

A circular walk from Lindfield

Welcome to the High Weald National Landscape, an unspoilt medieval landscape. Talk to any Lindfield resident and they will tell you theirs is the prettiest village in the county. Here is a chance to find out if is true. This is a reasonably leisurely walk which follows the Sussex Ouse Valley Way. Lindfield is well served by buses and Metrobus routes 270, and 272 and Compass service 30 all stop in the village.

Distance and duration	A 4 mile (6½ km) walk, taking 1½ - 2 hours.
Level	Leisurely
Start point / Post code	Wilderness car park in Lindfield off Bushes Lane, Lindfield, RH16 2HR
OS map reference What-3-Words	Explorer 135, TQ348257 https://what3words.com/mediate.centuries.system
Other information	A few stiles and gates. Generally, on good paths, tracks and roads, but with an uneven surface at one point near the start. Click here to download a GPX file of the route

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



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The original version of this walk was produced by Les Campbell and appeared in Sussex Living magazine, published from 2005 to 2010. It was then brought together by Tony Osmand of [Mid Sussex Ramblers](#) in a book "Sussex Walks by Les Campbell" (1 of 27 walks) with the kind permission of Sussex Living.

Exit the car park at the top left-hand corner, pass some church buildings, and turn right past a row of houses to pick up a narrow, enclosed path to your left. The surface is initially very uneven, and you need to take care. If the path becomes overgrown, take the parallel path across Wilderness Field.

The path bears right and then comes to a junction of paths, where you bear left, eventually joining a concrete road at Hangman's Acre.

Turn right along this track, which drops downhill to cross a stream.

About 200 yards further on, look out for a signed path to your left and follow this enclosed path to cross two footbridges.

Join a tarmac drive which you follow out to a road at Walstead Common.

Cross to the footpath opposite and follow in the direction indicated, crossing the drive to Nether Walstead, then across another field curving right towards a cluster of buildings.

On reaching the dwellings, go over a stile and keep to the right of a garage to continue ahead.

Follow the wide grassy track ahead and across first field, cross the stile to the next field bear half left across open pasture to woodland. Nb There are likely to be horses in this field.

Cross a footbridge and bear right on a narrow path through woodland to a three-way junction of paths.

Turn sharp right here to cross a stream bearing slightly uphill through pasture to the obvious stile and gate ahead leading into woodland.

Go over the stile and into the wood and shortly, where another path crosses, join this narrower path to the right.

Follow the obvious, confined path out to the B2111 at Walstead Stud. This is a very busy road with fast traffic, so take great care crossing it to reach Snowdrop Lane opposite.

Follow this quiet lane uphill passing three new mansions, and then the Snowdrop pub on top of the hill.

Continue ahead and at the 30mph sign turn right and follow Lyoth Lane which drops steadily downhill to cross a stream (red brick wall on the right) before rising uphill again.

Ignore turnings to the left and right, ignore new tarmac paths to housing developments where the lane bears left, go right on a signed footpath, this is just next to the second new tarmac path.

Keep right through an avenue of trees, cross a new estate road and eventually reach a

broken kissing gate.

Cross the open area ahead to a gate and stile beside dwellings.

Go over the stile and proceed ahead, but slightly to the left, down a narrow, signed path to the left of a large laurel hedge through woodland.

Continue ahead at a junction of paths, to come out onto Gravelly Lane.

Cross to the pavement on the opposite side and turn right crossing William Allen Lane.

Opposite Blackberry Drive, turn left on a narrow path between gardens which crosses a stream, then bears right to cross an estate road, then slightly left to continue on another path leading out to Lindfield Common.

Keep the tennis courts on your left and head across the common, with the car parks on your left, aiming to the left of the children's play area, where a brick wall ends. If there is a cricket match in progress, you will have to divert slightly.

Join the B2028 in the vicinity of the pond.

Cross the road and turn right to walk up the High Street, admiring the many fine buildings on either side.

At the Bent Arms, turn right into Bushes Lane then left into The Wilderness and the car park.

Lindfield has public toilets, near the bottom end of the High Street, plenty of opportunities for refreshments and some interesting shops.

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

