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
**Location Symbols**

-  Bus stop/Request stop
-  Walk Location

### Essential Information

**Distance:**  
4 miles/6.5 kms

**Walk grade:**

 2 A generally easy walk along country lanes and across fields with some stiles

**Maps:**  
OS Explorer 124  
OS Landranger 199

**Start/Finish:**  
Boreham Street TQ 665113

**Public Transport:**  
**Buses:** A regular bus service operates Monday to Saturday between Eastbourne and Hastings via Hailsham, with a stop in Boreham Street.

**Parking:**  
Limited parking is available in Boreham Street



# Herstmonceux 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

Battle Abbey, High Street, Battle  
Tel: 01424 773721  
Fax: 01424 773436  
email: [battletic@rother.gov.uk](mailto:battletic@rother.gov.uk)

The information contained in this leaflet was correct at the time of printing (December 2005)

## *Refreshments and Local Services*

(see map for location)

- 1 Scolfes**  
Restaurant - 01323 833296
- 2 Preston Farm**  
Bed and Breakfast - 01323 833023
- 3 The Bulls Head Inn**  
Public House and Restaurant - 01323 831981
- 4 Smugglers Wheel**  
Restaurant - 01323 832293
- 5 Halfway House**  
Bed and Breakfast - 01323 833654
- 6 The Lamb Inn**  
Public House and Restaurant - Wartling,  
01323 832116
- 7 The Coach House**  
Self Catering Accommodation - Tremayne  
House, Wartling, 01323 832131
- 8 Wartling Place**  
Country House Accommodation - Wartling,  
01323 832590
- 9 Windmill Hill Store & Post Office**  
Post Office and General Store - Windmill  
Hill, 01323 833278
- 10 Windmill Hill Tennis & Golf Academy**  
Tennis and Golf Activities - Windmill Hill,  
01323 832552
- 11 Brewers Arms**  
Public House - Herstmonceux, 01323 832226
- 12 The Butchers Shop**  
Butcher - Herstmonceux, 01323 832115
- 13 Village Mace Stores**  
Convenience Store - Herstmonceux,  
01323 833273

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  
St. Anne's Crescent  
Lewes BN7 1UE

**By e-mail at:-**  
[rightsofway@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:rightsofway@eastsussex.gov.uk)

**By downloading from the website at:-**  
[www.eastsussex.gov.uk](http://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 *Sussex Teashop Walks*. If you enjoyed the walk and would like to explore further similar ones, the guide book can be purchased through local booksellers:-  
ISBN 1-85306-623-0

# Herstmonceux Castle Walk



The Castle in the distance



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## Map Legend

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



Starting from the village of Boreham Street, follow the main road towards Herstmonceux. Turn left onto the first signposted footpath, to follow the route along the enclosed path between a fence and hedge. Beyond the enclosed section of path, continue to follow the route through the next field, heading towards the gap between the trees. Continue to follow the route ahead along the field edge, keeping the woodland to your right to reach a stile. Follow the route across a number of paddocks, keeping to the well waymarked route, and crossing a number of stiles. A large part of this walk, including this section, follows the route of the 1066 Country Walk which runs between Pevensey and Rye.



Herstmonceux Castle

On reaching the road at Jenners Lane, turn right, and follow the lane for a short distance, before turning left onto the signposted footpath. Once through the gate, turn immediately right to follow the field edge path running parallel with Jenners Lane. Turn left on reaching the corner of the field, and continue along the field edge path keeping the hedge and then the woodland to your right. Turn right at the waymark post to follow the path into the woodland, and then turn immediately left on the waymarked route along the woodland edge to reach a stile. Continue along the field edge beyond to cross another stile before reaching the main Wartling Road.

Cross the main road, taking care, before turning right to walk along the roadside verge for approximately 240 metres (265 yds.) before turning left onto the signposted bridleway, still following the 1066 County Walk. This section of the route is along a down hill route running past the Science Centre, based in buildings that previously formed part of the Royal Greenwich Observatory. At the bottom of the hill, the enclosed bridleway opens onto a field in front of Herstmonceux Castle. Turn right at the signposted path junction, to follow the route diagonally across the field, with the castle to your right. From the stile and fenced section of path in the field corner, cross the access road, and follow the path up hill diagonally across the next field, heading away from the castle, towards an area of woodland.

*The moated Herstmonceux Castle is one of the earliest important brick building in the country, having been constructed in the mid fifteenth century by Sir Roger Fiennes. After falling into ruin, it was restored in the early twentieth century, and in 1946, become the home of the Royal Greenwich Observatory, who stayed for 40 years. Now owned by the Queen's University of Canada, the House and Gardens can be visited between April and October, whilst the Science Centre is open though much of the year.*



The Science Centre

Cross the stile into the wood, and continue ahead for a short distance to reach a signposted path junction. Turn right to follow the bridleway through the woodland, and then along the well defined track across the field beyond. From this point there are good views of Herstmonceux Place to the left. Ignore the first signposted junction to the left, continuing to the next path junction. Turn right, through the gate, and cross the field in the direction signposted to another gate. Turn right to reach a further gate, beyond which the route follows the enclosed bridleway. Follow the bridleway for a distance of approximately 750 metres (820 yds.), ignoring the footpath junction to the right.

On reaching the main Wartling Road, cross over to join Wood Lane opposite. Follow the lane for a total distance of approximately  $1\frac{1}{4}$  kilometres ( $\frac{3}{4}$  mile), ignoring Jenners Lane to the right. Turn right at the end of the road and follow the main road back to Boreham Street and the end of the walk.