

Brede to Doleham Circular walk

Welcome to the High Weald National Landscape, an unspoilt medieval landscape. This walk takes in part of the River Brede, a section of the 1066 Country Walk and passes a magnificent 'henge', a recent addition to a series of sculptures along the 1066 Walk. The Red Lion at Brede offers a location for refreshments after your walk.

Distance and duration	A 5½ mile walk, taking about 2½ hours.
Level	Moderate
Start point / Post code	Brede Church. TN31 6EG
OS map reference What-3-Words	Explorer 124, TQ825183 https://what3words.com/line.spectacle.defining
Other information	Park along the side of the road to the south of the church. Click here to download a GPX file of the route

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



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This walk was kindly provided by Lionel Pringle.

The best place to park is along the side of the road to the south of the church, if you plan to eat at the Red Lion pub on your return they will probably let you use their car park, but please check with them first.

Make your way to the main road and proceed down the hill, there is a footpath on the right hand side for a good bit of the way.

When the footpath ends cross the road and carry on down, keeping to the verge as much as possible, this is a fast road.

Walk past the layby on the left and continue to the far side of the bridge.

Look for a stile on the left on the other side of the crash barrier.

Go over the stile and walk along the river bank, the river should be to your left.

Follow the riverside path passing through a metal five bar gate.

Eventually you will come to a substantial steel bridge.

Continue on past the bridge until you reach a point where progress is blocked by a tributary coming in from the right.

Turn right at this point and continue along the bank of the tributary.

Go over a stile and continue along the raised causeway until you reach a bridge on the left.

Go over the bridge and continue straight ahead making for the tree line.

The path goes under the railway line and through a gate into a field beyond.

Go up the hill making for the farm buildings at the crest of the hill.

Go over the stile (or through the gate if is open) making for the tall fir tree opposite.

Exit the field by way of the gate onto the road, you are now on the 1066 Country Walk.

Turn right along the road and continue straight on passing the junction on the right.

At the point where the road curves sharply to the left look for a small wooden gate on the right alongside a sign post.

Go through the gate and at the end turn right and continue straight on down the hill making for the tree line.

The path goes into the trees to a stile, beyond which is the railway line.

Cross the stile, the railway line and another stile on the other side.

Go down the hill making for the bridge at the bottom.

Go over the bridge and climb the hill beyond, making for the left side of the clump of trees at the top

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Here you will find a magnificent sculpture in the form of a wooden henge, this is part of a series of sculptures which were added to the route of the '1066 Country Walk' in recent years.

Go over the stile at this point and continue straight on across the field beyond.

Another stile leads into a small enclosure, make for the far right hand corner and go over the next stile onto a farm track.

Turn right and follow the track, bearing left and then right, until it emerges on to a road.

Turn left and walk along the road, there are a number of blind bends on this road, so beware of traffic.

The road eventually makes a t-junction with the main road.

Turn right along the main road and look for a house alongside a track on the opposite side of the road.

Cross the road and walk along the drive.

Just beyond a tall pine tree lookout for a footpath on the left.

Go through the gate and continue down through the field, keeping the fence to your right.

At the bottom go through the metal five bar gate in front of you.

Go to the bottom of the field, keeping the fence and hedge to the left.

Go over the stile, down the steps beyond, across the bridge at the bottom and over the stile into the field.

Continue straight up across the field to a stile in the top right hand corner.

Once over the stile go up the side of the field to find another stile in the undergrowth at the top.

Cross the stile and follow the path through some woodland, it emerges in a parking area in front of the house on the left.

Go up the drive ahead and exit onto the road.

Turn right and carry on down the hill.

At the bottom of the hill the road levels out and you will see a big open field on the right.

Just beyond the metal five bar gate there is a stile, go over the stile and make for the right hand edge of the treeline on the left ahead of you.

The path now follows the course of a stream to your left.

You will go past a signpost and a bridge on the left, and eventually come to a gate and a stile.

Go over the stile and continue along the path beyond.

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Cross the small field on the other side of the bridge and go into the very large field beyond.

The footpath goes diagonally across this field, making for a point just to the left of the power-line pole ahead of you.

As you proceed, the gate you are heading for will come into view.

There are a pair of gates at this point. Although they both appear to be secured, the one on the left will actually open.

