

Trails by Rail, Robertsbridge

Welcome to the High Weald National Landscape, an unspoilt medieval landscape. Discover the pretty, historic village of Robertsbridge, walking across farmland and through ancient woodland with fantastic views across the landscape. An oast house, ancient trees, streams and historic buildings are features to look out for.

Distance and duration	A 5 mile (8 km) - taking about 3 hours.
Level	Moderate, hilly with 17 stiles
Start point / Post code	Robertsbridge Station, Station Road, Robertsbridge, TN32 5DJ
OS map reference What-3-Words	Explorer 124, TQ733235 https://what3words.com/flying.wasps.ballooned
Other information	Parking: pay and display parking at Robertsbridge Station or a few long stay places free at the public car park, Station Road. Refreshments: Judges Bakery on the High Street and the George Inn. Village shop and Indian takeaway. Click here to download a GPX file of the route

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



Two

This walk is part of a series of walks originally produced by East Sussex County Council and now available via the [High Weald AONB](#) website.

Start at Robertsbridge Station and turn left to walk up Station Road.

Turn left at the High Street and then right onto Fair Lane.

Walk up the road and near the top of the hill, opposite No. 23, are gates to the school playing field, set back from the road and on your right.

Take the footpath to the left of the gates around the edge of the playing field to cross a stile.

Turn immediately left and cross the field and another stile to reach the A21.

Cross the road (be careful this is a fast, busy road) to the way-marked footpath opposite and follow to climb a stile into a field.

Walk straight across the field and descend steps into woodland.

After the footbridge bear right and follow the well way-marked path through the wood.

When the path ends at a junction turn right.

Leave the woodland turning left to walk a short way between the wood and a field.

Cross a stile and follow the right-hand field edge to climb another stile.

Continue uphill, crossing another stile, to a T-junction of paths.

Turn left and follow the path downhill through trees then with fields on your right. Keep on this path all the way to woodland.

Pass a pond and Stone Cottage on your right to meet a track.

Turn right onto the track.

At Keepers Cottage continue straight ahead on the footpath to keep the cottage on your right.

Cross three stiles to climb the hill.

Stay on the path and cross two more stiles to reach Poppinghole Lane.

Turn right then almost immediately left.

Climb a stile and follow the footpath as it bears left across the field to another stile.

Turn right after the stile and walk along the field edge.

Turn the corner of the field to head downhill and climb a stile on your right just after a pond.

Continue straight ahead and cross another stile.

Follow the direction of the way-marker to bear left and pass between a line of small trees.

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Continue in the same direction to the top corner of the field and reach the A21.

Turn left and cross the main road at the former John's Cross Inn.

Walk up the lane opposite.

Stay on the lane and pass through an avenue of sweet chestnut trees.

When the lane forks, keep to the left past a field gate to pass Mountfield Court on your right.

At the junction turn right to pass around Mountfield Court and continue, on a track, along the left field edge and down towards a field gate.

To find the next stile, which is not easy to see, walk on top of the embankment to the right of the track and look for the stile next to the field gate.

Bear slightly right to head downhill passing the copse of trees ahead on your left.

Continue straight downhill towards a line of oak trees (an old field boundary).

Pass between the oaks and carry on downhill bearing left to reach the bottom corner of the field.

Pass under the railway bridge and a gate to turn right and soon cross a footbridge.

Continue along the overgrown path as it leads uphill into woodland.

Leave the wood via another footbridge.

Cross a field and another footbridge and take the right-hand path following the stream on your right.

Stay on the right edge of the next field to cross a stile and footbridge on the right.

Turn left to follow the path between the stream and railway embankment.

Cross a stile and then a footbridge.

Continue along the path beside the railway embankment as it moves away from the stream.

When the path crosses a footbridge over a stream turn right to meet the lane. Turn right and follow the lane under the railway bridge.

Turn right at the junction and follow the road uphill.

Turn left at the top to follow George Hill back to Robertsbridge High Street then left down Station Road and the end of the walk.

At all times please follow the Countryside Code



