

Walking Robertsbridge

A new guide to the best walks in and around the community 



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With its excellent rail, bus and road connections and abundance of scenic footpaths, Robertsbridge is one of the best places from which to explore the woods and rolling hills of the High Weald National Landscape.

This guide describes twenty of the best walking routes in and around Robertsbridge. Taking in breathtaking countryside views, quiet woodlands and ancient routeways, churches, farms and castles they capture the very best of the High Weald.

Whether you are a first-time visitor to the area, or have lived here all your life, this collection of routes has something to offer. It includes walks to suit occasional walkers, experienced hikers and dog walkers alike. In the guide you will also find information about where to eat, drink and stay, what to visit on your walk and how to get around the area.

About this guide

This guide has been created by the Robertsbridge Footpath Group, a volunteer group set up by Salehurst and Robertsbridge Parish Council.

It is based on a collection of walks put together by Sandra Walker, ably assisted by Lesley Smith. The guide has been edited by Bryan Jones. The Parish Council offers them its sincerest thanks.



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	Name	Route	Distance	Grade*
1	The Bruderhof Walk	Robertsbridge – Darvell Bruderhof - Robertsbridge	2.5kms / 1.5miles	Easy
2	The Millennium Walk	Robertsbridge – Redlands Lane – Church Lane – Millennium Wood – Northbridge St – Robertsbridge	3.5kms / 2miles	Easy
3	The Anemone Walk	Robertsbridge - Park Wood - Robertsbridge	3.5kms / 2miles	Easy
4	The Elder Walk	Robertsbridge - Wennow Wood - Bush Barn Farm Orchard - Mill Stream - Robertsbridge	4kms / 2.5miles	Easy
5	The Railway Walk	Robertsbridge – Squibs Farm - Etchingham	4kms / 2.5miles	Easy
6	The Abbey Walk	Robertsbridge – Redlands Lane – Robertsbridge Abbey – Salehurst Park Farm – Redlands Lane - Robertsbridge	4.5kms / 3miles	Easy
7	The Farm Walk	Robertsbridge – Bugsell Lane – Darvell Bruderhof - Robertsbridge	5kms / 3miles	Easy
8	The Valley Walk	Robertsbridge – Squibs Farm – Mill Stream - Robertsbridge	5.5kms / 3.5miles	Leisurely
9	The Moat Walk	Robertsbridge – Glottenham – Mountfield Lane - Robertsbridge	6kms / 4miles	Leisurely
10	The Marlpit Walk	Robertsbridge – Darvell Bruderhof – Hackwoods Farm - Robertsbridge	6.5kms / 4miles	Leisurely
11	The Lake Walk	Robertsbridge – Bugsell Lane - Mill Stream - Robertsbridge	6.5kms / 4miles	Leisurely
12	The Vineyard Walk	Robertsbridge – Park Wood – Johns Cross -Mountfield Court - Robertsbridge	7.5kms / 4.5miles	Leisurely
13	The Orchard Walk	Robertsbridge - Salehurst - Bourne Lane - Northbridge St - Robertsbridge	7.5kms / 4.5miles	Leisurely
14	The Kipling Walk	Robertsbridge – Socknersh Manor - Fontridge Lane – Burwash - Batemans	8.5kms / 5.5miles	Moderate

15	The Bluebell Walk	Robertsbridge – Ludpit Lane – Furnace Wood – Fontridge Lane - Squibs Farm – Robertsbridge	9kms / 5.5miles	Moderate
16	The Furnace Walk	Robertsbridge – Glottenham – Mountfield Park Farm - Furnace Wood - Robertsbridge	9kms / 5.5miles	Moderate
17	The Manor Walk	Robertsbridge – Hackwoods Farm – Fontridge Lane – Socknersh Manor – Ludpit Lane - Robertsbridge	10kms / 6miles	Moderate
18	The 1066 Walk	Robertsbridge - Mountfield- Eatenden Lane – Ashes Wood – Beech Farm - Battle	11.5kms / 7miles	Moderate
19	The Castle Walk	Robertsbridge – Robertsbridge Abbey – Bodiam – Bourne Lane – Salehurst - Robertsbridge	12kms / 7.5miles	Moderate
20	The Follies Walk	Robertsbridge – Socknersh Manor – Hollingrove - Wood's Corner – Brightling – Mountfield Lane – Glottenham – Robertsbridge	19.5kms / 12miles	Moderate

