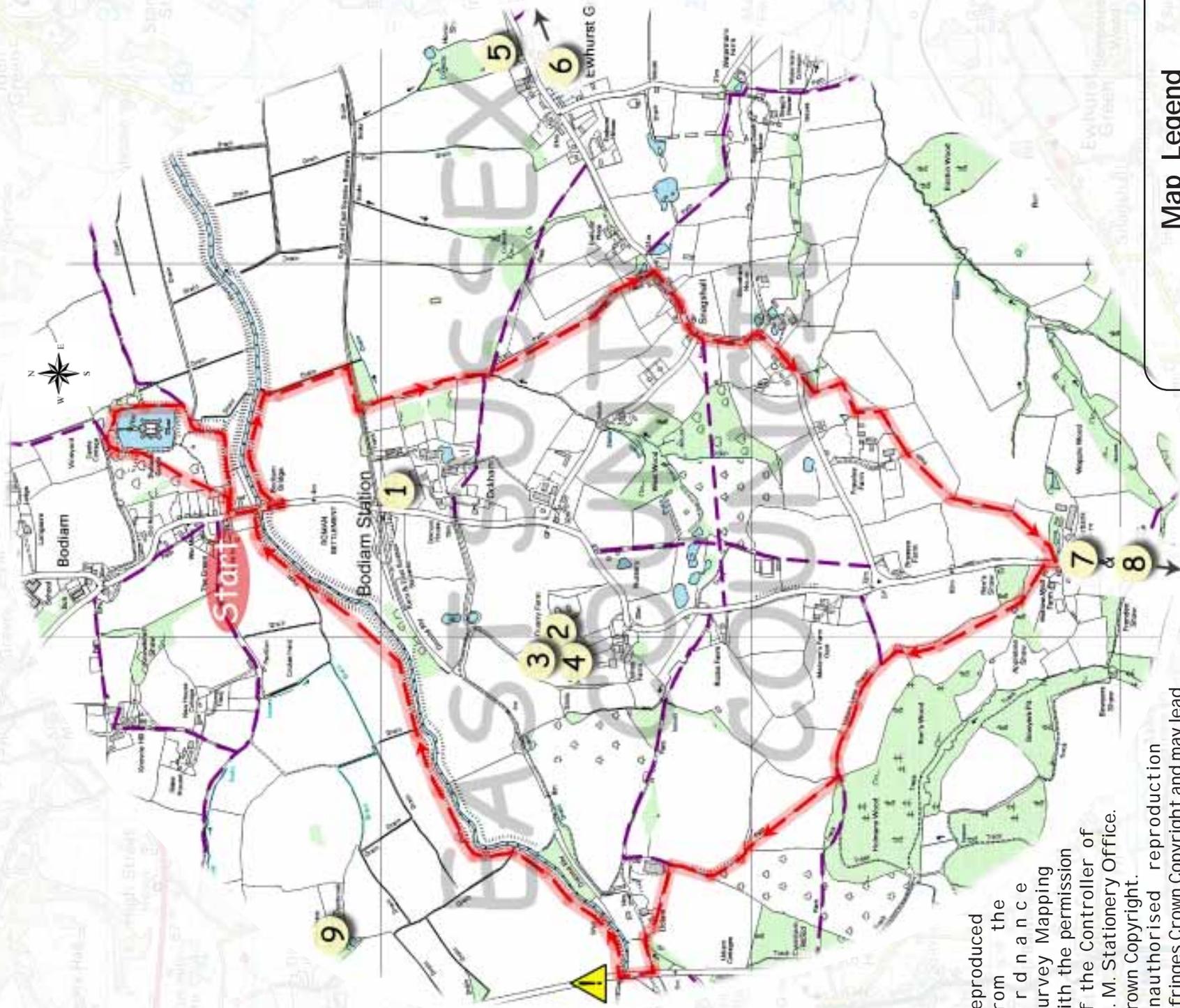
By e-mail at:-
rightsofway@eastsussex.gov.uk

By downloading from the website at:-
www.eastsussex.gov.uk

If any problems are encountered on the walk please report them to the above contact points.

This route is based on one published by Countryside Books in the book *Waterside Walks in Sussex*. If you enjoyed the walk and would like to explore further similar ones, the guide book can be purchased through local booksellers:-
ISBN 1-85306-570-6

Bodiam Castle Walk



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Map Legend

- Refreshments & Local Services (see over for details)
- ▲ Beware of Traffic
- Route
- Other Public Footpaths



Bodiam Castle

Starting from the Castle car park, turn left towards the river. After crossing the bridge, turn left over the stile onto the signposted footpath. Follow the path around to the left, as waymarked, and then turn right onto the embankment. Follow the route along the top of the bank, with the river to your left. At the gate in the field corner, turn right to continue following the field edge path, with the boundary to your left. Continue around the field to reach a stile.

Cross the stile and then follow the route over the railway line. After crossing the stile on the other side of the railway, turn left over another stile, and then turn immediately right to follow the path between the barn and the hedge, and then along the edge of the next field, with the hedge to your right. After crossing another stile continue uphill along the field edge path, now keeping the hedge on your left. Turn left on reaching a field gate to go into the neighbouring field, before turning immediately right and continue uphill, with the field boundary now on your right to reach a stile. Continue to follow the route along the track ahead to reach the road.

Turn right to follow the road for a distance of approximately 550 metres (600 yds.) before turning left onto the signposted footpath. Cross the field in the direction indicated, turning left as waymarked to reach a stile next to the field gate. Turn right to continue to follow the route to the rear of Prowles Farm and then onwards following the waymarked path crossing a number of fields and stiles, to reach the road.

Turn right and after a short distance, turn left through the field gate onto the signposted path. Follow the track downhill, and then continue to follow the route along the edge of the next few fields, keeping the hedge to your right, to reach a stile that leads you into a sunken track. Turn left and follow the enclosed route to the next path junction.

Turn right across the stile and follow the waymarked path diagonally across the field, and continue along the waymarked route, bearing right onto the track, and on to reach the rear of the workshops. Turn left at the signposted path junction and continue to follow the route along the field heading downhill, with the buildings to your right. Turn right at the footpath signpost, and after short distance, turn left onto the driveway. Follow the drive to reach the main road, turning right to follow the road for a distance of 100 metres (110 yds.). Take care on the fast section of road.

After crossing the road bridge over the River Rother, turn right onto the signposted footpath. The route now follows the bank top path along the river for a distance of approximately 1.5km (1 mile) to reach the road in Bodiam. Turn left and follow for a short distance back to the Castle car park and the end of the main walk.

From the castle car park it is possible to follow a route using public footpaths circling the medieval castle itself. From the Castle, it is only a short walk to Bodiam Station, part of the Kent & East Sussex Railway which operates steam and heritage diesel trains.



River Rother at Bodiam



Another view of the Castle