




Location Map




Location Symbols

-  Bus stop/Request stop
-  Railway Station
-  Walk Location

Essential Information

Distance:
5.5 miles/9 kms

Walk grade:
 4 More difficult walking including numerous hills, stiles and some muddy paths

Maps:
OS Explorer 136
OS Landranger 188

Start/Finish:
Wadhurst Railway Station TQ 621330

Public Transport:
Buses: Regular bus services operate between Tunbridge Wells and Hastings with a stop at Wadhurst Railway Station
Trains: Wadhurst Station is on the Hastings to London line and has a regular seven day service

Parking: Pay and display parking is available at the Railway Station



Buckhurst Walk



Paths to Prosperity

East Sussex is a welcome haven for walkers in the busy south-east of England, with over two thirds of the County covered by the High Weald and Sussex Downs Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

There is also a wealth of picturesque villages, country houses and parkland hidden within its rolling landscape, waiting to be discovered.

Please come and enjoy the unique splendours of our countryside, but please also support the local businesses that help make the countryside the vibrant place that it is today.

The Country Code

Enjoy the countryside and respect its life and work.

Guard against all risk of fire.

Leave gates as you find them.

Keep your dog under close control in the presence of animals.

Keep to public rights of way.

Use gates and stiles to cross fences, hedges and walls.

Leave livestock, crops and machinery alone.

Take your litter home.

Help to keep all water clean.

Protect wildlife, plants and trees.

Take special care on country roads.

Make no unnecessary noise.

Refreshments and Local Services

(see map for location)

- 1 Spring Cottage Bed & Breakfast**
Bed & Breakfast Accommodation - Best Beech Hill, Wadhurst, 01892 783896
- 2 Walton Way Bakery**
Bakery - Central Parade, High Street, Wadhurst, 01892 782855
- 3 W.J. Crouch Butchers**
Family Butchers - High Street, Wadhurst, 01892 782131
- 4 One Stop**
Convenience Store - Central Parade, High Street, Wadhurst - 01892 782053
- 5 Crittles**
Green Grocers - High Street, Wadhurst, 01892 783503
- 6 Wadhurst Pharmacy**
Pharmacy - High Street, Wadhurst, 01892 782058
- 7 The White Hart**
Public House & Restaurant - High Street, Wadhurst, 01892 782878
- 8 The Greyhound**
Public House & Restaurant - St James Square, High Street, Wadhurst, 01892 783224
- 9 The Lime Tree**
Sandwich Shop - High Street, Wadhurst, 01892 783111

10 Wealden Whole Foods
Wholefood Shop & Cafe, High Street, Wadhurst, 01892 783065

11 The Red Lion
Public House - Sparrows Green, Wadhurst, 01892 782628

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By downloading from the website at:-
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A recently harvested field

Map Legend

-  Refreshments & Local Services (see over for details)
-  Beware of Traffic
-  Route
-  Other Public Footpaths
-  Other Public Bridleways



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0.5 miles

0 1km



Woodland on the Route

Starting from Wadhurst Railway Station, turn left onto Station Road and follow for a short distance before turning left into Faircrouch Lane. Turn right onto the signposted footpath immediately after passing the waste recycling centre. From the handgate, cross the first field in the direction waymarked, and then continue along the edge of the next field. Before reaching the bottom of the field, cross into the adjacent field at the gate, and continue on the same line to the woodland shaw at the bottom of the hill. Climb the hill beyond, following the fenceline, to reach Buckhurst Lane.

Turn right and follow the lane for approximately 360 metres (390 yds.) before turning left onto the signposted footpath. Follow the path along the edges of the next two fields. Bear right after the second field to follow the waymarked path around the woodland, passing an old tennis court, to reach a footbridge. Follow the woodland path from the bridge, turning left onto the track to reach Partridges Lane. Turn right and follow the lane for approximately 260 metres (280 yds.) before turning left onto the signposted footpath.

Follow the route around the woodland edge, along the sunken track, and then along the well defined path through Furnace Wood. On reaching the stream, follow the bank to a footbridge.

Continue to follow the woodland path to reach a gate, beyond which, the route continues around the field edge, with the woodland initially to your right. After passing a small barn, continue to follow the field edge path and then the sunken track to reach a surfaced driveway. Follow the drive for a short distance, turning left as signposted beside the main entrance gates to Lightlands. *Built in 1544, Lightlands is on the site of King John's Hunting Lodge,*

which it replaced after being burnt down.

Follow the main drive for a short distance before bearing right to follow the waymarked path down into the valley and across the stream. Climb the path through the woodland, before crossing the field to Earlye Farm. Follow the waymarked path through the farm yard, past the Oast House, and then along the field edge beyond. Continue along the route through the small area of woodland to reach Partridges Lane.

Turn right along the lane and follow for a short distance before turning left onto the signposted footpath. Cross the footbridge and follow the path uphill. Turn right into the field at the top of the steps and follow along the field edge keeping the fenceline on your right. Cross into the adjacent field as waymarked and continue along the field edge, with the hedge now on your left. Continue to follow the route through the next two fields to reach Buckhurst Lane.

Turn left to follow the lane for a short distance before turning right onto the signposted path opposite Buckhurst Manor. Follow the field edge path downhill with the fence on your right. Cross the stile into the woodland and follow the waymarked path to a footbridge. Turn left after the bridge, along the field edge, and then continue to follow the waymarked path, crossing the stream, and on to reach Ravensdale Farm. Turn left on reaching the driveway and follow to Faircrouch Lane.

Cross the road to continue the route along Tapsells Lane, turning left onto the footpath leading to Tapsells Farm. Follow the waymarked path to the left of the barn, and then through the woodland, and across the field to reach the railway. Cross the main railway line with care, and follow the fenced footpath beyond, to reach Station Road. Turn left and follow the road for a short distance to Wadhurst Railway Station and the end of the walk.



Sheep grazing near Lightlands