



Pic 1: The stile behind the railway crossing



Pic 2: The trail through the fields leading to St. Martin's church



Pic 3: The trail through the forest leading to the church



Pic 4: The wooden gate leading into the field



Pic 5: The grazing horses



Pic 6: The metal gate leading to the golf course.

Through The Western Land

Walk overview:

Distance: 4 miles (6.5 km)

Time: 2 – 2.5 hours

Description: Heading to the west of West Malling, enjoy a trek across the fields of the countryside, and the views that the west has to offer.



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Leave The Farm House and turn right. Walk down the High street, past the bronze sculpture on the left hand side and turn left onto the following street called 'Ryarsh Lane' (you must go down the steps). Carry on along this road for about 0.25 miles (400m) until you reach a railway crossing **(1)**. Cross the railway (STOP, LOOK, LISTEN AND BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL – the trains are quite frequent here) and continue straight along the trail into the forest. Keep walking along it until a T-junction with a small road. Turn right onto it and keep going until a much bigger road (A20).

Cross the A20 and continue straight onto a footpath (follow a 'Public Footpath' signpost). Carry on along the trail for about 70 yards (70m) and then turn left behind the corner of the building. Follow the path through the forest (over a small wooden bridge and through the wooden gate) until a road. Cross it and keep walking straight through the next wooden gate. Carry on along the trail through the fields **(2)** and forest **(3)** until St.Martin's Church. Follow the trail along the wall (you can have a rest in the church grounds), join the track and keep walking straight until a road. Join it and continue straight until a bigger road.

Cross the road onto a footpath on the other side and follow the trail. Go through a gate **(4)** and walk along the edge of the fields (you might see some grazing horses **(5)**) until you reach a stile in the corner. Climb over it into the next field and walk diagonally to the right through the field. In the corner follow the path through the metal gate **(6)** leading into the golf course. Walk carefully straight through it ('You are crossing a golf course, be aware of balls from the left and right') and join a small trail on the other side. Follow the trail until a road.

Turn left onto the road and keep walking until a T-junction with a bigger road. Turn left onto it and follow the road until the A20. Cross it and continue straight onto a small road and turn left behind the railway bridge (there is a 'Restricted Byway' signpost). Keep walking straight along the path until a footpath crossing at the end of the forest. Continue straight along the edge of the next field, and further on walk in between the fences until a stile. Climb over it and carry on straight onto the road. Keep walking along it for about 0.6 miles (1 km) until a T-junction. Turn right onto the West Malling High street and go back to The Farm House.

