



Pic 1: The turning onto the Public footpath



Pic 2: The footbridge in the valley



Pic 3: The footbridge in the middle of the fields



Pic 4: The turning from Slip Mill Road onto the Public bridleway



Pic 5: The stile in the corner of the field



Pic 6: The indicator to the Public footpath

The Cowlick of Hawkhurst

Walk overview:

Distance: 2.5 miles (4 km)

Time: 1 – 1.5 hour

Description: Enjoy this pleasant local walk, viewing the fields of the English Weald, the neighbourhood of the village of Hawkhurst and if you are lucky, even alpacas.



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Leave The Great House and turn left up the lane. You pass the sign 'Wellington Cottages' and come to a T-Junction. Turn left and after 15 yards (15m) turn right through the bushes. Follow the sign 'Public Footpath' - there are several steps from the road **(1)**. Continue between fences and at the end turn left into the fields. Follow the edge of the bushes (bushes are on the right and fields are on the left) and climb over 5 styles. You come to a stony rural road, turn right and follow the road down the hill. Continue straight through the bottom of a valley (on right side you can see a pond and table with benches, but it is a private area...), over the wooden footpath bridge **(2)** and steeply up the hill. You find a style, climb over and you are in the field.

Follow the edge of the field, along the bushes on the left side. In the middle of the field go through a gate – follow the yellow arrows and continue straight along the bushes, this time bushes are on the right side. You meet the style, climb over and come to the rural road. Turn left and follow this road down for 50 yards (50m). In the curve to the left, you bear to the right over a small footbridge.

Follow the footpath, along the bushes on the left side, through a 'mouse hole' (corridor in wood) and you find some steps. Go up the steps and follow the footpath in the bushes, later you see a field on the left side. Continue between bushes on the left side and field on the right side until the footpath becomes a track. Follow this road, still between field and bushes, then straight through field (meadow) and you find a small footbridge marked by yellow strip on the rail **(3)**. Go straight through the field to the houses and you find a small footpath in between them. Follow the footpath to a small gate, go through and you are on Slip Mill Road.

Turn left and follow the road for about 0.3 mile (500m) until you meet a bridleway on the left side (it is marked by green arrow with sign 'Public Bridleway' **(4)**). Follow this stony bridleway for about 0.5 mile (800m) (on the right side you can see a farm with alpacas) until you find a small footbridge you used before on the left side. Then follow the bridleway upwards for 50 yards (50m) and turn right over the style into the field. Go along the bushes (bushes are on the left side), through the gate and continue along the bushes (bushes are on the right side). In the corner of the field climb over the style **(5)** and go steeply down the trail to the wooden footbridge.

Go over the bridge and continue straight to the stony rural road (this rural road has no gate and you can see a pond on the left side). Go up the road, follow this road through Trewint Farm until you come to a road. Turn right onto the road and after 20 yards (20m) turn left onto a footpath (there is a signboard with 'Public Footpath' and a couple of steps there **(6)**). Follow this footpath to The Great House.

