THE FIELD AND DOWNS VIEW WALK

Walk Overview

Distance: 3.5 miles (5.6km)

Time: 1.5-2 hours

Description: Heading east over fertile field and fallow, following the line of the North

Downs in an easterly direction with beautiful open views to the south.



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I. The gate off the road



3. The top of the field



5. Heathland foot path



2. The path towards the downs



4. The road from the water works



6. The heath path to the gate

Leaving The Wishful Thinker turn left and continue straight over the cross roads onto Lenham Heath Road and continue for approximately a quarter of a mile. Once over the Eurostar bridge follow the road round to the right and down in an easterly direction for approximately three hundred yards passing a lynch gate on your right. Immediately after this take the footpath on your left towards the North Downs. Follow the footpath round to the left and then continue up towards the North Downs for approximately three quarters of a mile. You will be able to see in the distance the memorial cross carved on the face of the downs commemorating those lost from the village in the two world wars. Before you reach the hedgerow and the railway line, turn right with a copse of trees on your left. Head diagonally across the field on the footpath in a south easterly direction.

After approximately half a mile go through the hedgerow and continue for approximately 600 yards across the field with the North Downs on your left to the north. Go up the small concrete by the water works, over the small stream and into the next field. Follow the footpath round to the right and to the left at the bottom of the field and continue for approximately one hundred and fifty yards until you see the turn-stile in the corner of the field on your right and over the stream. Go through the farm gate and turn left on the farm road. Continue for approximately half a mile passing Chapel Farm on your left hand side to the east. Turn right on to Lenham Heath Road Passing Bowley Lane and continue up the road for approximately four hundred yards then take the metal lynch gate on your left and turn right onto the heathland footpath. Beautiful views towards Chilston Manor to the south.

Follow the footpath over the heathland for approximately six hundred yards. Past the magnificent copper birch tree surrounded by Scots pines. Continue for another approximately two hundred yards down the slope and exit via the gate onto Lenham Heath Road and turn left. Pass the entrance to the solar farm on the right and over the Eurostar bridge then follow the road back up to the Wishful Thinker.

