

The Kipling Walk



Robertsbridge community walk 14

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This spectacular walk across the River Dudwell valley ends at **Bateman's**, the Jacobean house once owned by Rudyard Kipling that is now run by the National Trust. It also passes through the picturesque village of Burwash and its medieval church.



Walk Guide

Distance: 8.5km/
5.5miles
Grade: Moderate
Stiles: 4
Livestock: Cows & Sheep

Link to [Ordnance Survey Map](#)

Start coordinates

Grid reference
TQ 735 238

What Three Words
washable.lyricism.
hoofs

1 From Robertsbridge railway station head west along Brightling Road and turn right up Ludpit Lane. After 300m take the path on the left. Follow the path through the trees and then downhill over a field and along a path through Column Wood.

2 After crossing the stile at the end of the wood, head over the grassy field and look out for the bridge on the right next to some trees. Cross the bridge and continue through the next field, keeping to its left-hand edge.

3 Go over the stile next to Burgh Wood and follow the path downhill over the cow fields, staying close to the edge of a line of trees and hedges. After 500m cross a stile into some woods and follow the path between the metal railings through **Socknersh Manor**. At the end of the path, turn right and follow the lane to Fontridge Lane. Now turn left and after 450m turn right along the drive to Old Brick Farm. The surrounding fields may contain cows and sheep.

4 After passing Old Brick Farm take the path ahead and follow it downhill along the right edge of the field. Follow the path over three bridges spanning courses of the River Dudwell, before continuing uphill over crop fields to Burwash Churchyard. Turn left along Burwash High Street and look for the footpath on the left next to Chaunt House. Follow it downhill through cow fields to Bateman's Lane and turn right to Bateman's. Return to Burwash for **buses** to Etchingham Railway Station.

