

side of field cross stile and two roads, passing in front of Langton Lodge, to High Weald Walk and F.P.88 waymarks.

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Cross stile and continue to crossing of footpaths. Here turn right to walk between fences and wooded area beyond.

*Note the rock outcrops on your left. In the area of Langton Green, Tunbridge Wells Common, High Rocks and Eridge, this is a fairly common sight.*

Emerge from woodland to join main road. Turn left and walk straight back to The Hare pub and Langton Green.

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## WALK 1

### Duration:

2.5 to 3 hours, 11 km/7 miles approx.

### Highlights:

Lovely views of the Medway Valley,  
Greensand Ridge and Ashdown Forest.

### Terrain:

Generally easy going but some muddy/slippy stretches after prolonged rain. Two moderate but relatively short climbs. A mix of quiet lanes, tracks and field walking.

### Refreshment facilities:

The Hare at Langton Green, Chafford Arms at Fordcombe.

### Starting point:

Langton Green. O.S. Ref. 543392.

### Transport facilities:

There are no public car parks in Langton Green.

Bus Routes: 231, 234 MB(NS),  
285 AK(NS), 290 MB/KK(NS),  
291 MB/AK

NS: Not Sundays

MB: Metrobus

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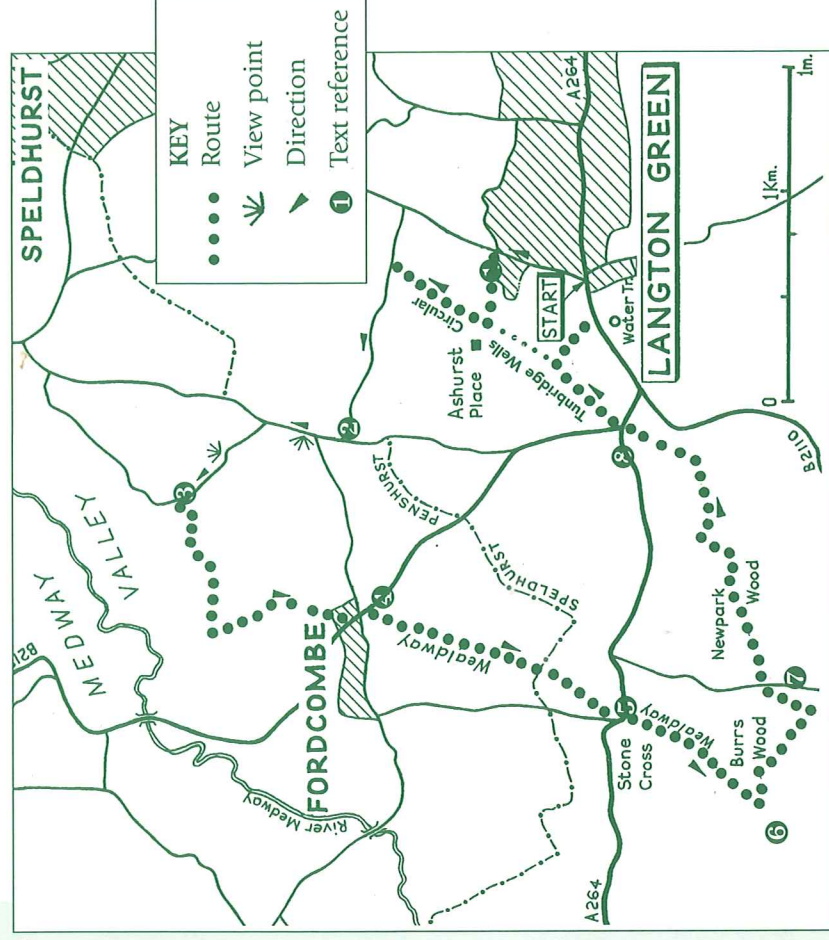
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# Langton Green



**WALK  
THE  
BOUNDS**  
*and eat the view*



**Route:** From The Hare pub walk down The Green with the grassy area on the left and cottages on the right. Continue down Speldhurst Road for approximately 500 metres. Note the fine medieval house 'Searles' and its coat of arms. Turn left into Winston Scott Avenue and immediately leave it to take a footpath on the right hand side and which is to the left of stone gate pillars.

