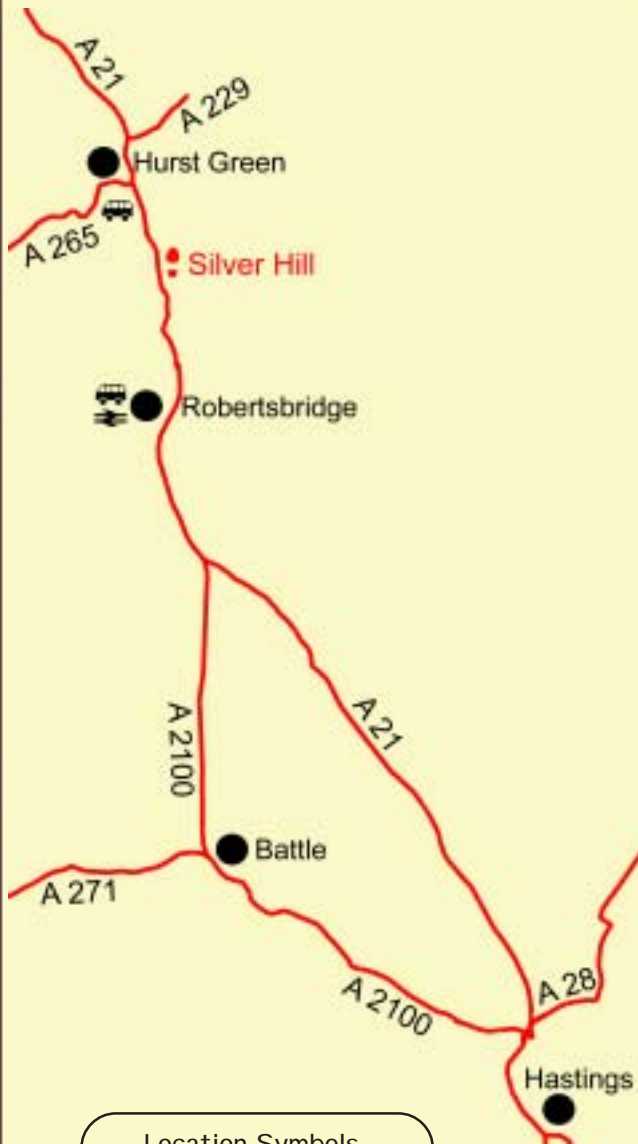





Location Map




Location Symbols

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

Essential Information

Distance:
3 miles/5 kms

Walk grade:

 3 Typical country walk with some hills, stiles and muddy paths (depending on weather)

Maps:
OS Explorer 136
OS Landranger 199

Start/Finish:
Silver Hill Village TQ 738260

Public Transport:
Buses: Bus services operate Monday to Saturday between Maidstone and Hastings with the nearest stop at Hurst Green approx. ³/₄ mile.
Trains: A regular service operates via Robertsbridge Station approx. 2 miles.

Parking:
Limited parking is available in Silver Hill



Silver Hill 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 Country Code

Enjoy the countryside and respect its life and work.

Guard against all risk of fire.

Leave gates as you find them.

Keep your dog under close control in the presence of animals.

Keep to public rights of way.

Use gates and stiles to cross fences, hedges and walls.

Leave livestock, crops and machinery alone.

Take your litter home.

Help to keep all water clean.

Protect wildlife, plants and trees.

Take special care on country roads.

Make no unnecessary noise.

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Refreshments and Local Services

(see map for location)

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The White Horse Inn

Public House and Restaurant -
01580 860235

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Silver Hill

The small settlement of Silver Hill is located on the A21 between Hurst Green and Robertsbridge. Silver Hill itself is reached near the beginning of this walk by an easy climb to 110 metres (360 foot). At the top of the hill there is a covered reservoir and Royal Observer Corps, underground observation post.

There are also some very good views from the top of Silver Hill, as there are from many points on this walk, looking out across the Rother Valley towards Robertsbridge and then Etchingam.

The peaceful countryside of today, once away from the A21, hides a more violent past, the area having been terrorised by the notorious Hawkurst Gang of smugglers. In 1740 a Revenue Officer, Thomas Carswell, was shot and killed at Silver Hill whilst trying to apprehend some of the smugglers.

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:-

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Silver Hill Walk






View along the walk



0.5 miles

1km

Map Legend

-  Refreshments & Local Services (see over for details)
-  Route
-  Other Public Footpaths

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Starting from the road junction at Silver Hill, head along the road signposted to Bodiam for a short distance before turning left onto the signposted footpath. Follow the path along the driveway for approximately 335 metres (365 yds.) until the driveway bears left. At this point turn sharp right and follow the grassy path between the two sets of cottages, before bearing left into the field.

Cross the field in the direction indicated, and on the far side turn right to follow the path up hill along the field edge to reach a stile. Continue to follow the path along the edge of the next field, bearing left across a stile and then along the waymarked path as it skirts the edge of a covered reservoir. Turn right onto the field entrance track, and then right again onto the lane.



A sunny, spring day on the walk

Follow the lane for a short distance to the next road junction. Turn left and head down hill along Beech House Lane, signposted to Salehurst. After approximately 625 metres (685 yds.), turn right onto the signposted footpath, opposite a house on the left, and follow along the edge of two fields. After the stile and field gate, follow the route across the corner of the next field to reach a stile and the main A21.

Using the road side verge, turn right and follow for a short distance before crossing the main road, and following the signposted path along the driveway. Continue along the surfaced drive until it makes a sharp left turn, at which point cross the stile ahead and follow the path, bearing right, around the edge of the field. The route continues to follow the field edge paths, with views to the south west.

In the corner of the third field, follow the waymarked path to the right, across a stile, and then turn left. Follow the field edge path to the next field boundary, where the waymarked path turns right. Follow the route up hill through the next two fields, keeping the boundary trees on your left. Cross the track at the top of the second field and continue straight ahead crossing an area of rough ground, to reach a sunken path.

Turn right and follow the path up hill, ignoring the path junction on the left, to reach a surfaced drive in front of the main house. The footpath turns sharp left at this point to follow the route immediately beside the metal fencing rather than using the drive. After a short distance, turn right onto a wide grassy area and follow this as it narrows into a path before joining the main drive.

Continue to follow the main drive away from Ockham House for a distance of approximately 860 metres (940 yds.). Just before reaching the main road, the drive bears right, at which point continue straight ahead to reach the main A21, a few metres north of the main drive entrance.

Cross the main road and turn left. Taking care on the narrow roadside verge, follow the main road for a short distance back to Silver Hill and the start of the walk.



View across the Rother valley