

climb field as indicated by waymark. Pass through gap in hedge and continue straight ahead, i.e. along right hand boundary of field and passing pond on right. On far side of field cross stile and proceed straight ahead as indicated by waymark. On reaching a dividing hedge, walk along its right hand side. At gap in hedge and junction of paths, pass through the gap and turn sharp right to walk along the right hand side of field. Cross stile into orchard. Proceed round left hand boundary of orchard. Approaching the second corner, look out for stile. Cross stile and bear right across field towards gap in hedge to B2086 road.

Cross road to footpath on the far side. Pass through trees then keep initially to the right hand boundary of field. As the field boundary turns right, continue across the field by bearing diagonally left as per waymark. Splendid views of the High Weald and beyond to Greensand Ridge can be seen to the right. Somewhat nearer can be seen the top of Cranbrook windmill. On meeting a projecting hedge keep to the left of it. At far corner of field, pass through gap to trees and beyond to cross field. At far side of field join track, passing a large house - The Freight. As track divides, continue straight ahead. Walk along the

track, until reaching a junction of roads. Here turn left into Bramley Drive and take footpath on the left. There are lovely views of the Cranbrook town and church as the path descends. As the path meets the end of a cul-de-sac road, turn left into play area and follow footpath (ignore path to the right) to emerge at Cranbrook High Street.

Should you wish to return to Jockey Lane Car Park, turn right and walk down Cranbrook High Street. Turn left into Carriers Road. After 100 metres, turn right to Jockey Lane and Car Park.

BED & BREAKFAST

Cranbrook

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WALK 8

Duration:

3 hours, 13 km/8 miles approx.

Highlights:

High Weald scenery, with panoramic views of valley and hill. The lovely old town and windmill of Cranbrook.

Terrain:

Wood, fields and lanes. Undulating with no major climbs.

Refreshment facilities:

Several pubs, hotel and take-away food shops in Cranbrook.

Starting point:

Jockey Lane car park. O.S. Ref. 777351.

Transport facilities:

Large public car park off Cranbrook High Street. Smaller car park at Jockey Lane (off High Street).

Bus Routes: 4 KK, 5 KK,
297 AK/NV, 500 AK (infrequent)

NS: Not Sundays

AK: Arriva Kent & Sussex

Telephone: 01634 281100

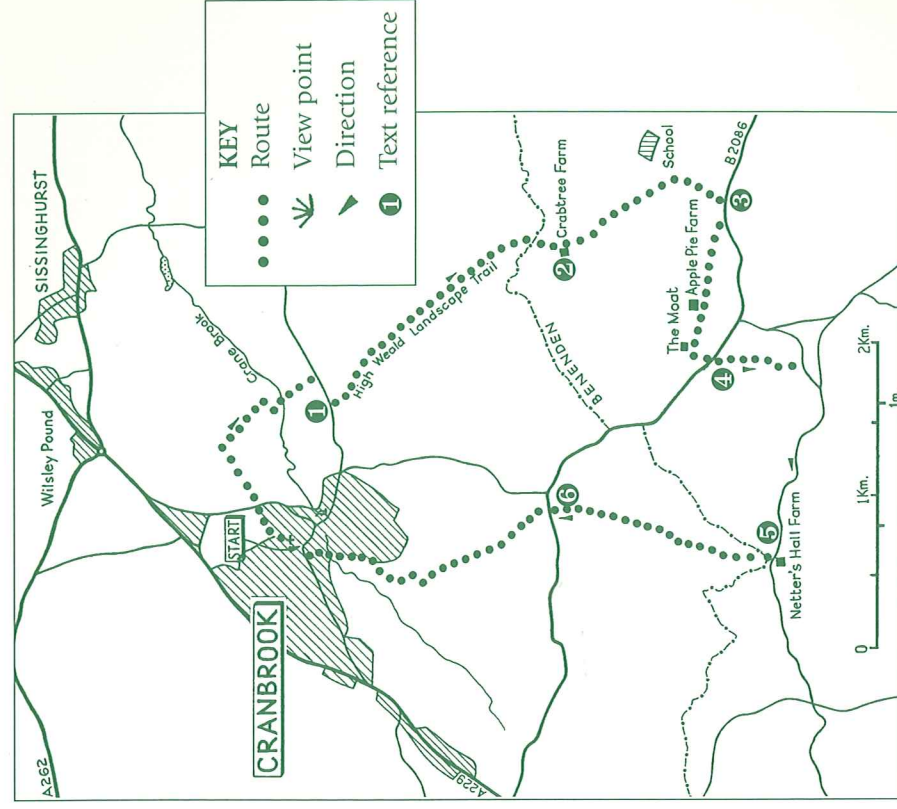
NV: Nu Venture

Telephone: 01622 882288

KK: Kandy Kars

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Cranbrook



WALK
BOUND
and eat the view



Route: From Jockey Lane car park and with back to Cranbrook Church, turn right to join a footpath which initially runs between a children's play area on left and graveyard on right.