*Our grading system is based on the six-level grading system used by the **Ramblers**: Easy Access; Easy; Leisurely; Moderate; Strenuous; Technical.*

Feedback

This is the first edition of Walking Robertsbridge, published in July 2026. We welcome feedback both on the format and content of the guide and on the state of the routes covered in the guide. Please email any comments to clerk@salehurstparishcouncil.gov.uk

Before setting off

Please note that everyone following the walks contained in this guide does so at their own risk. Salehurst and Robertsbridge Parish Council assumes no responsibility for anyone following a walk and will not be held responsible for any accident, injury, or loss occurring as a result of using this path or travelling to a walk start point, however caused. Routes have been checked so they follow established footpaths and legal rights of way over private land. Always follow signs and do not trespass on private land.

When you follow a walk you indicate that you accept these conditions and accept that no legal liability is accepted by Salehurst and Robertsbridge Parish Council in the event of accident, injury or loss, however caused.

You are reminded that outdoor activities frequently need specialist equipment (boots, waterproofs, etc) and you are responsible for providing these for yourself. You are responsible for assessing the risk and safety of yourself, people in your party and the suitability of any equipment used. Please note that during winter and early spring most of the 20 walks contain sections that are muddy underfoot.

Any people with medical conditions that may affect them during the walk are responsible for notifying other people and for carrying any medication they may need.

When using any of the walks in this guide, please comply with the [Countryside Code](#). In particular:

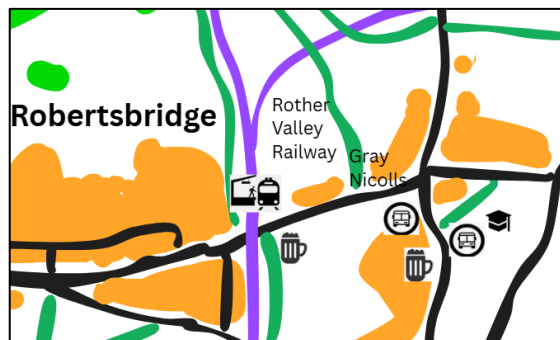
- Litter: Take litter home and leave no trace of your visit.
- Dogs: Dogs are usually allowed on walking routes but must be kept under strict control at all times and on leads where necessary, especially when passing livestock. Please take any dog poo home so the paths are not spoiled for other users. We have tried to indicate where walks pass through or near fields holding livestock, but cannot guarantee the accuracy of this information.
- Care for nature: Do not cause damage or disturbance and leave no trace of your visit.
- Livestock: Do not feed livestock, horses or wild animals as it can cause them harm.

Getting around the area

Robertsbridge is well served by public transport. If you are visiting the village from afar, please consider getting here by train or bus, rather than by car if possible.

For more detailed maps of each walk, we suggest using Ordnance Survey's Explorer 124 (Hastings and Bexhill) and 136 (High Weald) maps. Each walk has also been added to the Ordnance Survey app and website explore.osmaps.com

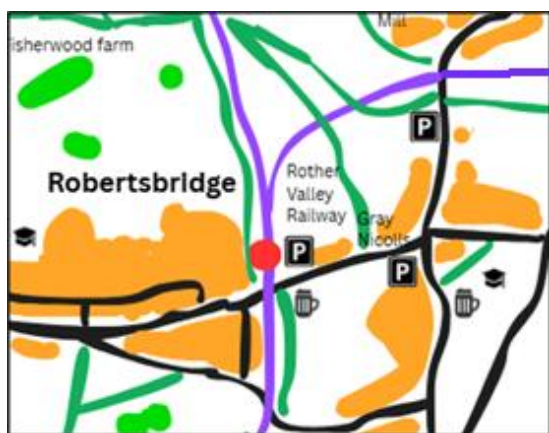
Public Transport



Regular direct **Southeastern Railway** services connect Robertsbridge with London, Sevenoaks, Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, Wadhurst, Battle and Hastings. In 2028 the **Kent & East Sussex Railway** will also connect Robertsbridge with Bodiam, Northiam and Tenterden.

The 1066 bus route operated by **Stagecoach** stops in Robertsbridge High Street. The service runs 7 days a week between Tunbridge Wells, Hawkhurst, Battle and Hastings.

