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


Location Symbols

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

Essential Information

Distance:
4 miles/6.5 kms

Walk grade:
 Generally easy walk along country lanes and across fields, with some gentle hills and stiles.

Maps:
OS Explorer 136
OS Landranger 188

Start/Finish:
Wadhurst Railway Station
TQ 621330

Public Transport:
Buses: Regular bus services operate between Tunbridge Wells and Hastings with a stop at Wadhurst Railway Station.
Trains: Wadhurst Station is on the Hastings to London line and has a regular seven day service.

Parking:
Pay and display parking is available at the Railway Station.



Wadhurst 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

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Refreshments and Local Services

(see map for location)

- 1 Hambly's Herbal Dispensary**
Natural Medicines - The Old Dairy, Durgates, 01892 783027
- 2 Best Beech Inn**
Public House, Restaurant & Accommodation - Mayfield Lane, Wadhurst, 01892 782046
- 3 Spring Cottage**
Bed & Breakfast Accommodation - Best Beech Hill, Wadhurst, 01892 783896
- 4 The Red Lion**
Public House - Sparrows Green, Wadhurst, 01892 782628
- 5 Walton Way Bakery**
Bakery - Central Parade, Wadhurst, 01892 782855
- 6 W.J. Crouch**
Family Butchers - High Street, Wadhurst, 01892 782131
- 7 Crittles**
Green Grocers - High Street, Wadhurst, 01892 783503
- 8 Wadhurst Pharmacy**
Pharmacy - High Street, Wadhurst, 01892 782058
- 9 The White Hart**
Public House & Restaurant - High Street, Wadhurst, 01892 782878
- 10 The Greyhound**
Public House & Restaurant - St James Square, High Street, Wadhurst, 01892 783224

- 11 The Lime Tree**
Sandwich Shop - High Street, Wadhurst, 01892 783111
- 12 Wealden Whole Foods**
Wholefood Shop & Cafe, High Street, Wadhurst, 01892 783065

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By phone on:-
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County Hall
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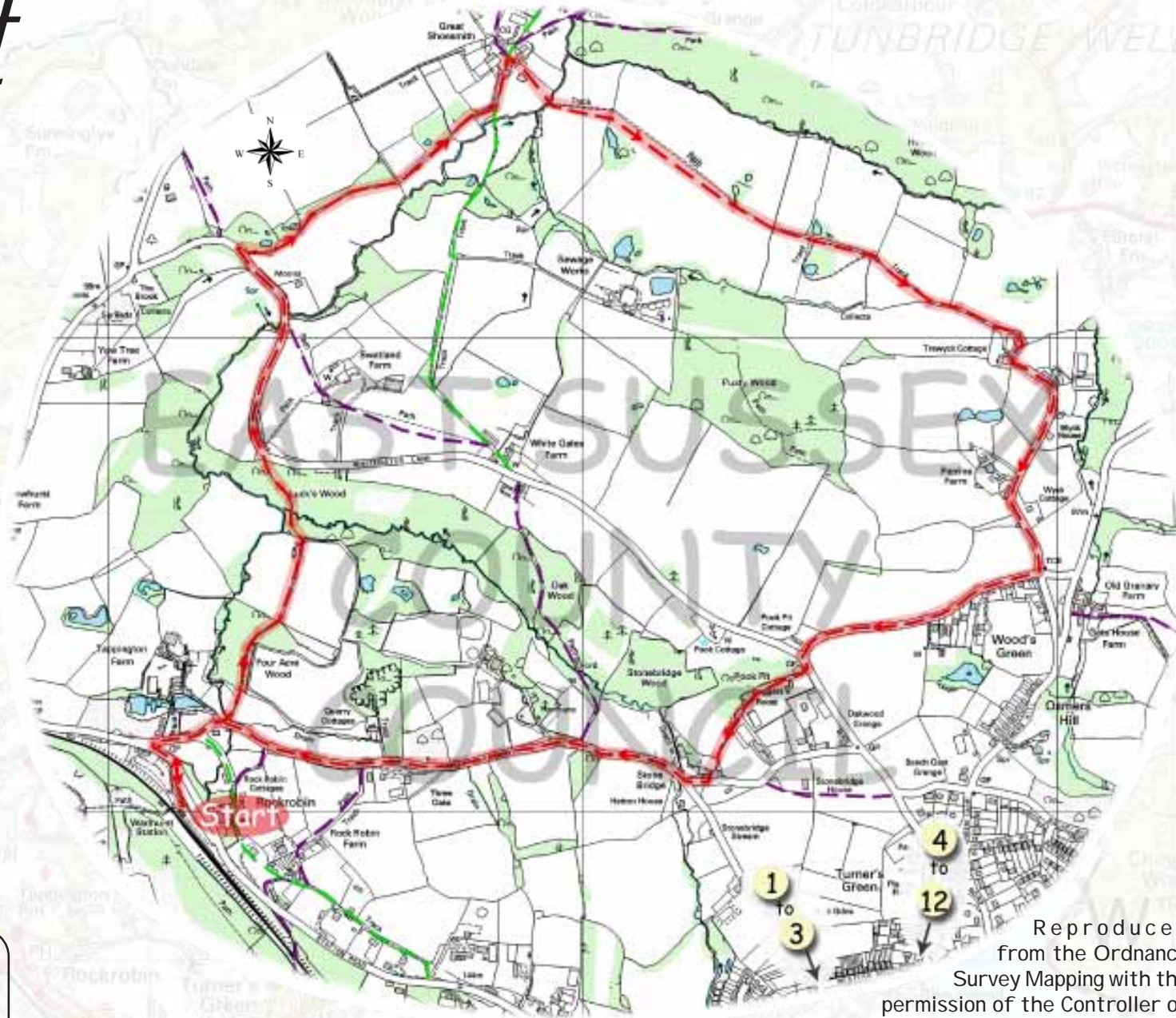
By downloading from the website at:-
www.eastsussex.gov.uk

