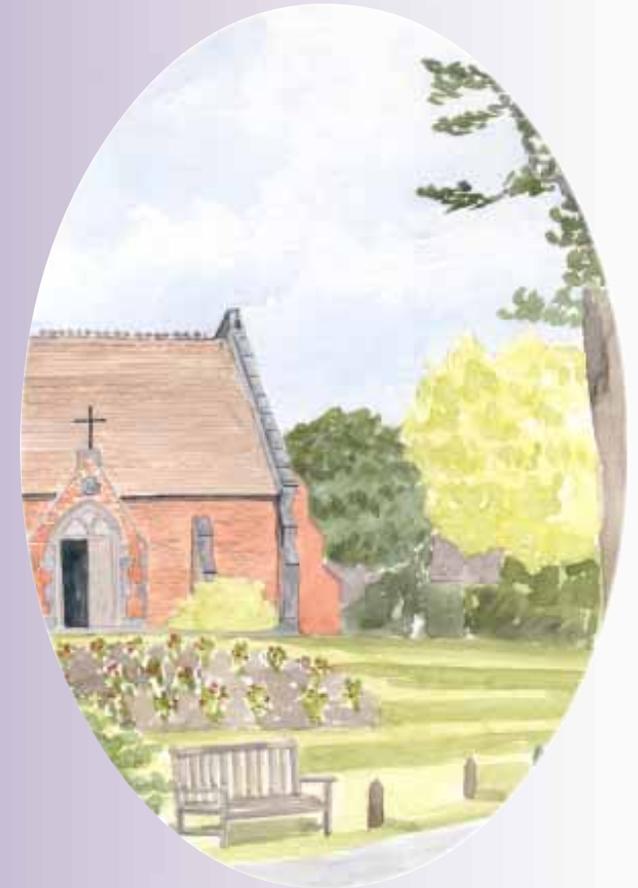


Rotherfield Parish Walks



Location Map



Location Symbols

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

Essential Information

Distance:
8 miles/13 kms

Walk grade:

4 More difficult walking including numerous hills, stiles and some muddy paths

Maps:

OS Explorer 135 & 136
OS Landranger 188

Start/Finish:

Mark Cross Village TQ 582311

Public Transport:

Buses: A regular bus service operates Monday to Saturday between Tunbridge Wells and Eastbourne with a stop at Mark Cross

Trains: Crowborough station at Jarvis Brook (approx. 3 miles) is the closest station and is on the Uckfield to London line which has a regular seven day service

Parking: There is a small public parking area in Mark Cross village



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

Refreshments and Local Services

(see map for location)

- 1 Mark Cross Inn**
Public House and Restaurant -
01892 852423
- 2 Renhurst Farm Shop**
Farm Shop and Butchers -
01892 852168
- 3 Bayham Pine**
Handmade Pine Furniture -
Rotherhurst Lane, Rotherfield,
01892 583963
- 4 Davenport Vineyards**
Vineyard and Winery - Castle Hill,
Rotherfield, 01892 852580
- 5 Cuckoo Line Stores**
Post Office & Convenience Store
- 01892 852516
- 6 The Boar's Head Inn**
Public House and Restaurant -
Boars Head, Nr Crowborough,
01892 652412