Car parking and public toilets

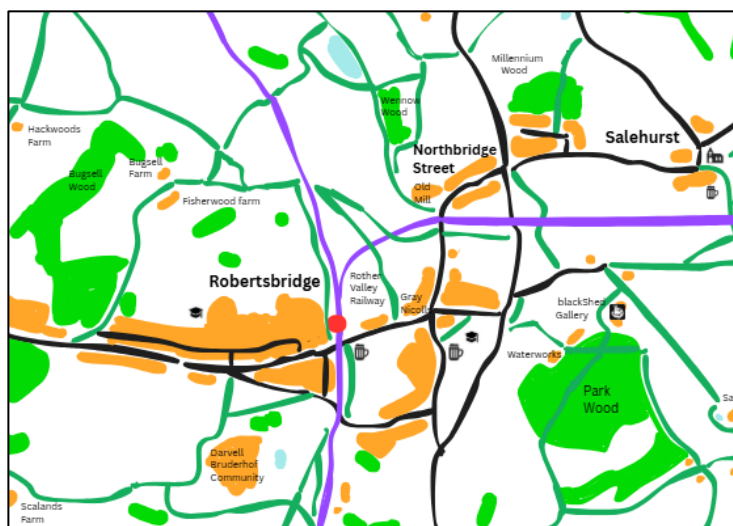


Free parking is available at the two **Parish Council run car parks** at 8 Station Road, just off Robertsbridge High Street, and Clappers Recreation Ground in Northbridge Street. Public toilets are located in both car parks.

Parking charges apply at the car park at Robertsbridge Rail Station managed by **APCOA**.

A limited amount of kerbside parking is also available in the village.

Map Legend



Road	
Footpath or Bridleway	
Railway Line	
Railway Station	
Built up area	
Woodland	
Reservoir or Lake	
Pub	
Church	
Castle	
Abbey	
Museum	
Gallery	
Historic ruin	

Food, accommodation and attractions

Pubs, cafes, shops and accommodation



An eighteenth-century inn in Robertsbridge High Street

Web thegeorgerobertsbridge.co.uk

Phone 01580 880315



A Victorian pub and hotel opposite Robertsbridge rail station

Web ostrichhotel.co.uk

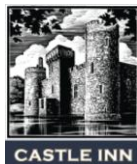
Phone 01580 881737



A community led, country pub in the heart of Salehurst

Web salehursthalt.co.uk

Phone 01580 880620



A traditional pub located opposite Bodiam Castle

Web castleinnbodiam.co.uk

Phone 01580 830 330



A pub with medieval roots located in Woods Corner

Web swaninnndallington.co.uk

Phone 01424 838 242



Judges Bakery is a café in Robertsbridge High Street

Phone 01580 880434



Robertsbridge Village Stores and Post Office is located in Station Road

Phone 01580 880540



Roots to the Moon Farm Shop in Brightling Road sells local organic and biodynamic produce

Web rootstothemoon.co.uk/shop

Email hello@rootstothemoon.co.uk

Farms and wineries



Organic farm near Robertsbridge selling elderflowers, berries and cordials.

Web bushbarnfarm.co.uk

Phone [07483 846 192](tel:07483846192)



Producer of sparkling wines with a tasting room at Mountfield Court

Web mountfieldwinery.com

Email info@mountfieldwinery.com



A farm offering afternoon teas with their alpacas and pygmy goats. By appointment only – no walk ins.

Web fisherwoodfarm.co.uk

Email info@fisherwoodfarm.co.uk

Phone [07966 561313](tel:07966561313)



Oastbrook Estate
Vineyard

A winery and vineyard near Junction Road

Web oastbrook.com

Phone [07496 727014](tel:07496727014)

Galleries

the blackShed gallery

Contemporary art space near Robertsbridge with a shop and a picture framing service

Web theblackshedgallery.org.uk

Phone [01580 881247](tel:01580881247)

Historic attractions



Heritage railway project to restore **Kent & East Sussex Railway** between Robertsbridge and Bodiam. Opening Easter 2028.

Web rvr.org.uk

Email reception@rvr.org.uk



Bodiam Castle is a medieval moated castle with a ruined interior run by the National Trust

Web nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/sussex/bodiam-castle

Phone **01580830196**



Batemans is a Jacobean manor near Burwash that was once home to Rudyard Kipling run by the National Trust

Web nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/sussex/batemans

Phone **01435882302**



Battle Abbey, which lies on the site of the battle of Hastings, is run by English Heritage

Web english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/1066-battle-of-hastings-abbey-and-battlefield



Battle Museum of Local History covers a period of 125 million years from the dinosaur age to world war two.

