

Welcome to the High Weald National Landscape, an unspoilt medieval landscape. This walk starts from the attractive ridge top village of Burwash. It passes a cross commemorating the life of a young RAF pilot, killed during the Battle of Britain. Near the end of the walk you will pass 'Batemans' the home of Rudyard Kipling. There are a couple of pubs in Burwash which provide a location for refreshments after your walk.

<b>Distance and duration</b>	A 5.5 mile walk, taking about 2½ hours.
<b>Level</b>	Moderate
<b>Start point / Post code</b>	The central car park in Burwash, adjacent to the Bear Inn. TN19 7EU
<b>OS map reference What-3-Words</b>	Explorer 136, TQ673246 <a href="https://what3words.com/labels.baguette.battling">https://what3words.com/labels.baguette.battling</a>
<b>Other information</b>	<a href="#">Click here</a> to download a GPX file of the route

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



## Two

We are indebted to Lionel Pringle for permission to use this route.

Exit the car park onto the High Street, turn left and cross the road.

At the end of the row of buildings turn right, going past the Catholic Church and along the track past the church car park.

Continue along the track passing a signpost on the left and passing between two high hedges.

The track ends at a five-bar wooden gate with a stile to the right of it.

Go over the stile and continue along the enclosed path beyond.

At the end of this path go over a wooden bridge into a field beyond.

Turn left in the field and continue to the bottom, passing through a gap in the hedge line.

Turn right and make your way along this wide-open ride.

At the far end pass through a wooden five bar gate into the field beyond and go over a bridge into the next field.

Continue along the edge of the field with the tree line on your left.

When you come to a gap in the hedge on the left, go through it and continue straight ahead, up the slightly rising field keeping the hedge to the left.

Go over the next stile and continue going up.

Go through a kissing gate next to a wooden five bar gate and continue walking up the next field keeping a post and rail fence to your right.

At the top of the field go the small metal gate onto a lane beyond.

Turn left along the lane and continue on up the hill.

Half-way up this stretch you will come upon a memorial to Flight Lieutenant R. F. Rimmer who lost his life near this spot in September 1940, aged 21.

At the end of the lane turn right onto the road beyond and look for a footpath on the right just beyond the post box.

This is Holton Lane and is just over 1¼ miles long and is notorious for its muddy stretches, even in dry spells there will be mud somewhere.

The lane is easy to follow, occasionally it will move away from its fixed route to avoid mud.

You will pass one footpath leaving the lane on the right as you ascend.

About ½ mile beyond this point the lane veers off to the left, keep an eye out for this as you could easily miss it and keep going straight on into private property.

The lane eventually comes out onto a drive, turn to the right and make your way to the main road.

Turn right along the road, take particular care as the traffic moves fast along here.

### Three

A few yards up the hill, on the opposite side of the road, a track leads into the trees, you need to take this path.

Go past the four bollards ahead of you and continue down the lane.

Go to the end of the lane, just beyond Burnt House Farm, and go through a metal five bar gate into the field.

Walk straight down the field with the hedge to your left.

Go through a wooden kissing gate on your left and head down the next field towards a large Oak with a brick structure under it.

Go through the kissing gate here and make for the hedge and gate on the far side of the field.

When you reach the gate turn sharp right and with the hedge to your left make your way to the bottom of the field.

Another kissing gate will take you into a wood.

Follow the path through the wood and then exit by a fourth kissing gate into the field beyond.

Go down through the field keeping the wood to your right.

At the bottom turn right and go over a bridge into the next field.

There is a discrepancy here as to where the next part of the route goes. All maps show it going right and then coming back on itself, this is not the case on the ground at the time of writing.

So, after crossing the bridge, turn left and make your way to the far-right hand corner of this field.

Go through the gate and turn immediately right and look for a path into the hedge row on the right.

**This next section of the walk can suffer from severe overgrowth problems, if it is more than you can cope with return to this point and continue straight on along the path you have just left, it is well marked and will re-join the intended route just beyond the mill pond at Batemans.**

Go through a gate at the top of a short incline and then turn left and go up the hill, the undergrowth may be a bit thick here.

The path comes out into the open and you need to make for the trees straight ahead of you.

A kissing gate leads into the woods beyond, the beginning and end parts of this path are easy to negotiate, but the main middle section can be quite severely overgrown in summer months.

Assuming you have managed to make your way through, the path opens out into a clearing, you need to take the downward path immediately to your left.

A gate at the bottom takes you through into a field.

## Four

Turn left and walk round the edge of the field until you find a gate leading into the woods at the bottom.

Go into the wood and follow the path until you come out into the farmyard beyond.

Follow this track / lane, passing through two gates.

A small, detached house on the left is next to the footpath that you would have been on had you avoided the overgrown section mentioned above.

Continue to follow this lane until you come to the entrance to Batemans.

At this point take the lane on the right, passing under the large Oak.

After a short distance you will find a stile on the left side of the lane, go over this and into the field beyond.

Walk up the field keeping the tree line to your immediate right.

Go through the gap to your right at the top and make your way diagonally across the field to the Oak tree, and then continue diagonally to the far corner.

Go over the stile in the corner of the field and turn left in the field beyond and walk up the edge of the field with the tree line to your left.

Go through a gate and continue straight on across the next field.

Pass through a gate and over a bridge.

Turn left and go up hill at the edge of the field with the trees still on your left.

At the top pass through a gap in the hedge and on into the car park, where the walk ends.

### 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