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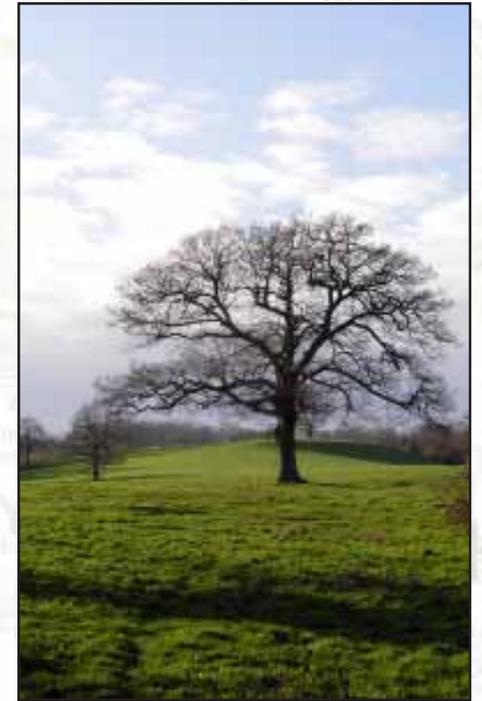
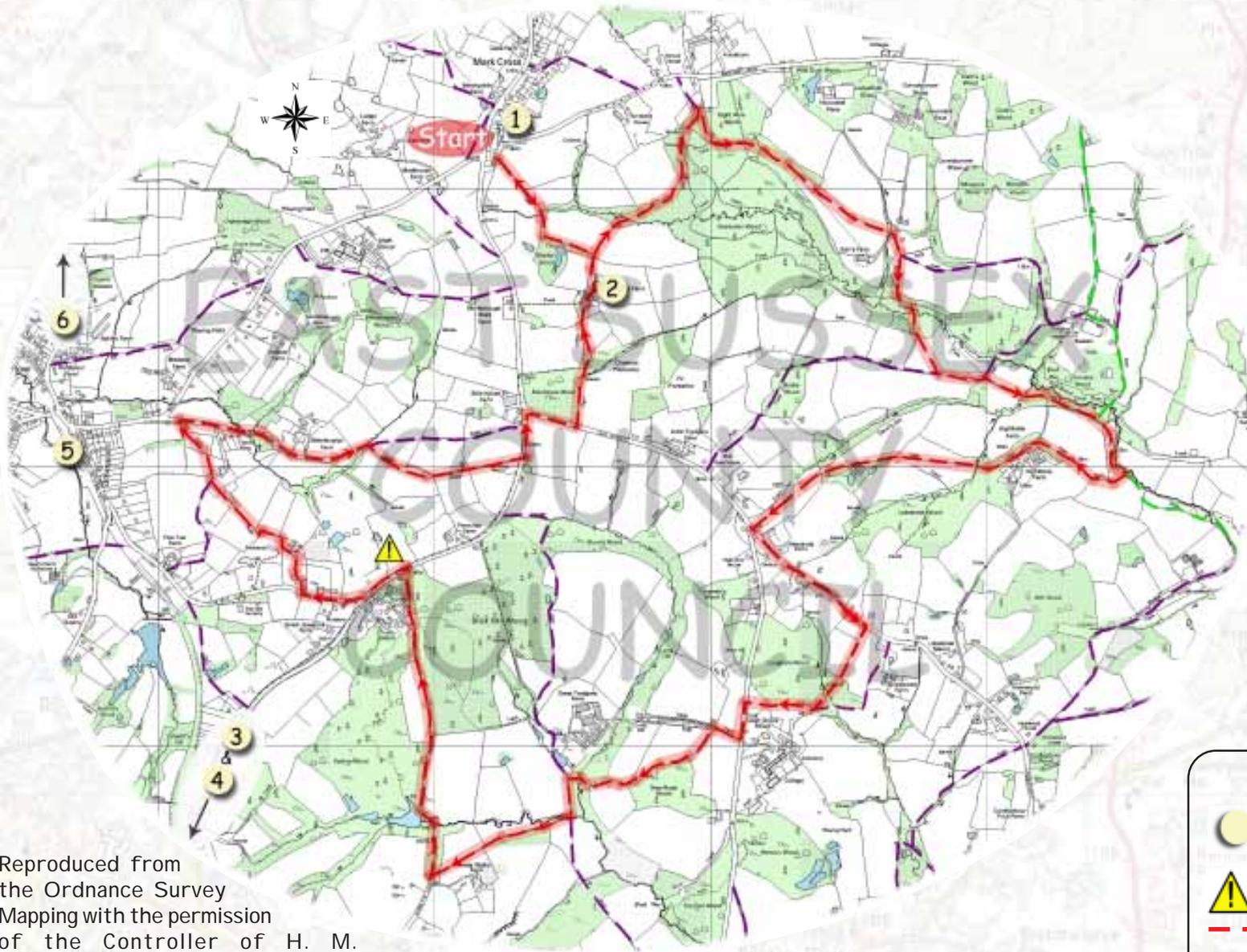
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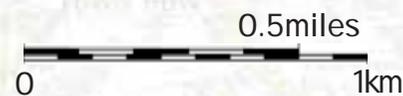
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Rotherfield Route 2



View along the walk

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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 parking area at the southern end of the village, cross the minor road to the field gate, and follow the footpath downhill along the field edge as signposted. Continue to follow the route along the edge of the next field, and after crossing the bridge and stile, turn left to follow the path along the edge of the small woodland. After walking past the lake, bear left to follow the waymarked path to a handgate and path junction.