As the path opens out, pass to the left of a children's playground, through a wrought iron pinch stile and on aiming towards a large red brick house, Ashurst Place. At the boundary fence of Ashurst Place, turn right following High Weald Walk markers.

# 1

*Ashurst Place was built in the 1860s in 23 acres of parkland. Ashurst Place had stabling for 70 horses and was well known as a centre for breeding pedigree horses.*

Continue on the High Weald Walk, crossing the drive-way to Shirley Hall and on to join a narrow public lane. As a further guide follow markers which indicate F.P. 82.

On joining public lane leave the High Weald Walk and turn left. Walk along the lane, passing the entrance to Shirley Hall, cottages, and converted farm buildings. On reaching a T junction, turn right to walk along Old House Lane.

# 2

Continue, ignoring turning left to Fordcombe. Instead some 200 metres later, take the next turning left, Coopers Lane. As the lane descends there are good views of the Medway Valley and Greensand Ridge. Continue along lane as it twists and turns downhill. Leave Coopers Lane by turning left onto track leading to Holts Farm.

# 3

Continue through the farm, passing farm buildings, farmhouse, cottages and a graveyard of derelict tractors, combine harvesters and other farm machinery. Stay on the track, through a gate marked Holts Crest, cross a stile, leaving behind, the farmyard. Follow the track round to the right as it passes between a hedge on left and oak trees on the right. As the track ends (with a rubbish dump on the right), bear off left across field, aiming towards woodland.

At the far side of the field cross footbridge and enter woodland. Immediately on entering the woodland turn sharp left uphill. On emerging from woodland continue by walking along the left hand boundary hedge of field. At top corner

of field pass through a gap in the hedge. Bear diagonally right, crossing field and aim for the buildings of Fordcombe village. At far side of field cross stile, to walk between fences to the village green of Fordcombe.

# 4

Cross the road and turn left walking towards a white cricket pavilion. Walk round the left hand boundary of cricket pitch to a stile diagonally opposite the white pavilion building. You should now follow the Wealdway markers through a fenced path and fields through to the public road at Stone Cross. Approach Stone Cross by aiming for two square section oast kilns. Immediately before reaching Stone Cross, cross a stile, and on down the driveway to houses, including the converted oast building (on left hand side). The driveway emerges at a narrow lane. Here turn left and left again at the main road.

# 5

For safety sake I suggest that you cross the main road at the point where it is joined by the narrow lane. After some 50 metres and as the road bends sharply to the left, look for Wealdway sign on the right. Continue along the Wealdway by joining the footpath which is to the right of the entrance to Stone Cross. Initially the path is contained by a fence on the left and hedge on the right. Then on to follow paddock fences before opening out to follow (round the contour line of a hill) hillside above a wooded valley. At gate and crossing of paths, turn left downhill, leaving the Wealdway.

# 6

After 20 metres cross stile to enter Burrs Wood. At junction of paths bear left and continue to the valley floor. Climb out of the valley and at crossing of paths go straight ahead. At top of steep slope continue straight ahead, ignoring path leading to a field on the right.

Emerge from the woodland through double gate to private road, at a sharp corner. Turn left here and after approximately 200 metres meet a public road. Turn left and proceed to a track on the right, which leads to Newpark Farm. This is also waymarked as a public footpath.

# 7

Continue on track through coppice woodland. At crossing of paths, go straight ahead on F.P.105. Ignore turnings to left and right until leaving the coppice woodland. Some 500 metres after leaving woodland, and on reaching a junction of tracks bear left and after 20 metres bear left again, ignoring the indicated High Weald Walk. Instead take F.P. 108 which is to the right of the High Weald Walk. Bear right across field aiming for a bungalow lodge beyond two oak trees. On far