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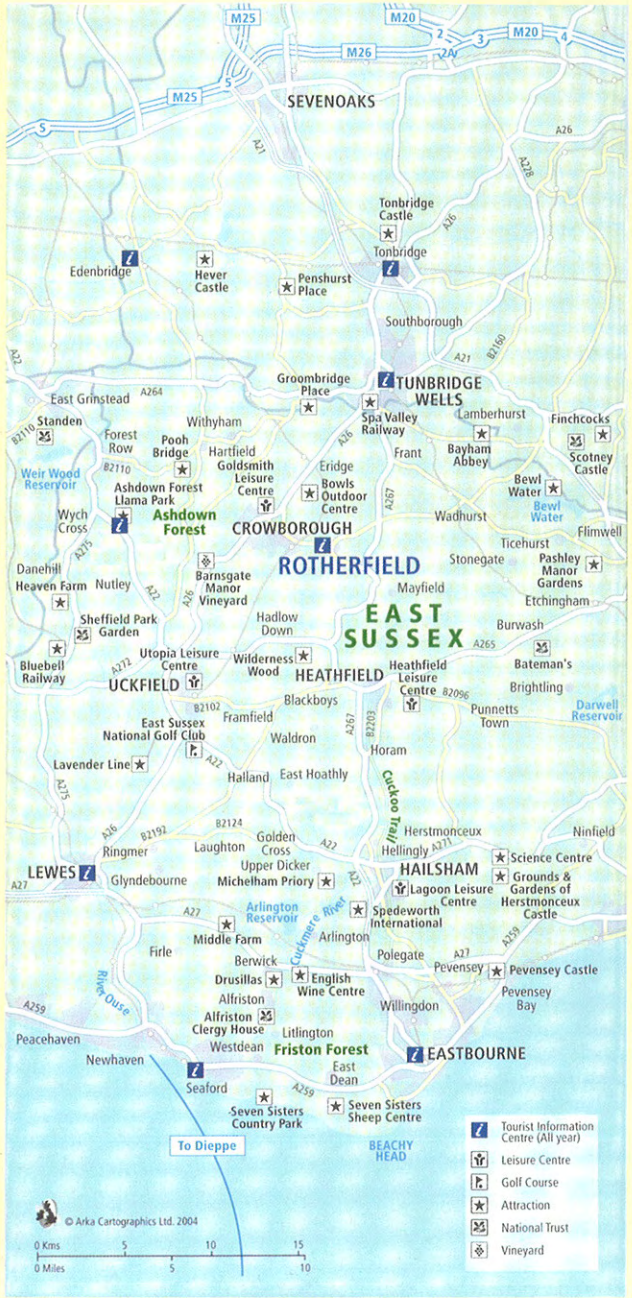

Essential Information

Distance:
3 miles/5 km

Walk grade:

3 Some quite steep gradients, several stiles and some muddy stretches

Maps:
OS Explorer 135
OS Landranger 188

Start/Finish:
Rotherfield car park TQ 557297

Public Transport:
Buses: A regular bus service operates Monday to Saturday between Tunbridge Wells and Eastbourne
Trains: Crowborough station at Jarvis Brook approx. 1.5 miles from Rotherfield is on the Uckfield to London line which has a regular daily service
Contact National Rail Enquiries:- 08457 484950

Parking:
Public car park, Station Road adjacent to the Kings Arms car park

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Rotherfield Parish Walks

The Best Kept Secret in Sussex

Rotherfield

Rotherfield Route 3

Rotherfield Community Tourism Initiative

Rotherfield Parish offers an extensive network of Rights of Way giving access to some beautiful countryside typical of this part of the Weald.

There are also many attractive Sussex villages nearby, including Wadhurst and Mayfield, with picturesque architecture, old churches and a wide variety of interesting shops.

Please come and enjoy the unique splendours of our countryside, but please also support our local businesses that help make the countryside the vibrant place that it is today.

The Countryside Code

- Be Safe - plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people

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Refreshments and Local Services

(see map for location)

1. **Rotherfield Tourist Information and Business Centre**
   The Square, Rotherfield - 01892 853594
2. **The Kings Arms**
   High Street, Rotherfield - 01892 853441
3. **The Catts Inn**
   High Street, Rotherfield - 01892 852546
4. **St Deny's Pharmacy**
   Rotherfield - 01892 852352
5. **Rotherfield Post Office**
   Church Road, Rotherfield - 01892 852050
6. **Cuckoo Line Stores**
   Yew Tree Lane, Town Row - 01892 852516

Nearby places of interest

Mark Cross Inn
Mark Cross (just off A267) - 01892 852423

Sussex Country Gardens including Terrace Cafe
Mark Cross (on A267) - 01892 852828

Renhurst Farm Shop
Mark Cross (on A267) Open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays - 01892 852168

Forgewood Tearooms
Sham Farm, Eridge - 01892 750006

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We hope that you enjoy the walk in this leaflet, which is one of a series produced by the Rotherfield Community Tourism Initiative in partnership with East Sussex County Council.