Go through onto the road.

Turn to the right and climb this long hill, eventually coming upon the church, and the end of your walk.

At all times please follow the Countryside Code



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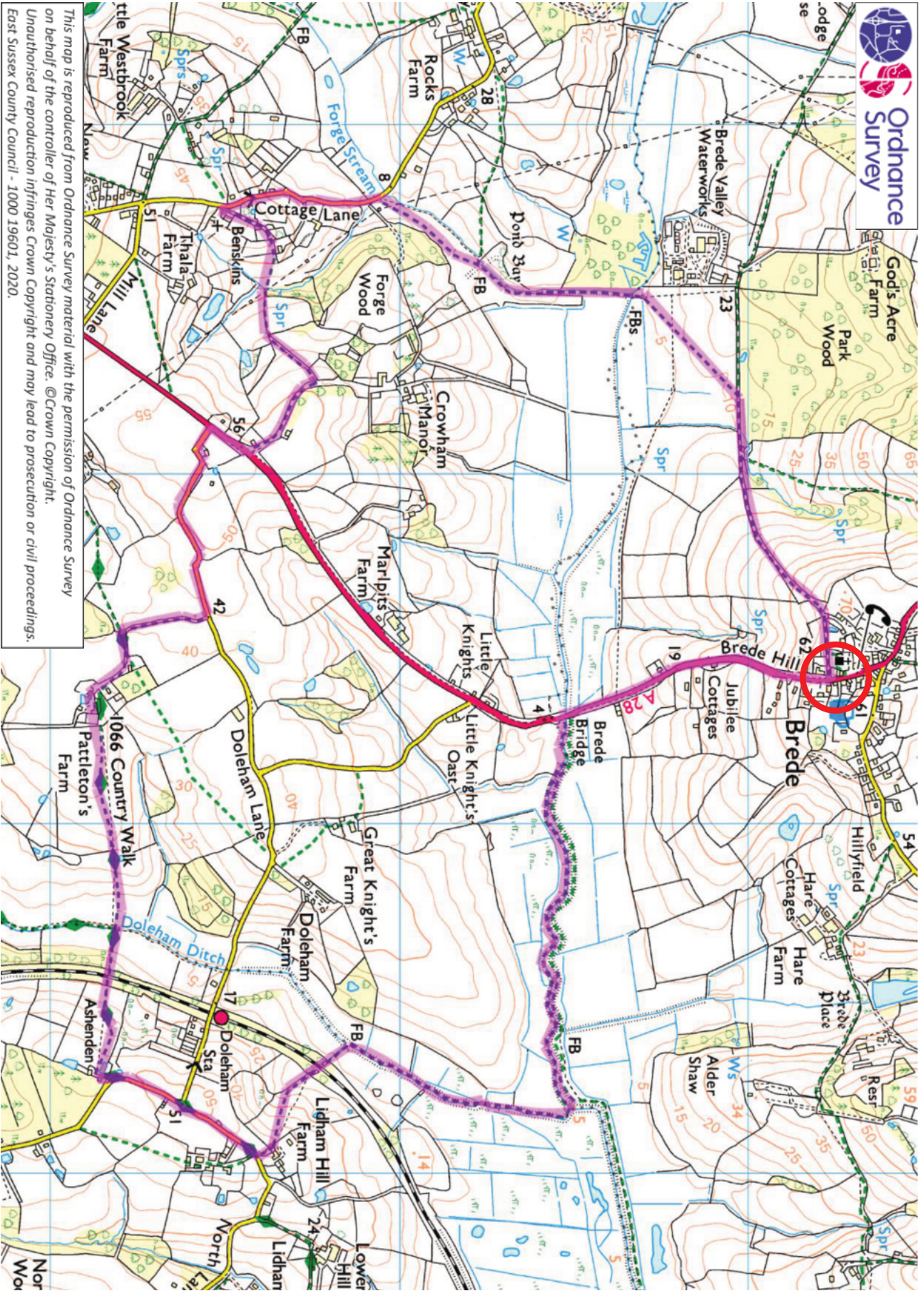
- be considerate to those living in, working in and enjoying the countryside
- leave gates and property as you find them
- do not block access to gateways or driveways when parking
- be nice, say hello, share the space
- follow local signs and keep to marked paths unless wider access is available

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



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