

Forest Row walk



Forest Way Country Park

The Forest Way Country Park is in the heart of the East Sussex countryside. Part of the High Weald area of outstanding natural beauty, it is made up of small fields and farms among wooded, rolling hills.

The 10 mile (14.5 kilometre) route runs from Forest Row in the west, close to the River Medway, towards Groombridge in the east. There are a number of circular trails, and these vary in how long and difficult they are to walk. Walkers often spot swallows, badger tracks and foxes. Vegetation includes wild garlic, alder trees and willow trees.

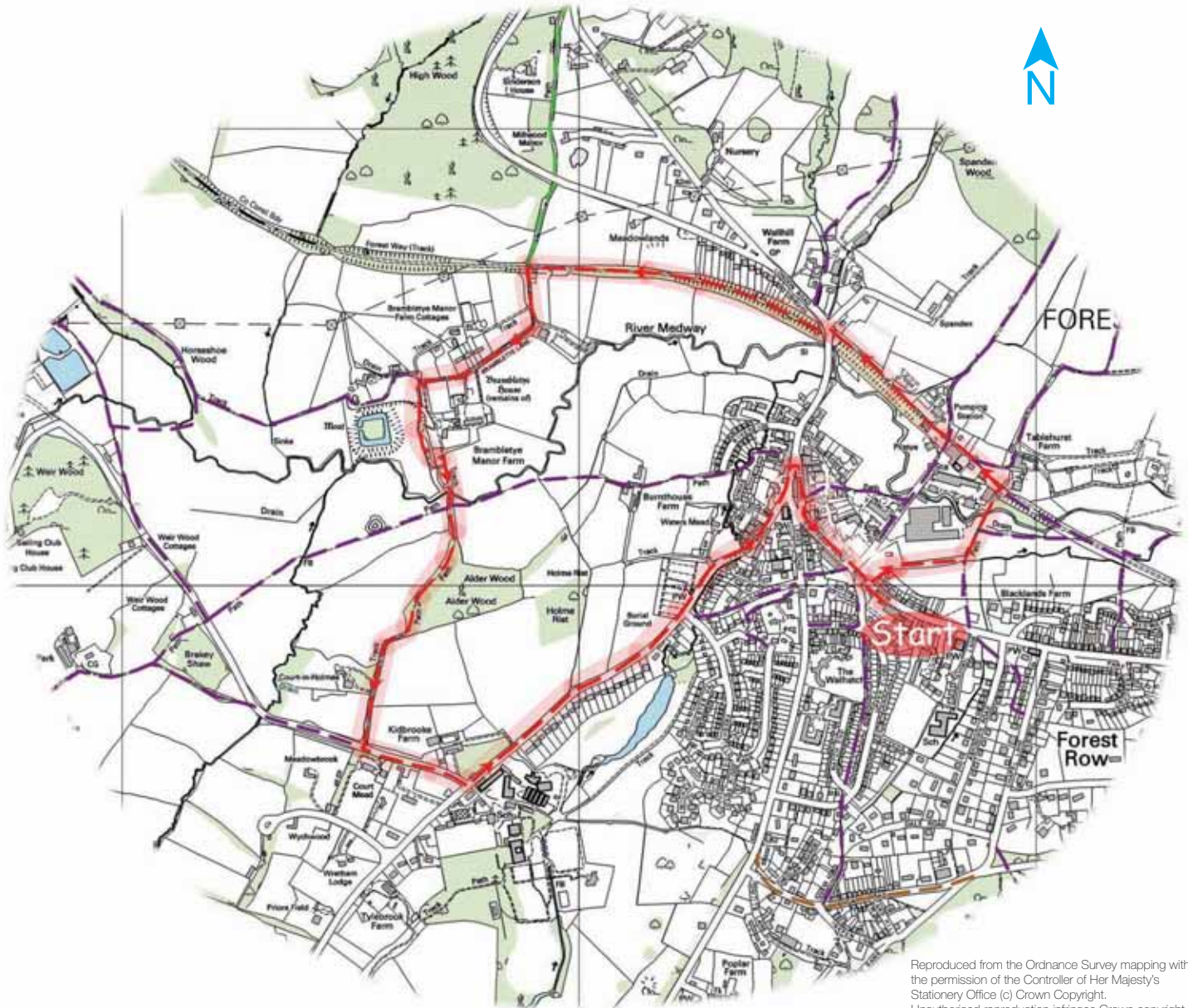
The Forest Way is accessible for people with disabilities.



Brambletye House

The first mansion in the area was Brambletye, built in 1631 for the East Grinstead MP Sir Henry Compton. It was later bought from Sir Henry by Sir James Richards. However, Sir James was accused of treason and escaped to Spain in 1683. The stately home was allowed to become run-down and today only the ruins stand in a field.

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Key

- Walk route
- Other public footpaths
- Other public bridleways
- Byways open to all traffic (BOAT)

Starting at the community centre car park on Hartfield Road, cross the road at the zebra crossing. Follow the path along the right-hand edge of the recreation ground and continue along the surfaced bridleway beyond. This will take you past the timber yard on your left, over a bridge and on to meet the Forest Way Country Park. Turn left and follow the surfaced path to meet a tarmacked driveway. Turn left and follow the drive to its junction with the A22.

Cross at the pedestrian crossing and continue along the Forest Way opposite. After a distance of roughly 680 metres (740 yards), turn left to join Brambletye Lane. Follow the lane past the ruins of Brambletye House on your left. At the end of the lane, turn left onto the signposted bridleway. Follow the bridleway around the edge of the property to join an old track. Cross the small bridge over the River Medway and continue along the surfaced path to join a tarmacked driveway and on to meet the main service road to WeirWood Reservoir. Turn left and follow the lane to its junction with Priory Road.

Turn left and follow Priory Road back towards the village centre. After passing the petrol station on your left, cross the main road using the pedestrian crossing to reach The Square. Turn right, following the road south, and bear left to join Hartfield Road to return to the community centre on the right.

Essential information

There are some hills with a maximum angle of slope of (to be inserted). Heavy rain will affect access in the winter months on some of the paths.

Grid reference: TQ427349

Length: 3 miles (4½ kilometres)

Route description: A route with no stiles or gates. Large sections of the route have tarmaced surfacing. Some hills and small sections of the route can be difficult after periods of rain.

Location: For information on bus timetables and routes, contact Traveline on 0870 608 2 608 or National Rail Enquiries on 08457 48 49 50.

Services: There are toilets (with access for disabled people) in the Community Centre.

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