



Pic 1: The iron gate in between fields



Pic 2: The turning onto the Public footpath



Pic 3: The gate in between fields



Pic 4: A small road you will walk along



Pic 5: The small footbridge



Pic 6: The turning onto the Public footpath and the iron gate

The Small Hawkhurst Ring

Walk overview:

Distance: 5 miles (8 km)

Time: 2 – 2.5 hour

Description: A perfect way to see what Hawhurst has to offer, circling the village centre.



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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 continue straight along the road. Walk down the road (ignore all signposts) until you see a car breaker's yard on the right. On the crossroad next to this yard turn left and continue down the lane until you see a water treatment plant.

Walk around the plant along the footpath on the left. Follow the footpath through the forest alongside the stream until you meet a style at the end of the forest. Climb over this style, turn right and follow the edge of the field (on your right hand is the forest, later there is a ditch and a line of trees). You meet an iron gate **(1)**, go through and keep walking straight along the edge of this field. In the corner climb over a style and turn left onto a road.

Follow this road for 50 yards (50m) until a 'Public Footpath' signpost on the right **(2)**. Turn right, go through a gate and continue straight across the field. After going through the next wooden gate **(3)** keep walking along the edge of the field. In the corner continue straight through the forest. At the end walk through a gate and turn right onto the road.

Follow the road for 100 yards (100m) until a 'Public Footpath' signpost on the left. Turn left onto a small road and keep walking along the fence on the left **(4)**. Follow this track until an iron gate with a style (marked by a yellow arrow). Climb over the style and turn right. Walk along the edge of the field (the field is on the left and bushes are on the right). Follow the path into the forest, climb over a steel style and walk over a small footbridge **(5)**. Carry on along the trail until you meet a wooden style with a steel gate. Climb over the style and turn right onto the main road.

Walk down this road for about 0.1 mile (150m) until the first crossroad with Talbot Road (a sign with a name is on the left). Turn onto this street and walk up the small hill for about 0.2 mile (300m) until a sign 'Public Footpath' on the right **(6)**. Turn right onto the footpath, go through the gate and follow the trail. Keep walking for 0.3 mile (500m) until you see a wooden gate on the left (you can see Marlborough House School's facilities in the background). Go through the gate and continue straight through the school property in the direction of the building, join the small road and carry on along it until you meet a wooden gate. Go through this gate, cross the main road onto a smaller one.

Walk down the lane (it's called Slip Mill Road) and down the hill. Follow the road as it forks to the right and keep walking down. At the T-junction turn right and follow the road down the hill, through Slip Mill and then up the hill until you come to the first crossroad with a road heading to the right. Turn onto this street (it's called Wellington Cottages) and keep walking until a T-junction. Turn right and go back to The Great House.

