

Frant station to Wadhurst station

Welcome to the High Weald National Landscape, an unspoilt medieval landscape. This is a "Rail to Ramble" linear walk from Frant station to Wadhurst station via woods and open fields in the High Weald. Passing a number of interesting and traditional Wealden buildings.

Distance and duration	A leisurely 4 mile walk, taking about 3 hours.
Level	Moderate but hilly
Start point / Post code	Frant railway station
OS map reference What-3-Words	Explorer 136, TQ608364 https://what3words.com/leaves.nodded.harp
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 [Battle Ramblers](#) and the [Southeastern Community Rail Partnership](#) who recce'd it together, in April 2024.

Leave Frant station heading south on the footway past the new weatherboarded houses on your right, past the Bells Yew Green Village Hall on the other side of the road.

The Brecknock Arms pub is straight ahead and a red telephone box is the marker to carefully cross the Bayham Road (B2169) – traffic can be quite fast through this junction.

Once over the road walk past the Frant lakes brown sign on your immediate right up Hawkenbury Road in a north easterly direction on the narrow road.

Past the cricket ground up to the road junction with the signpost in the middle pointing to LAMBERHURST, WADHURST, turn right into Ivy Lane.

Continue walking, now in a south easterly direction to reach a cross roads with the Bayham Road (B2169).

Carefully cross the road into Higham Lane, continue until you pass Higham Farm buildings on your left and a track is visible up to the left with an adjacent steel field gate. The Footpath track to take is immediately on the right of the gate.

Follow the track a short distance until a large open field is seen to your left descending down to a valley bottom.

Go through the gate following the yellow arrow direction diagonally across the field to its far diagonal edge where, once over the brow, you will see a wooden field gate to go through.

Continue along the track in an easterly direction to Little Shoemiths Farm and its very beautiful double Oast House – now a domestic dwelling.

Follow the “FOOTPATH” signs around the buildings to the right (south) and cross stile into a marshy valley bottom field, aiming at the bridge ahead over the river with its two steel field gates. (Various less marshy routes may need to be used!)

Once over the bridge, walk uphill until you see another gate into a field to your right, go through and continue uphill across the field until over the brow a track emerges to follow.

Now walking a little downhill follow yellow arrow, slightly left, then over a cattle grid (there is a pedestrian bypass gate) into the area of Great Shoemiths Farm.

At this point of the walk we join the [Sussex Border Path](#). Take a moment to look at the ancient Great Shoemiths domestic building on your right and stay on the tarmac surface track with the “square Oasts” on you left. This farm access track continues for a long way with wide Weald views to enjoy.

At the end of the track this private access route joins Swatland Lane, where turning left in a southerly direction will be downhill for a short distance before ascending again up to a white cottage on the left with its garage on the right.

A finger post shows the route through the woods at the side of the garage to the right of the lane, which turns left at this point.

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The wood has another bridge to cross and then an open field is crossed before more woodland leads to a tarmac Lane going uphill to your right; and then quickly turn left through the Rock Robin Cottages hamlet making the last small ascent.

The path's official route crosses a gravel driveway through the garden of a house on the left, but a roadside footway is just a short distance down the house's drive to the right.

Take this and at the roadside Wadhurst station is visible a few paces away.

Finally, be careful crossing the road into the carpark area in front of the station and its platforms.

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

