

Walk up the small slope and through a wooden gate until a crossroad. Turn right onto the road and keep walking for about 0.25 miles (400m) (at first you walk along the buildings of Bewl Outdoor Centre on the right, then the road turns to the left) until a T-junction with a bigger road (there is a small kiosk). Turn left onto the road and immediately turn right onto a public footpath (marked by a blue arrow).

Keep walking along the trail until a wooden gate. Go through it, turn slightly right (follow the blue arrow on the gate) and continue along the path through the field until the next gate (12). Walk through it into the next field, turn right and continue along the edge of the field for about 30 yards (30m) until the track. Turn left onto the track and keep walking up the hill along the track for about 0.3 miles (500m) until a metal gate leading into the road.

Turn right onto the road and keep walking down the hill and then up the hill for about 0.5 miles (800m). At the top turn left, follow the trail diagonally through the village ground and go back to The Vineyard.

#### Bewl Water

Bewl Water is a reservoir in the valley of the River Bewl (which is a tributary of the River Teise), straddling the boundary between Kent and East Sussex. The reservoir was part of a project to increase supplies of water in the area. It supplies not only Southern Water's customers, but is also used by other water companies in the area.

Work began to construct the reservoir in 1973 by damming and then flooding a valley. It was completed in 1975 having been filled with over 31,300 million litres of water. It is now the largest body of inland water in south east England.

In winter, when the flow in the River Medway exceeds 275 million litres per day, river water is pumped to storage in the reservoir. There is an outline plan to raise the water level by a further 3m to increase the yield by up to 30% to help with the growing water demand in south-east England. This will however put further demands on the River Medway to supply the additional water required with the potential for environmental degradation in the river and the eco-systems that it supports.

Source: [www.wikipedia.org](http://www.wikipedia.org)

## The Great Bewl Tour

#### Walk overview:

Distance:	8 miles (13 km)
Time:	4 – 5 hours
Description:	The ultimate walk where you will visit Bewl reservoir and the lovely little village of Kildown.



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Leave The Vineyard, turn right and walk down the road until a crossroad. Join the bigger road and after about 30 yards (30m) turn right onto a smaller road. Keep walking up the road for about 0.1 miles (150m) until a 'Public Footpath' stone on the left. Turn left onto a panel road, later go through a wooden gate and keep walking straight along the path (1) down the hill until you reach a road. Continue straight along the road and after it bends to the left turn right onto a smaller road. Keep walking to the end and then through a small lawn area towards the road.

Turn left onto the road and immediately turn right onto a footpath (follow a 'Public Footpath' signpost). Keep walking along the road (climb over a style next to gate) for about 100 yards (100m) until it turns to the right. Continue straight into the field (use the small crossing through the hedges, there is also a small signpost with yellow arrows). Keep walking straight in the direction of tall trees then turn slightly right and walk towards the furthest corner (behind the football nets). Continue still straight through the golf course for about 0.2 miles (300m) until a small road (follow the yellow strips and arrows on signposts and trees).

Turn left onto the road and keep walking up the hill, over the A21 bypass until a gate with 'Private' sign. Turn right and follow the edge of the field, climb over a style into the next field and keep walking for about 50 yards (50m) until a style on the left (2). Climb over it into the Scotney Castle grounds and keep walking until a signpost. Turn slightly right (follow 'Parkland Trail' on the signposts and posts with blue paint on the top (3)) and keep walking through the field and later through a gate into the next one. Follow the edge of the field and at the end climb over a style leading to the road.

Turn left onto the road and keep walking along it for about 50 yards (50m) until a signpost and style on the right (4). Climb over the style and continue down the hill along the edge of the field, later climb over one more style and follow the path until a bridge. Walk over the River Bewl and continue straight towards the forest (follow 'Woodland Trail' on the signpost and posts with red paint on the top from here). Go through the gate (5) into the forest and continue straight along the path (follow red posts) for about 0.4 miles (600m) until a signpost. Turn left (follow 'Kilndown' sign) and keep walking along the track until a wooden gate. Go through it and carry on until a road.

Turn left onto the road and keep walking along it for about 0.15 miles (250m) until a 'Public Footpath' signpost on the left (enjoy nice views of Kilndown village and its church). Turn left onto the path and keep walking in between the fences until a small road. Cross it and continue straight until a bigger road. Cross this also and then continue straight (follow 'Public Footpath' signpost) for about 50 yards (50m) until a style on the right (6).

Climb over the style and keep walking along the edge of the field (over one more style) for about 0.2 miles (300m) until a style on the left (it might be a bit tricky to find it). Climb over it and follow the trail through the forest (follow yellow strips and arrows on the trees) until a very small wooden footbridge (the total length from the style to the footbridge is about 0.5 miles (800m)). Go over the footbridge and continue along the trail for about 100 yards (100m) until a fork crossroad of tracks. Take the left branch and keep walking until a style. Climb over it and carry on along the fence for about 0.25 miles (400m) until a road.

Turn right onto the road and keep walking straight along it for about 0.25 miles (400m) (up the slope, through the farm and down the slope again) until a gate in the fence on the right side (marked by yellow arrows and stripes). Go through it and continue straight through the field until the next gate (7). Go through it and follow the trail into the forest. Climb over a style and keep walking along the trail for about 0.2 miles (300m) until a track. Turn left onto the track and continue along it until the major road A21.

Turn left onto the road and continue along it for about 70 yards (70m) until a 'Public Footpath' signpost on the right. Turn right (follow the signpost) and keep walking along the road until a metal gate (8). Continue straight along the trail in between fences until the second metal gate. Go through it and keep walking straight along the edge of the field until a signpost with 2 yellow arrows. Follow the upper one and go straight onto a trail. Later climb over a style (9) and keep walking straight until a track (You have reached the Bewl reservoir so enjoy some nice views and you can have a rest on quite a few benches along the trail). Turn right onto the Bewl Water Trail (10) and keep walking along it for about 0.8 miles (1.3km) until a dam (11). Carry on to the other end of the dam and turn right onto a tarmac road.