Web battlelocalhistory.com/battle-museum.html

Phone **01424 277100**

Camping, sport and leisure



Caravan and camp site off Junction Road in Bodiam

Web parkfarmcamping.co.uk

Phone **01580 831982**



The Hub includes a café and shop and offers camping, glamping, paddle boarding and kayaking

Web thehubquarryfarm.co.uk

Phone **01580 830932**

The Bruderhof Walk



Robertsbridge community walk 1

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This short walk near Robertsbridge follows paths in and around **Darvell Bruderhof**, a Christian community that has existed here since 1971.

Many of the paths are hard surfaced, making the walk a good option during the winter months.



Walk Guide

Distance: 2.5km/
1.5miles

Grade: Easy

Stiles: 1

Livestock: Cows,
Sheep

Link to [Ordnance Survey Map](#)

Start coordinates

Grid reference
TQ 733235

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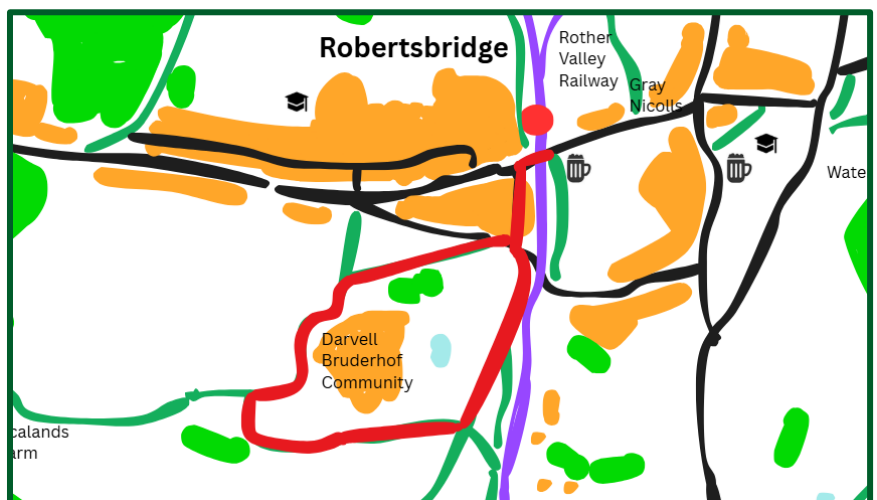
1 From Robertsbridge Rail Station, head west of the level crossing, turn left and walk through Mill Rise to Bishop's Lane. Go into Bishops Meadow opposite and take the path through the middle of the field.

2 Cross the access road just beyond the edge of the field and follow the track ahead as far as the gate to the field on the right. Go through the gate and walk along the left edge of the field, which may contain cows, to the gate in the opposite corner. On the other side of the gate, turn left along the track, go over the bridge and bear right.

3 Go past the goat enclosure and pig pens on the left and follow the track up the hill as it curves gently to the right.

4 Walk along the crest of hill for 100m and take in the views over the valley. Next turn left and follow the track for 400m as it heads south and then east, before continuing along a woodchip path. Follow the path for another 100m and cross the stile at the junction with the lane to Glottenham.

5 Bear left along the lane for 300m and take the path on the left shortly before the railway bridge. Follow the path over the footbridge and through the trees until it opens out into Bishops Meadow once again. Now take the exit to Bishops Lane and head back along Mill Rise to the Station.



The Millennium Walk



Robertsbridge community walk 2

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This short walk explores Millennium Wood, also known as Springfield Wood. Planted in 1999, the wood is managed by the Woodland Trust.

The wood has been designated as open access land, which means the public can walk freely around it.



