

A linear walk from Battle to Crowhurst

Welcome to the High Weald National Landscape, an unspoilt medieval landscape. This linear walk is possible because of regular rail connections between Battle and Crowhurst. The route utilises parts of the 1066 Country Walk and the 1066 link to Bexhill. It also passes the line of the defunct railway line that once connected Crowhurst to Bexhill. Crowhurst Church is well worth a visit, it boasts one of the oldest Yews in the county.

Distance and duration	A 5½ mile walk, taking about 2½ hours.
Level	Moderate
Start point / Post code	The Railway pub. TN33 0BW
OS map reference What-3-Words	Explorer 124, TQ753154 https://what3words.com/trudges.recap.plans
Other information	Parking charges apply at the station. Click here to download a GPX file of the route

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



Two

We are grateful to [Battle Ramblers](#) for their permission to use this walk.

There are both bus and train services between Battle and Crowhurst which make this linear walk possible. You will have to check for yourself the arrivals and departures as these tend to differ with the seasons.

The walk commences at the Railway Inn, at the end of the road that leads to Battle railway station.

On the main road, face up the hill towards the service station. Keeping on the left-hand side of the road walk across the railway bridge and continue up the hill.

Shortly after passing The Spinney, a cul-de-sac on the left, take the next left, Starrs Green Lane, and after a short distance turn left onto the footpath opposite the garage for number 31.

The footpath will eventually lead you out onto the road when it does turn to the right and follow the road out of the estate onto the main road.

Turn right again, carry on along the road for about 100yds where a footpath will be on the right found going down into the woods. You have now entered Battle Great Wood. The path you are on is part of the 1066 Country Walk and as such is well defined and well-marked. You will be using this path for the next mile or so.

The path passes out of the enclosed woodland into an open ride, continue along this ride going straight across two sets of crossroads.

At the third crossroads the route continues to cross straight over but is slightly displaced to the left.

A short way up the ride a path goes off to the right, it is signed as being part of the 1066 Country Walk.

Follow this path into the woodland and bear to the left.

At the top of the hill, after a short level stretch, the path bears to the right. This section, particularly the end of it can be extremely muddy in wet periods. At the end the footpath emerges onto a golf course.

Turn right along the edge of the golf course, keeping the hedge to your right, until you reach a roughly surfaced path, turn left along this path. Eventually the path goes under a line of trees.

Where the trees end, stop following the surfaced path and go straight across the grass in front of you, making for the gap in the hedge ahead.

Go through the gap and along the path ahead. The path arrives at a small open area with a large barn-like structure to your left. This is where you leave the 1066 path, which continues past the barn.

The path you require will be found to your right marked as a bridleway.

Go down this path with a hedge to the right and a fence to the left and go through the gap at the end. You are now back on the golf course again.

Follow the surfaced track ignoring two tracks that turn off on the right. Finally, the track goes around a tee and passes into the woods.

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Go through this small area of woodland and at the other side go through a gap and carry on up the hill.

At the top of the hill bear right and keeping the trees on your left, continue around the edge of the field until you come to a gate.

Go through the gate and turn right up the track. It is only fair to warn you that this track is about a mile long and goes up hill for most of the way. It can also be very muddy in patches.

When you reach the road at the end, cross straight over, turn right and carry on along the road until you reach a turning on the left.

Turn into this road and go past the drive leading to Crowhurst Park Holiday Homes and then turn into the next entrance on the left. This is signed as leading to Crowhurst Park Cricket Club.

Leaving the cricket ground on your left and just around the bend, as you approach a tree line on the left of the track, you will find a footpath. It is marked with a footpath marker.

Go into the field and turn to the right, follow the edge of the field down to the bottom right-hand corner. Here you should find a footbridge, it is often well-hidden in the under-growth.

Go over the bridge, keeping the Crowhurst Park site on your left, and follow the path until it meets a track.

Follow the track as it curves round to the left keeping Crowhurst Park on your left and follow the path until it meets a track.

Turn sharp right and with the trees on the left follow on down to the wood at the bottom where you will find a gap in the fence. Follow the path through the wood.

Go over the stile and take the path through the wood until you emerge via another stile at the other side.

Turn right in the field beyond and follow a field with a field on the left.

Continue along this path through a field, a line of trees should be ahead to the left-hand side.

Continue along the tree line.

Mid way down this track you will come to a crossroads take the track to the right.

Carry right on through to the next field and continue straight on, keeping the wood to your right.

In the bottom right-hand corner of this field the path passes on into the woods.

Follow it through the woods until you reach a large circular corrugated iron tunnel which takes you underneath the railway line.

In the field beyond you will immediately see a brick-built bridge. This is one of the few remainders of the old Crowhurst to Bexhill railway line, despatched by Dr Beeching in the early 1960's.

Go under the bridge and head across the field bearing ever so slightly to the right.

Four

At the crest of the hill, you will be able to see a gap in the tree line ahead of you, make for this gap.

Go past a pond on the right and go through the gate ahead of you.

Keeping the hedge to your right carry straight on along the line of the hedge.

The farm you are approaching is a working dairy farm, consequently there are a lot of cows to be found in this area, so please ensure that all gates and electric fences are left exactly as you found them.

Continue along the same line through the farmyard with the barns to the left of you.

Keeping the fence on your immediate right go down a short bank on to the farm road beyond. If this appears difficult just turn left and walk all the way round this small area to the road.

The farm road exits onto Station Road in Crowhurst, opposite the church which is well worth a visit. A couple of very old yews will be found in the churchyard, one of them is reputed to have been here since before 1066.,

Turn right and continue for about ½ mile to the railway station and journey's end.

At all times please follow the Countryside Code



Respect everyone

- be considerate to those living in, working in and enjoying the countryside
- leave gates and property as you find them
- do not block access to gateways or driveways when parking
- be nice, say hello, share the space
- follow local signs and keep to marked paths unless wider access is available

Protect the environment

- take your litter home – leave no trace of your visit
- do not light fires and only have barbeques where signs say you can
- always keep dogs under control and in sight
- dog poo – bag it and bin it – any public waste bin will do
- care for nature – do not cause damage or disturbance

Enjoy the outdoors

- check your route and local conditions
- plan your adventure – know what to expect and what you can do
- enjoy your visit, have fun, make a memory