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Wadhurst Walk



Sunken Lane on the Walk



Map Legend

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

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Starting from Wadhurst railway station, leave the car park, and turn left to follow Station Road for a short distance before turning right into Three Oaks Lane. Follow for the lane for a distance of approximately 170 metres (185 yds.), passing the bridleway on your right, before turning left onto the next signposted bridleway. Follow the well defined bridleway going through Four Acre Wood and then Luck's Wood, before reaching Whitegates Lane.

Turn left and follow the lane for a total distance of 485 metres (530 yds.) passing one footpath junction to the right and then crossing a stream. Continue to follow the road up hill, before turning right onto the next signposted footpath running along the driveway to Great Shoesmiths.

Follow the driveway along its length to reach the main house. Turn right at what was once the farmyard, and then follow the route down hill to a gate in the field boundary. Follow the waymarked route across the next field, and through the gap in the field boundary.

The route now continues ahead, across the middle of a large field, heading towards a stile, close to the centre of the boundary on the far side of the field. Beyond this stile, follow the field edge path, keeping the boundary hedge to your left.

On reaching an enclosed track, continue to follow the route ahead towards Trewyck Cottage, and then, turning right around the tennis court to reach the main driveway. Turn left and follow the driveway for a distance of 500 metres (550 yds.) passing Perrins Farm, to its junction with the lane.

Turn right and follow the lane to the next road junction. Turn left at the junction, and then almost immediately right, to cross and stile and join the signposted footpath. The route now continues heading down hill, along a sunken lane. At the end of the sunken section, continue to follow the route across a field to reach another road.

Turn right and then right again, at the road junction to join Three Oaks Lane. Follow this lane back to the main road, and then turn left back towards Wadhurst station and the end of the walk.

Wadhurst

The Wadhurst area gained its wealth from the Iron Industry, with the village once being an important hub. Evidence for this can be seen today in the church. Whilst many Sussex churches have one or two iron floor slabs, Wadhurst's church of St Peter and St Paul has a total of thirty, the most in the county. There are also a number of large houses in this Wealden village.



View towards Oast Houses



Crossing a Stream