



Pic 1: The 'Public Footpath' signpost



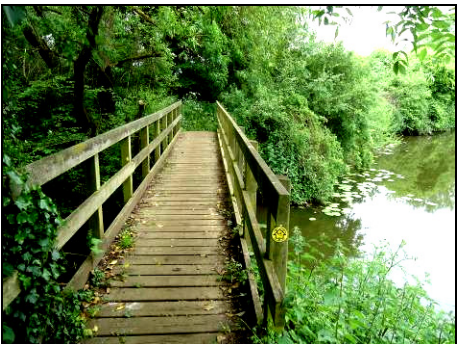
Pic 2: The small bridge over a stream



Pic 3: The passage through the hedges



Pic 4: The footbridge close to Eldridge's lock



Pic 5: The footbridge over a stream joining the Medway river



Pic 6: The footpath through the field of shrubs

## The Medway Valley Long Walk

### Walk overview:

Distance:	5.5 miles (9 km)
Time:	2.5 – 3 hours
Description:	The ultimate walk where you will almost reach Tonbridge and you will walk along the beautiful Medway river back to Tudeley.



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Leave The Poacher & Partridge, turn left and walk along the road for about 100 yards (100m) until a 'Public Footpath' signpost on the right **(1)**. Turn right onto the footpath and follow the footpath along the edge of the field until a stile in the corner. Climb over the stile and continue straight along the edge of the field until the next stile, climb over it and carry on along the footpath into the next field. Keep walking straight along the orchard until a small wooden bridge and a footbridge **(2)**. Walk over the bridge and continue straight (hedges are on the left, orchard/field is on the right) for about 0.5 miles (700m) until you reach the corner. Turn left through the hole between the hedges **(3)**, and then behind it turn right and walk through the gate into the road.

Turn left onto the road and keep walking until a T-junction. Turn right and follow the road for about 0.75 miles (1.2km) until the T-junction with the main A26 road. Turn right and keep walking along the pavement over the bridge until the 'Public Footpath' signpost on the right. Follow the signpost and turn right onto the footpath. Continue along the small trail for about 0.2 miles (300m) where you will join a bigger trail. Keep walking along the Medway River (for more information see walks no.7 and no.10) for about 2 miles (3.5km) until a big concrete road bridge. Enjoy the views along the way, and you will walk under a small private steel bridge, through the gate, over three footbridges **(4, 5)**, and past Eldridge's and Porter's lock.

In front of the concrete bridge turn left and walk through the wooden gate. Continue along the trail until the road, turn right onto the road and walk towards the bridge. Follow the road over the bridge and then for about 0.2 miles (300m) until a 'Public Footpath' signpost on the left. Leave the road and continue straight along the footpath through the bushes. Keep walking straight until the field and then follow the footpath for about 0.3 miles (500m) through the field until a small wooden footbridge. Walk over it and keep walking along the footpath until the next one. Go over it and then follow the footpath through the field of shrubs **(6)**. In the corner walk over the last small wooden footbridge and turn right onto a trail. Keep walking along the trail and through the gate until a road. Keep walking straight along the road for about 0.3 miles (500m) until a T-junction. Turn left onto the bigger road and go back to The Poacher & Partridge.

