

A circular walk from Slaugham

Welcome to the High Weald National Landscape, an unspoilt medieval landscape. This is an easy 4 mile walk along established tracks and lanes, passing through part of the National Trust Nymans Estate at Handcross. Part of the route follows two long distance trails, the High Weald Landscape Trail which runs from Horsham to Rye, and the Sussex Ouse Valley Way which runs from Lower Beeding to Seaford Bay. Paths are generally easy to follow but care should be taken to follow the signposts through Cow Wood

Distance and duration	A 4¼ mile (7 km) walk, taking 1½ - 2 hours.
Level	Leisurely
Start point / Post code	Parking area in front of Slaugham Parish Church, The Green, Slaugham, West Sussex, RH17 6AG
OS map reference What-3-Words	Explorer OL34, TQ257281 https://what3words.com/softest.archduke.mimic
Other information	The path through the grounds of Nymans will probably be busy at weekends. Click here to download a GPX file of the route

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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.

This walk starts and finishes at Slaugham Parish Church which is situated about a mile to the west of the A23. There is usually adequate parking in front of the church, but if a service (10.30am on Sundays) is/will be taking place, parking is available in the main street opposite. Given its close proximity to this busy road, the village is a peaceful place and relatively secluded.

With your back to the Church, walk up the main street of the village, past the Heritage restaurant and follow Park Road for approximately a mile to the link road from the A23 to the B2110.

Turn left and cross to the opposite pavement once it is apparent, then turn right going over the motorway bridge to Handcross.

Just before the old Red Lion pub go to the right past a shop, then cross the road to the Handcross village sign and take the confined path signed Nymans Woods alongside the entrance to the National Trust Gardens.

The path descends steeply downhill and into the woods.

At crossing tracks, continue ahead down steps into Cow Wood.

The path is joined by a track coming in from the left and after crossing a stream bear left to pass through an avenue of tall trees, first deciduous and then conifers.

The path bears right, and descends to eventually reach a lake, where you should bear right and carry on with the lake on your left.

Ignore the first path on your left over a footbridge and at a signed path junction take the left fork, with another lake on your left.

Turn left to cross a footbridge over a stream, then proceed onto duckboards over normally marshy ground and ascend some steps to a stile into a field.

The right of way crosses the field diagonally right, but there is unlikely to be an obvious path on the ground. It is easier to follow a concrete driveway around the edge of the field to the right.

You leave the field through a gateway by a cattle grid to a concrete lane.

Turn right uphill and follow the driveway and then a lane out to the B2114 at Staplefield.

Cross the common to a pavilion and turn right to Slaugham Road and follow this relatively quiet road for a little over a mile back to the Church.

To alleviate some of the road walking, about 200 yds past the entrance to Slaugham Manor, turn left into the Woodland Trust's property Church Covert, bearing right to walk parallel with the road, then right again and through a gate beside a tall tree into the Churchyard.

At all times please follow the Countryside Code



The High Weald - An outstandingly beautiful medieval landscape

