



Pic 1: The concrete road with a wooden gate in the background

Pic 2: The trail and signpost with a blue arrow



Pic 3: The path through the fields

Pic 4: The signpost and the path following it



Pic 5: The wooden gate and the 'West Malling' signpost

Pic 6: The metal gate in the town of West Malling

The Ryarsh Challenge

Walk overview:

Distance: 4.5 miles (7.5 km)

Time: 2.5 – 3 hours

Description: The ultimate walk where you will visit the village of Ryarsh, the northern landscape of West Malling and the land behind the M20.



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Leave The Farm House and turn right onto the High Street and walk down the square until the first crossroad. Turn left onto 'West Street' and keep walking along the road for about 1 mile (1.6 km). It gradually becomes 'Norman road' and later you will walk under a railway bridge until the main road (A20). Cross the road and turn right onto the pavement. Follow it for about 80 yards (80m) until a 'Public Bridleway' signpost on the left. Turn left onto a small concrete road **(1)** and carry on along it until a wooden gate **(2)**. Go around it (follow the blue arrow on the gate) and keep walking along the trail until a small footbridge. Go over it and continue straight in between the field and bushes, then later turn right around the corner of the bushes (follow the signpost with an arrow) and keep walking until the church's ground gate (It's the ancient St.Martin's church, you can enjoy some nice views and a rest in the grounds).

In front of the gate turn left and continue along the pavement and along the fence of the grounds. At the end of the fence keep walking straight along the trail and into the fields **(3)**. Later join a small road, walk over the M20 bridge and keep walking along the road until a bigger road. Turn left onto it and follow the road for about 0.6 miles (1km) until a 'Master's Lane' signpost on the left.

Turn left onto the small road and keep walking straight until a metal barrier. Go around it and continue along the trail until a signpost with yellow arrows on the right **(4)**. Follow the lower arrow, turn slightly to the left and walk diagonally across the field. At the corner go through the metal gate and turn right onto the road. Follow the road over the M20 again until a crossroad. Turn right onto the smaller road (before a roundabout) and then take the gravel road on the left.

Continue along this road until a T-junction, turn left and follow the gravel road. Keep walking straight (ignore the footbridge on the left) for about 0.4 miles (600m) until a big road (A20). Cross the road and go through a wooden gate with a 'Public footpath to West Malling' signpost **(5)**. Keep walking along the trail for about 0.25 miles (400m) until a metal gate **(6)**.

Go through the gate and follow the trail (later the road) until a T-junction. Turn right onto 'Swan street' and keep walking along it until the next T-junction. Turn left onto the High Street and go back to The Farm House.

