

Trails by Rail: Eridge

Welcome to the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, a beautiful and historic protected landscape. Enjoy a walk across gently rolling hills with views across wooded valleys.

A highlight is Harrisons Rocks, a spectacular sandstone outcrop. Oast houses, WW2 pill boxes and gill streams are other features to look out for.

Distance and duration	6 miles / 9.5 kilometres - approximately 3 hours
Level	Leisurely – two stiles
Start point	Eridge Station, Groombridge Lane, Eridge, near Tunbridge Wells TN3 9LE
Map reference	TQ 550350 OS Explorer Ashdown Forest 135
Other information	Parking: pay and display parking at Eridge Station, with some free off-road parking outside the station. Refreshments: The Huntsman.

I-Spy - things to look out for in the landscape



An **oast house**: once used for drying hops.



Harrisons Rocks are a superb example of the sandstone outcrops which are found across the High Weald. There is evidence that Stone Age people sheltered amongst these rocks.

Walk directions

1. Start at Eridge Station. Exit by the main entrance and turn right and right again along Forge Road. Walk along this road as it passes a pond and continue uphill to turn left onto a small road with a sign for Motts Farm and other houses. Stay on the small road through a wood and pass Motts Farm.
2. As the road turns right take the signposted track straight ahead. At a crossroads of footpaths turn right across a footbridge (part of the Sussex border path). Walk straight uphill to pass a farm and oast house (Bullfinches) on your right.
3. Cross a stile and follow the well-defined path straight ahead to pass a white house on your right. Keep straight ahead as the path crosses a track and continues downhill to the bottom of the field. Pass under trees and through a gate to enter a field. Follow the path along the right-hand edge and at the bottom corner of the field go through a gate and across a footbridge. Bear right and continue uphill and over a stile to meet the road.
4. Turn right onto the road and then left onto a footpath and walk straight uphill between fields to a rough track. Turn right onto the track and continue straight ahead at a crossroads of footpaths to Sherlocks Farm.
5. Follow the waymarked path through the farm and across a large field. Continue to walk downhill (look out for the WW2 pillboxes) and under a railway bridge to cross a field and meet a road.
6. Turn left onto the road and follow it uphill past houses bearing right at the top. Turn right onto the footpath just before the school. Follow this path as it crosses a footbridge over the railway line and reaches a gate. Turn right onto a small road and then left onto the footpath through the woods.
7. Stay on the path as it skirts a car park for Harrisons Rocks on your right and crosses a gravelled path. Keep on this path through the wood and as it follows the railway embankment on your right, Harrisons Rocks becoming visible on your left. Continue as the path goes downhill to pass a gate and sign to Harrisons Rocks on your left and then go through a gate and follow the track as it bears right. Turn right onto a tarmac driveway just before the oast house.
8. Continue to cross the railway line (be careful) via a level crossing and then over a bridge to Forge Road. Turn left along the road for over a mile to pass the turning off to Motts Farm on your right and retrace your steps back to Eridge Station.

Please follow the Countryside Code

Respect other people

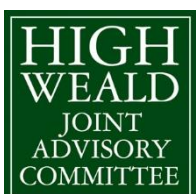
- Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- Park carefully so access to gateways and driveways is clear
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Follow paths but give way to others where it's narrow

Protect the natural environment

- Leave no trace of your visit, take all your litter home
- Don't have BBQs or fires
- Keep dogs under effective control
- Dog poo - bag it and bin it

Enjoy the outdoors

- Plan ahead, check what facilities are open, be prepared
- Follow advice and local signs and obey social distancing measures





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