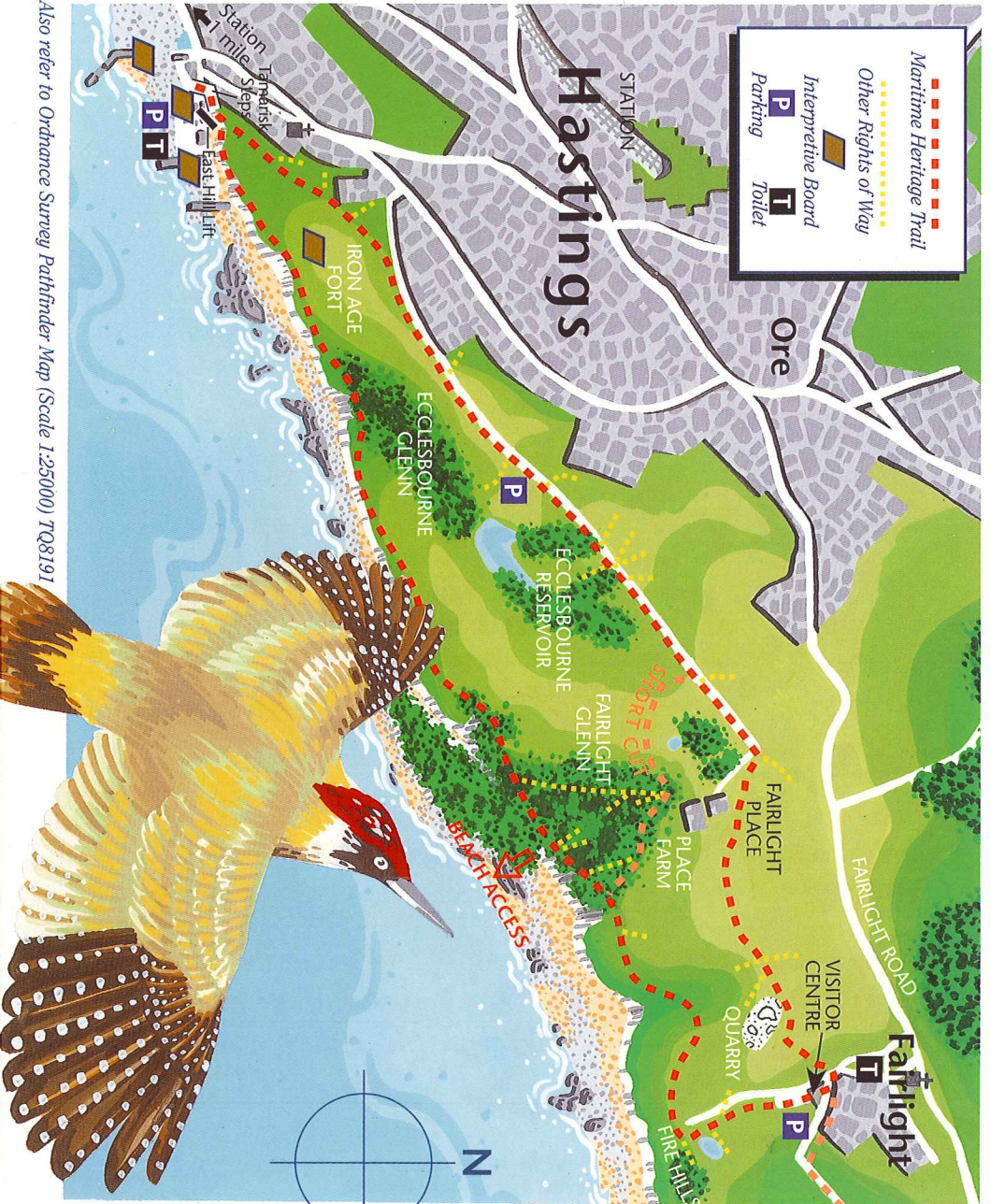


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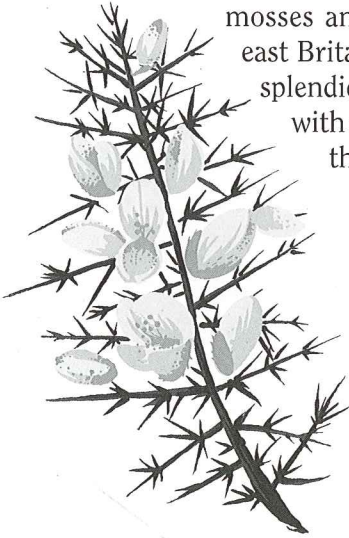
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Hastings Walk

This is a walk full of surprise, and superb views. From the fishing fleet and drying sheds on Hastings beach take the East Cliff Railway or climb the Tamarisk steps to the clifftop walk through Hastings Country Park. Used since Stone Age times, this stretch of land is now rich in wildlife.

The route dips dramatically down into steep valleys of ancient woodland, cool and humid and fed by small streams. Here you will find ferns, mosses and liverworts growing, an unusual sight for south east Britain. Rich in animal and plant life, these valleys are a splendid sight in springtime when they are thickly carpeted with wild flowers. From the second valley, Fairlight Glen, there are steps down to the beach.



Gorse - Yellow flowers at any time, but best between April and June.

As you reach the Firehills (so called, it is said, because of the brilliance of the gorse flowers which bloom here), you turn inland. After the wildness of the clifftop the route back is lush and rural, along quiet paths with glimpses of the sea. Eventually returning to the Old Town of Hastings, you step back into the past.

This charming and historical area is packed with colourful antique shops, pubs and tea-rooms.

The route is approximately 7 miles long and takes about 3-4 hours to walk. There are some steep climbs but they are worth the effort!

Fairlight Church - built in 1845. Its Gothic Stonework makes it an impressive landmark.

