

THROUGH EASTERN LANDS

Walk Overview

Distance: 4 miles (6km)**Time:** 1.5 - 2 hours**Description:** An interesting hike on the Eastern side, sample a touch of Hawkhurst, passing local farms along the way.

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1. The turning onto the byway



3. Basden Cottages on the left



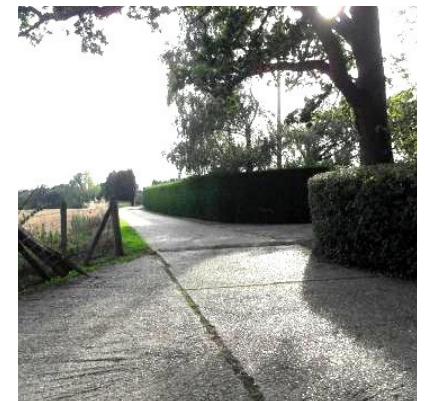
5. The field with the tees



2. Hearten Oak Road



4. The lane



6. Turning onto the bridelway

Leave The Great House and turn right down the lane. Cross the main road, pass a phone box on the left and keep walking along the road until you meet a signpost 'Byway' on the right (Pic 1). Turn onto the byway and walk down the road, past Ockley Farm and continue up the hill until you come to the village of Hawkhurst.

Keep walking straight up the hill, join the bigger road (Ockley Road) and still continue straight until you come to a T-junction. Turn left onto Hartenoak Road (Pic 2) and walk down the street. Continue down through a couple of crossroads and pass the sign 'Basden Cottages' on the left (Pic 3). Stay on Hartenoak Road and keep walking down the hill until you see a car breaker's yard on the left. on the crossroad next to this yard, turn right and carry on down the lane (Pic 4) until you come to a water treatment plant.

Walk around the plant along the footpath on the left side. Follow the footpath through the forest alongside the stream until you meet a style at the end of the forest. Climb over this style and keep walking through the field in the direction of the trees on the horizon (Pic 5). Climb over the style next to a big oak and continue straight along a ditch until you come to a fence around a farm house. Keep walking along this fence (fence on the left, field on the right) until you meet a style. Climb over and turn left onto a road.

Walk over a small road bridge and follow the road up the small hill. Pass a crossroad with two small roads heading to the right, pass a farm on the left and pass several smaller buildings on the right. Close to them you see a signpost 'Public Bridleway' on the right and a crossroad with a small panel round heading to the left (Pic 6). Turn onto this bridleway and carry on to Paul's Farm. Go through this farm and in front of a main entrance to a private property keep walking straight onto a small path between a fence and a field. Follow this path, you pass two posts and later the path joins a track from Ten Oak's Farm. Follow this track for 50m until you meet a small road. Turn right onto this road and follow it up the hill. Carry on, pass several buildings, walk across the main road and go back to The Great House

