



Pic 1: The footpath along the stream

Pic 2: The lovely view to the lake from the footbridge





Pic 3: Public footpath in between the buildings

Pic 4: The trail through little gardens





Pic 5: Public footpath along the hedges

Pic 6: Nice waterfall from the wall of Malling Abbey

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The West Malling Town Tour

Walk overview:

Distance: 1.5 miles (2.5 km) Time: 0.5 – 1 hour

Description: A fairly short and easy walk through the old market town of

West Malling. Discover the historical places of the town.



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<u>Version with 10 steps:</u> Leave The Farm House and turn left. Walk along High Street until the first crossroad with Water Lane. Turn left onto the street and keep walking down the hill until metal gate on the right (there is also a 'Public Footpath' stone right next to the gate). Go through the gate, turn right and follow the path along the stream **(1)** until a small wooden footbridge on the right.

Enjoy the views of the lake and its' birds (2) (there are a couple of benches where you can have a rest), turn right and go over the bridge. Walk up the stairs and continue along the path until a road. Turn right onto the road and follow it until a church on the left.

<u>Completely 'no barrier' version:</u> Leave The Farm House and turn left. Walk along High Street until a church on the right.

Use the small wooden gate leading into the church grounds and continue straight past the church until the white rail. Go past it and keep walking along the street until a fork crossroad. Take the left branch, cross the main road and continue along 'Fartherwell Avenue' until a crossroad. Turn right onto 'Sandown Road' and later turn left onto 'Epsom Close'. Keep walking along this street for about 0.1 mile (150m) until it slightly bears to the left. Turn sharply right onto a Public footpath (3).

Keep walking straight along the path until you reach a road. Turn right onto it and continue along it for about 0.15 mile (200m) until you see a huge blue 'West Malling primary school' sign (it's orientated in the opposite direction...). Turn left onto a smaller road just behind the sign and keep walking straight along the road and later along the edge of the sport ground to the corner. Continue straight along a small trail (4) until a road.

Turn right onto the road and keep walking until a T-junction. Turn left, walk over a railway bridge and right behind it turn right onto a Public footpath (5) (marked by a 'Public Footpath' signpost). Continue along the hedges on the right until a road. Turn right, go over another railway bridge and follow the road until a T-junction with a bigger road.

Extension to see the waterfall: Turn left and walk down the street for about 100 yards (100m) where you can enjoy a very nice waterfall on the right side (6). Then turn around and go back to the previous crossroad.

Turn right and walk along the street until the next T-junction. Turn left and continue along the West Malling square back to The Farm House.

