

Welcome to the High Weald National Landscape, an unspoilt medieval landscape. This walk starts from the village of Catsfield, and includes part of the '1066 Country Walk'. Refreshments may be taken midway at the Wylands Fish Farm or at the conclusion of the walk in the White Hart pub in Catsfield.

Distance and duration	A 5 mile walk, taking about 2¼ hours.
Level	Moderate
Start point / Post code	The car park in Catsfield, behind the village hall. TN33 9DR
OS map reference What-3-Words	Explorer 124, TQ724137 https://what3words.com/rubble.roadshow.scream
Other information	Click here to download a GPX file of the route

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



Two

This walk was kindly provided by Lionel Pringle.

This walk starts from the car park in the centre of Catsfield, behind the village hall.

Leave the car park and turn left along the road.

At the crossroads turn right around the perimeter of the church, now a private dwelling, and continue up the hill to the junction.

Cross the road here and turn right and continue alongside the road.

Go past the playing fields and a pair of semi-detached bungalows on the left.

On the left go down a short incline to a gate and a stile into a large field.

Go over the stile and go diagonally across the field heading for the tall pines amongst the trees opposite.

Go over the next stile and onto the road, cross to the other side and continue to your left.

After a short while the path dives off to the right taking you away from the traffic on this bad bend.

When you re-emerge onto the road continue a few yards further on to the entrance to Farthings Farm.

Turn right here and continue along the farm drive.

Follow this drive for $\frac{3}{4}$ mile, after the first couple of hundred yards it ceases to be surfaced and becomes more of a farm track.

Just beyond Farthings Cottage go through a gate and continue on through a wooded area.

Continue to the end of this area and go through another gate out into open space.

Carry straight on and climb the hill ahead of you.

At the top of the hill another footpath comes in from your right, alongside a substantial finger post.

Turn right onto this path and go back in the general direction from which you have just come, initially going up a slight incline.

At the top of the incline the path continues downhill, passing through the remains of a gate.

The path is now confined by a fence to the right and the treeline to the left.

Go through another gate and continue straight ahead.

The path widens out into a track and continues in the same direction, go to the top of the hill.

At the top, beyond the open space, go over a stile and straight across the track beyond and through the gate on the opposite side.

Follow this confined path to a stile at the bottom of the hill.

Three

Go over the stile and make your way carefully down the slope to the side of the road.

This is a very bad bend and drivers will not be aware of you until they are almost on you, so take particular care in crossing, listening carefully for oncoming traffic is essential.

Go along the lane directly opposite and then take the turning on the right.

Go through the gate across this lane, and continue straight on.

Just beyond 'Stone Cottage', which is on the left, you will find a stile on the right.

Go over the stile and walk along the top of this embankment until you come to another stile and a bridge.

Go over both and turn left and walk around the edge of the field, going up the field until you find another stile on the left.

Climb over the stile and walk across the field heading for a point just below the end of the farm buildings.

Go through the gate at this point and then up the slope to the right of the trees ahead of you.

Go over another stile and then proceed downhill along the track beyond.

At the bottom go through the five bar gate and turn immediately right and walk along the edge of the field. This can be quite overgrown in summer months.

Another gate on the right will take you into a wood, follow the path through the wood, going over a bridge initially. You will see a lake beyond the trees on the left, do not be tempted to move out onto the lakeside.

Eventually another stile will lead out of the wood into a field.

Keeping the tree line on your right continue up along the edge of the field.

You will emerge onto a track, bear to your right and follow the track up hill.

Head in the direction of the corrugated iron barn ahead of you.

When you reach the barn turn right and continue along this surfaced track, passing between two lakes, and continue in the same direction up hill.

After passing between a pair of metal five bar gates, lookout for a track going off into the woods on the left, there is a large baulk of timber placed across it to prevent vehicle access.

Follow this path until it comes to the main road.

Turn left and walk along the road, you are probably best keeping on the left as there is more space to get off the road on this side and you will be more visible to traffic.

After about 300 yards, just before a bungalow, there is a stile on the left leading into a large field.

Go over the stile and go straight on, making for the end of the tree line ahead of you.

Four

At this point bear to the right and make for the gap between the next tree line and a cluster of trees in the field.

Continue up the slope making for outside edge of the trees ahead of you.

Go through a gate at this point and follow the confined path to the next gate.

Go through this gate as well, making for the gates in the hedgerow at the bottom of the field.

You will pass through two more gates and come out alongside the road into Catsfield.

Turn right along the road, passing the church again and back around to the car park.

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