Turn left, and follow the path through the field gate, downhill along the field edge, and into the woodland. After crossing the stream, bear right over a stile and continue in the direction waymarked. Follow the well defined path close to the edge of the woodland, turning left at the first signpost reached. The route now goes uphill, and a short distance after crossing a stile, turn sharp right, as signposted to another stile. Continue to follow the waymarked path along the fenceline to reach the main woodland track.

Turn left along the track, before turning right at the next signpost. Follow the waymarked path downhill and across the next track. Continue to follow the well defined woodland path, bearing right a short distance before crossing a stile to leave Sandyden Wood. The route now follows the field edge, with the fence to your left. After crossing the footbridge at the bottom of the hill, continue over the driveway, and follow the field edge path to a stile. Bear right at the footpath junction post and follow the waymarked route through the area of scrub, and then downhill into a woodland.

Bear left at the next waymark post, and after a short distance, turn right, at another waymark post, to head steeply downhill. Cross the footbridge and bear right to follow the route uphill through the woodland. From the woodland edge, cross the small field to a stile and then cross the next field diagonally as waymarked to a path junction. Bear left through the small field gate and follow the field edge path ahead. Turn right at the next path junction to follow the main track beyond the handgate.

Continue along the track, straight ahead at the next signpost (ignoring the concrete track to the right). At the next signposted junction, head through the bridgeway gate and follow the route through the field as signposted. From the path junction in the field corner, turn right and follow the field edge path up to the gate, and then onwards around the next field with the boundary on your left. On nearing the top of the field, bear left onto a concrete track and through the field gate. Bear left at the next signpost.

Continue to follow the concrete track to the rear of Highfields Farm, and from the bottom of the hill, head straight across the next field as waymarked. At the top of the hill, bear left and follow the path, passing the restored iron-pit ponds. After the next stile, cross the field as waymarked to reach Lake Street. Turn left and follow the road for approximately 545 metres (600 yds.) before turning right onto a licensed footpath. Follow the field edge path with the fence to your right. Continue through the woodland, turning right immediately after the next handgate, and follow the well defined path uphill to reach Little Trodgers Lane.

Turn left to follow the road, before turning right onto the next signposted footpath. After crossing the cattle grid, bear left through the handgate, and follow the field edge path keeping the fence on your left. From the kissing gate in the field corner, follow the signposted path, through the field gate and around the edge of the next field. From the field corner, follow the path through the wood, and across the small field to reach a surfaced track. Turn left and follow the track for a distance of approximately 720 metres (790 yds.) to the cottage at the end of Bassetts Lane. Turn sharp right onto the signposted bridgeway and follow for a distance of approximately 1.2 km ($\frac{3}{4}$ mile) to reach the main A267.

Turn left to follow the roadside verge for a short distance, then turn right into Yew Tree Lane. After approximately 230 metres (250 yds.) turn right onto the footpath signposted to Bletchinglye Lane. Follow the enclosed path and then the field edge route. After passing the house, turn right over the stile, and after the section of enclosed path, continue along the field edge. From the next stile, follow the waymarked cross field route, and then the driveway to reach Bletchinglye Lane. Turn right and follow the lane, continuing straight ahead at the end of the surfaced road. From here, follow the Byway to the main A267.

Turn left and follow the roadside verge for a short distance, before turning right into Lake Street. Follow for a short distance before turning left onto the signposted footpath and follow to Renhurst Farm. The route now follows the main track through the farmyard before passing to the left of the cottage. Continue along the track to reach the next signposted path junction. Turn left to follow the path through the handgate, and retrace your steps back to Mark Cross and the end of the walk.



A winter view of the route



Stream and exposed tree routes