Copies of the leaflets for walks within the Parish can be obtained from the Rotherfield Tourism and Business Centre in The Square, Rotherfield (01892 853594) or via the Rotherfield website:-
www.rotherfield-countryside.org.uk
or
www.eastsussex.gov.uk

Copies of a Visitor Map showing all the rights of way within the Parish and a Guidebook containing historical background and countryside information can be obtained at tourist outlets.

If any problems are encountered on the walk please report them to the East Sussex County Council Rights of Way Team:-

By phone on:-
01273 482250 / 482354 / 482324

By post at:-
Transport and Environment Department
County Hall
St. Anne's Crescent
Lewes BN7 1UE

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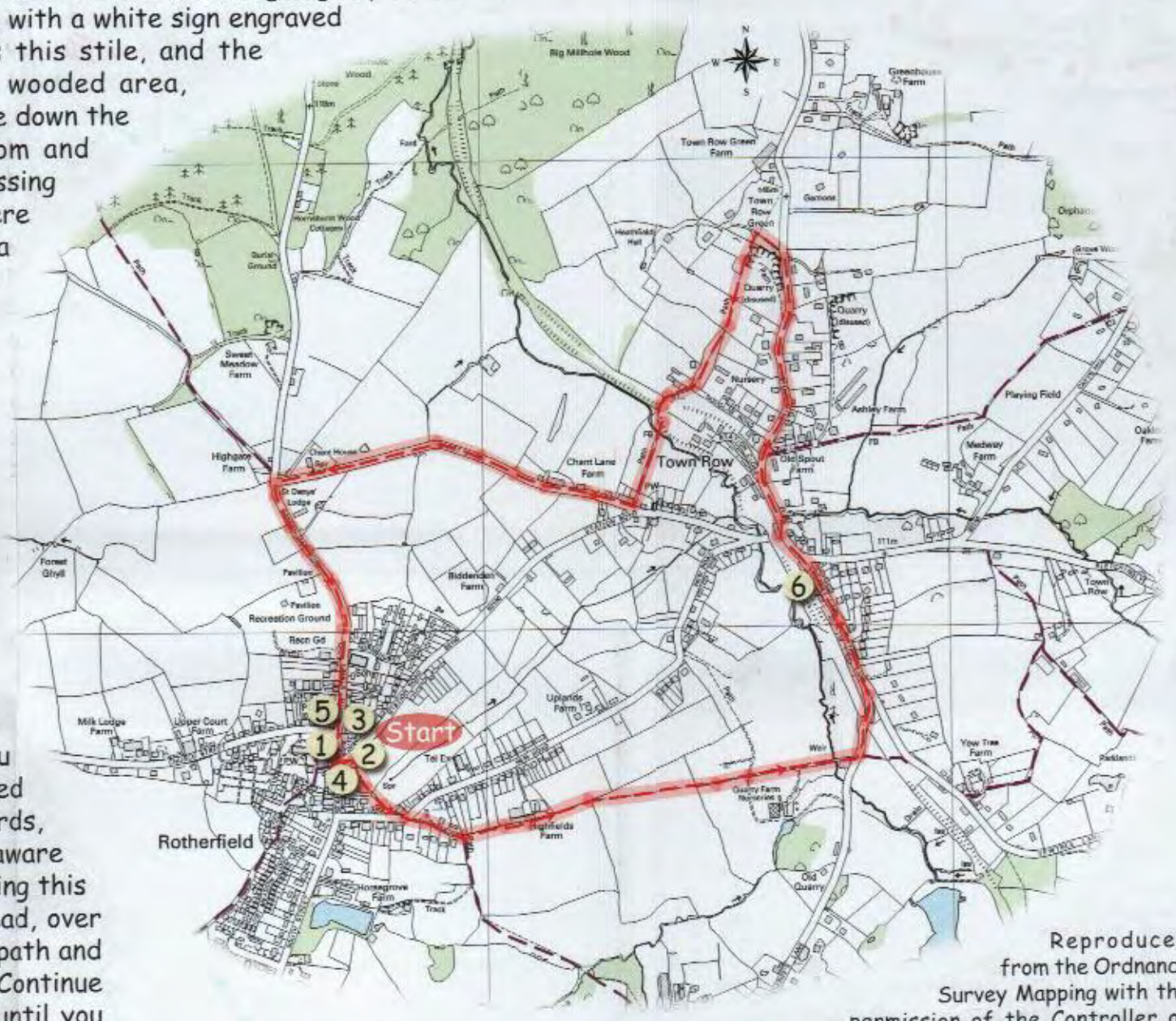
The Kings Arms