Cranbrook church has been referred to as the cathedral of the Weald. Its origins date from Saxon times but rebuilt in its present form at the height of Cranbrook's clothmaking prosperity, i.e. 15th/16th centuries.

Continue parallel with right hand hedge of playing field. At field corner, pass through gap in hedge and down steps to road. Cross road to join an enclosed footpath. We have now joined the High Weald Landscape Trail. After approximately 500 metres and as the grass path becomes a concrete track, turn right to cross stile. Walk down left hand boundary of field. At field corner turn right and at next corner left as indicated. From this corner, cut across narrow strip of field to band of trees. Cross bridge over the Crane Brook, to field beyond. Continue along left hand boundary of field and deep gully. On reaching gap in hedge, pass through and aim diagonally right, to waymark and stile to road. Turn right and walk along road for 250 metres.



Take footpath left (to continue along the High Weald Landscape Trail). After passing garages, walk along left hand side of orchard. After approximately 100 metres, look out for stile on the left (in hedge). Cross stile and along right hand boundary of field. At next stile continue in the same line. Then cross another stile and bear right across next field as indicated by waymark. As a guide, aim to the right of a tennis court. At field corner cross stile and walk down left hand boundary of field. At second gap in hedge, pass through and continue down right hand boundary of field. Cross stile into wood and descend steps to valley floor; through trees to cross a wooden bridge and on to emerge at field corner. Walk along right hand boundary of field. On reaching a sharp right turn in the field boundary, continue straight ahead to trees on the far side. Cross bridge over stream and into wooded area. Emerge from trees and pass to the right of a brick chimney structure and to the right of a barn.

At concrete track turn left and walk along it for 30 metres. Turn right on to a smaller track/drive to Crabtree Farm. Pass lovely old farmhouse and pond on the left.



Proceed by keeping to the left of a hedge, which is in front of barns and on to walk between oak trees on the left and hedge on the right. Then across field to stile and on into woods. The route through this pleasant wealden, wooded ghyll is well defined. Cross stile to emerge from wood and on along the right hand boundary of field. As field boundary bears to the right, follow line

across field as indicated by waymark. Cross stile and field as per waymark, to gateway/stile in the far corner. After crossing stile, bear left to stile then enter playing field. You are now in the grounds of Benenden School, which can be seen through trees on the left. Walk along left side of playing field to another stile. Cross stile and bear right to stile in fence on the right. To the left are distant views of Tenterden Church. Cross stile and on, keeping parallel to line of beech trees and playing field boundary. Pass through kissing gate and after 30 metres join the B2086 road.



Turn right and walk along the B2086 for 100 metres and then take footpath on the right hand side of road. Cross stile, into trees, then another stile to field. Cross field, diagonally left as indicated by waymark. On far side of field, cross stiles and continue along right hand boundary of field, over stile and on along the right hand boundary of next field. To the left there are splendid views of the High Weald. On reaching field corner cross stile into trees, bear left to join a fenced path which lead to the buildings of Apple Pie Farm. Continue along concrete drive, passing bungalows. On meeting large building at crossing of tracks cross to the track which is ahead but slightly to the left, i.e. the drive to Little Orchard. Pass round the front of chalet bungalow and on along the right hand side of orchard. Walk through gate and continue straight ahead. Pass immediately to the left of a very large red roofed building to emerge at a drive with splendid, large, timber-framed house - The Moat on left and with outbuildings on the right. Continue down drive as it bears to the left and emerge at the B2086 once again.



Turn left and walk along road for 20 metres. Leave the road by taking footpath on the right, which is also the driveway to Willow House. Keep to the right of house walk and continue down right hand side of the garden. Cross stile at corner of garden to walk along right hand side of field. Splendid High Weald views ahead. At field corner cross stile and straight across field as indicated by waymark to another stile. Cross stile to follow left hand boundary of field. After descending to the field corner cross stile, through trees to a lane. On joining lane, turn right and walk along it for approximately 1.5 kilometres. Ignore all turnings to left and right until reaching Netters Hall.



Continue by taking the sunken, footpath/track right and directly opposite Netters Hall. After 100 metres, bear left to climb steps, over stile and bear diagonally right across field. On reaching projecting hedge corner, keep to its left side. Look out for waymark in hedge, on the right hand side. Enter wooded area, bearing to the left. Look out for waymark on tree which indicates the route to stile on the far side of wood. Cross stile and