



Pic 1: The turning onto the byway



Pic 2: Heartenoak Road



Pic 3: Heartenoak Road with the sign 'Basden Cottages' on the left



Pic 4: The lane from the car breaker's yard



Pic 5: The field, walk in the direction of the trees in the horizon



Pic 6: The turning onto Public bridleway

Through Eastern Lands

Walk overview:

Distance: 4 miles (6 km)

Time: 1.5 – 2 hour

Description: An interesting hike on the eastern side, sample a touch of Hawkhurst, passing local farms along the way.



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Leave The Great House and turn right down the lane. Cross the main road, pass a phone box on the left and keep walking along the road until you meet a signpost 'Byway' on the right side **(1)**. Turn onto the byway and walk down the road, past Ockley Farm and continue up the hill until you come to the village of Hawkhurst.

Keep walking straight up the hill, join the bigger road (Ockley Road) and still continue straight until you come to a T-junction. Turn left onto Heartenoak Road **(2)** and walk down the street. Continue down through a couple of crossroads and pass the sign 'Basden Cottages' on the left **(3)**. Stay on Heartenoak Road and keep walking down the hill until you see a car breaker's yard on the left. On the crossroad next to this yard turn right and carry on down the lane **(4)** until you come to a water treatment plant.

Walk around the plant along the footpath on the left side. Follow the footpath through the forest alongside the stream until you meet a stile at the end of the forest. Climb over this stile and keep walking through the field in the direction of the trees on the horizon **(5)**. Climb over a stile next to a big oak and continue straight along a ditch until you come to a fence around a farm house. Keep walking along this fence (the fence is on the left, the field is on the right) until you meet a stile. Climb over and turn left onto a road.

Walk over a small road bridge and follow the road up the small hill. Pass a crossroad with two small roads heading to the right, pass a farm on the left and pass several smaller buildings on the right. Close to them you see a signpost 'Public Bridleway' on the right and a crossroad with a small panel road heading to the left **(6)**. Turn onto this bridleway and carry on to Paul's Farm. Go through this farm and in front of a main entrance to a private property keep walking straight onto a small path between a fence and a field. Follow this path, you pass two posts and later the path joins a track from Ten Oak's Farm. Follow this track for 50 yards (50m) until you meet a small road. Turn right onto this road and follow it up the hill. Carry on, pass several buildings, walk across the main road and go back to The Great House.

