

The Abbey Walk



Robertsbridge community walk 6

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This walk passes the site of **Robertsbridge Abbey**, a Cistercian foundation that existed between 1176 and 1538.

It also takes in the **blackShed gallery**, a contemporary art exhibition space, and passes by hop fields, woodland and local farms.



Walk Guide

Distance: 4.5km/
3miles
Grade: Easy
Stiles: None
Livestock: Cows & Sheep

Link to [Ordnance Survey Map](#)

Start coordinates

Grid reference
TQ 737 236

What Three Words
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1 Starting at **The George Inn** in Robertsbridge take the footpath to Fair Lane that lies immediately opposite the **Clock Tower**. Turn right along Fair Lane, cross the A21 footbridge, and take the footpath immediately to the left down to Redlands Lane.

2 Head right and continue along the lane for just over 1km as far as the remains of Robertsbridge's Cistercian Abbey. A few walls of the Abbey complex are still visible from the road in the grounds of a private house.

3 Continue along the lane for a further 250m as far as a track on the right that appears shortly before the entry to Greyfriars Farm.

4 Follow the track for 200m or so, then bear right along a path that runs along the edge of Wellhead Wood, before passing through a cow field. Walk through the field towards Salehurst Park Farm. The writer and broadcaster **Malcolm Muggeridge** once lived at a cottage near here.

5 After skirting the farm buildings, the path continues along a long straight track with a hop field to the left. Shortly before the junction with Redlands Lane, on a turning to the left to Russet Farm, is the blackShed gallery. Back on Redlands Lane return to Robertsbridge via the footbridge over the A21 and Fair Lane.

