

North-West Fringes of Ashdown Forest

Welcome to the High Weald National Landscape, an unspoilt medieval landscape. A short walk on the north western fringes of Ashdown Forest with fine views to the north.

Distance and duration	A 2½ mile (4 km) walk, taking about 1½ hours.
Level	Easy
Start point / Post code	Goat car park on Ashdown Forest near the junction of Legsheath Lane and Priory Road, RH18 5JG.
OS map reference What-3-Words	Explorer 135, TQ402326 https://what3words.com/mountains.executive.duet
Other information	Parking charges apply. 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 to [High Weald Walkers](#) (Trevor Mann) for the loan of this walk.

At Goat car park walk towards the entrance. Turn right and walk along the grass bank for about 15 metres towards the cross roads to a wooden post.

Turn right at the post and follow ride going straight ahead between trees to a patch of open heath. Legsheath Lane will be on your left. The Meridian Line crosses here.

Crossing a tarmac drive walk straight ahead into the woods.

Remain on a wide track until reaching a T-junction.

Turn right and after a little way you emerge onto open heathland.

Ignore left fork here and follow main ride through middle of heathland.

Turn right at next junction and route descends into woods.

Soon you pass the point where the Meridian Line again crosses which is marked on the left by a plaque and a giant Redwood Tree planted to mark the Meridian Line's Centenary in 1984.

Path continues downhill through the trees.

When arriving at a junction in a glade of mature beech trees turn left.

At next T-junction, with footpath sign facing you, turn right.

Continue downhill with ditch or sunken track on your left eventually crossing a stream by a bridge at the end of the path.

Follow path up hill to a cart track bearing slightly right and continuing ahead to join a made up drive.

Turn left and follow drive up to the road (Priory Road) and then cross the road taking sunken path, diagonally left opposite, which runs along the edge of open heathland.

Follow path as it winds under trees and out to a wide ride where you turn right.

Follow ride across open heathland (ignoring smaller rides off to left and then right) to reach a junction.

Look for a memorial stone with compass points in the bushes on right of path where just before it you will see, and should take, right fork. (Look back and enjoy the view).

Route then continues across heathland until reaching the road at a barrier.

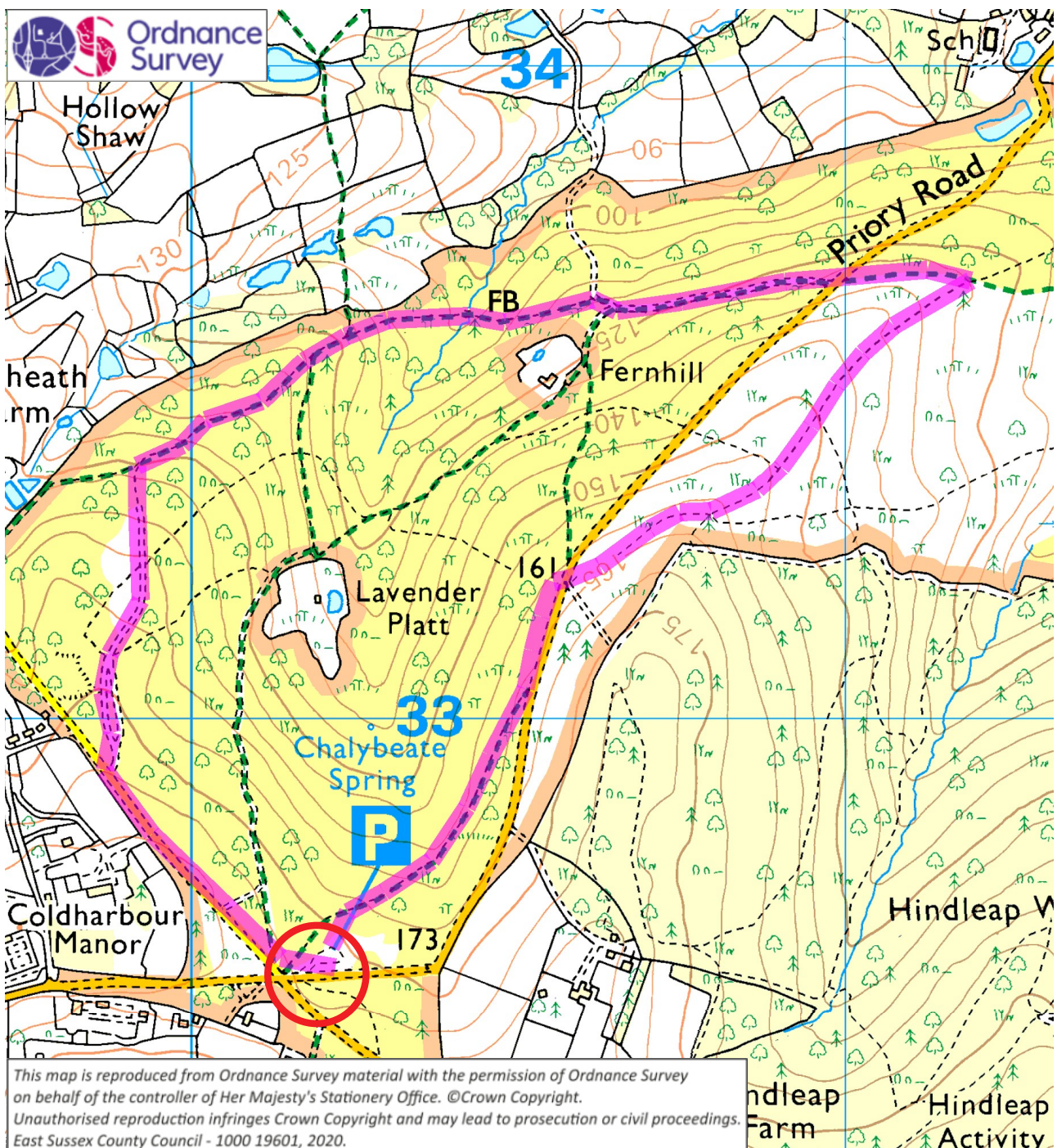
Three

Cross road, past a small pond, (may be dried up), and turn left on the other side of the trees to walk parallel to road on your left.

At the far end of the heathland the route carries on into woods, into a dip, and over a stream (again may be dry).

Ascend on path to emerge again onto heathland.

Walk through some birch trees ahead to come out by a seat below Goat car park from which there is a panoramic view northwards.



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