Start your walk in the village of Rotherfield at the entrance to the public car park (behind the Kings Arms pub) in Station Road. Turn right and walk along the grass verge next to the layby until you reach a wooden gate into the Millennium Green. Pass through the gate and follow the gravel path up to the top of the Green where you bear left and proceed through a swing gate/stile along a twitten (marked with a yellow Circular Route sign).

When you emerge at the end, cross the road onto Horsegrove Lane opposite, Walk up this unsurfaced road to a field gate and cross over into the field via the stile. Note that livestock is often grazing in this field and dogs should be kept on a leash at this point. Walk straight ahead, keeping the field boundary hedge on your left, until you reach a second gate and stile. From this vantage point you have uninterrupted views across to Kent on your left.

Having crossed this second stile, proceed across the field, bearing slightly to the right. The next stile should be visible ahead, with a white sign engraved Horsegrove Farm next to it. Once across this stile, and the adjacent one, follow the path through a wooded area, keeping the wire fence on your left. Continue down the hill, crossing over a stream at the bottom and walking on up the hill to yet another stile. Crossing this takes you onto a road (sheriffs Lane) where you turn left, and follow the road under a disused railway bridge until you reach the junction with Yew Tree Lane, where you again turn left (signposted Town Row). You pass the Cuckoo Line Stores on your left where you may buy some refreshment before completing the rest of your walk.

Just past the Cuckoo Line Stores car park (next to Half Moon House) turn left along a footpath and when you reach the end, cross the road and proceed with care under the railway bridge. Turn left up Spout Hill and walk up the steep road to the top where you will find Town Row Green. Turn left here and walk alongside a track marked 'Private Drive' for about 50 yards until you reach the public footpath on your left (signed to Station Road). Follow this path downwards, passing through a riding stable grounds - be aware that horses and horse boxes may also be using this section of the route. Continue straight ahead, over the stile, and through a field, following the path and enjoying the views of the local countryside. Continue to follow this path, over two more stiles, until you reach an unsurfaced road (Douglas Road). Cross the road and climb over the stile and follow the track downhill. Where the cinder track curves off to the right, bear left through the marked gate.



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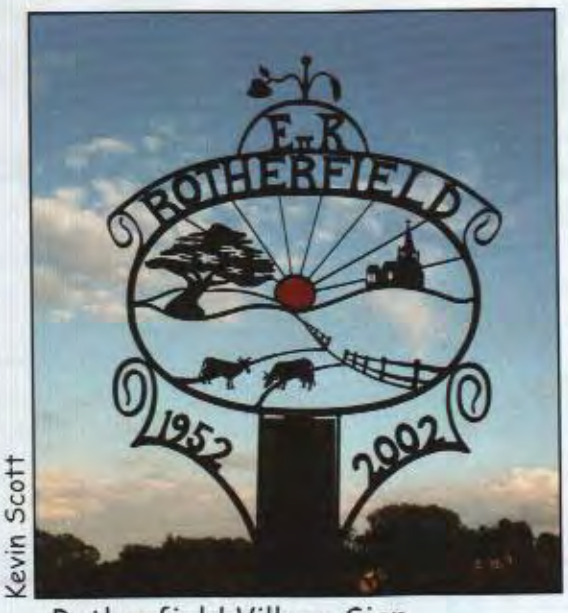
Map Legend

- Refreshments & Local Services (see over for details)
- Route
- Other Public Footpaths

0.5miles

0 1km



Kevin Scott

Rotherfield Village Sign

Follow this path across a stream and up a narrow track, over a stile, and turn right into Chant Lane. *Chant Lane is reputed to have been used by the monks of the Benedictine Monastery which stood in the Village in the 8th century. The exact spot where the monastery stood is not known, but it is believed by some to have been between the top of Chant Lane and the present church.* Walk uphill for about half a mile until you reach a road where you turn left, noting the church spire ahead to your right. Walking on for about a quarter of a mile you are now approaching the centre of the village, passing the Recreation Ground on your right, and the village school on your left. Continue onto the centre where you will see Rotherfield Village Stores on your right, and where you may buy refreshments. Immediately past the Catts Inn, turn left down a winding twitten, which takes you out onto Station Road, virtually opposite your starting point.

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View from Rotherfield