Walk Guide

Distance: 3.5km/
2miles

Grade: Easy

Stiles: 3

Livestock: Cows

Link to [Ordnance Survey Map](#)

Start coordinates

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TQ 737 236

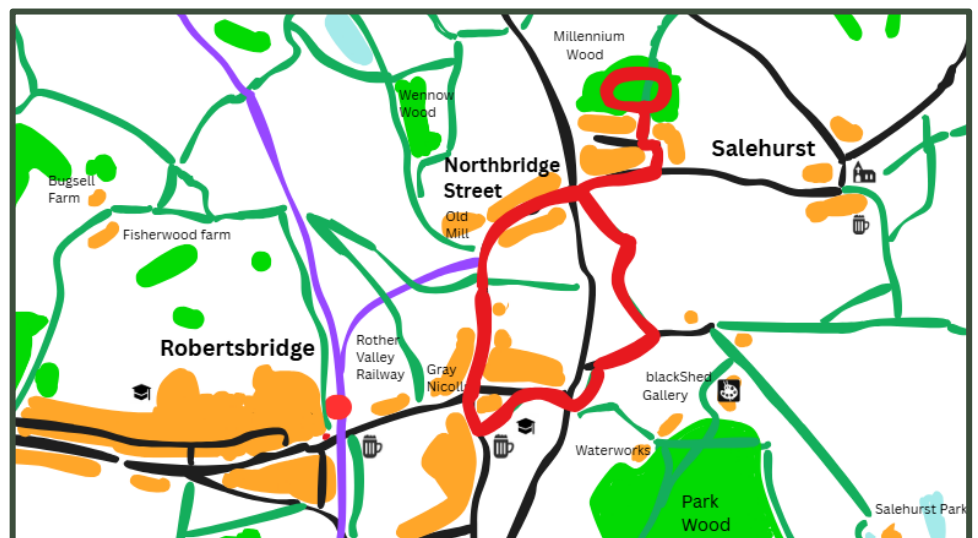
What Three Words
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spouting

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 Now bear right and after 200m head left over the stile into a field that may contain cows. Follow the track that lies ahead for 150m. After crossing the bridge, take the path on the left that heads north over the field to a second bridge over the River Rother. On the other side of the bridge, follow the path to the far-right corner of the field.

3 Cross the bridge into the next field and walk diagonally across it towards the left end of Church Lane next to the A21 roundabout. Go over the stile, cross Church Lane and continue right along the footpath, before turning left into Coronation Cottages.

4 At the intersection of Coronation Cottages and Rother View take the path north into Millennium Wood. After exploring the wood, return to Church Lane, then turn right, cross the A21 roundabout and go back to Robertsbridge along Northbridge Street.



The Anemone Walk



Robertsbridge community walk 3

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This short walk east of Robertsbridge takes in sweeping views over the high weald, expansive hop fields and quiet woodland paths.

The walk is best undertaken in April when the woodland spring flowers are at their finest.



Walk Guide

Distance: 3.5km/
2miles

Grade: Easy

Stiles: 2

Livestock: Sheep

Link to [Ordnance Survey Map](#)

Start coordinates

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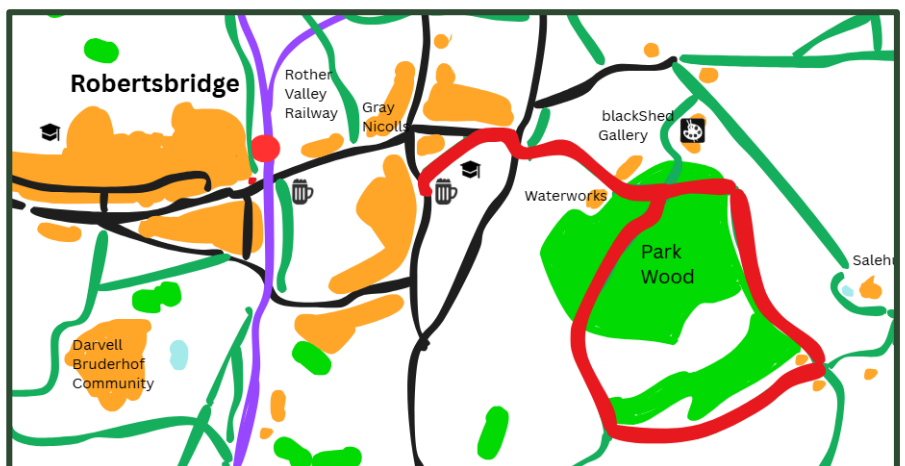
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1 Starting from [The George Inn](#) in Robertsbridge, take the footpath to Fair Lane that lies opposite the [Clock Tower](#). Turn right along Fair Lane and cross the A21 footbridge. Now take the path immediately to the right and follow it through the woodland and then downhill over the crop field. Cross the stream and walk past the waterworks to Park Wood.

3 Continue along the bridle path for 600m as far as a small group of houses. Take the path on the left after the houses and walk along the left side of the following field, before crossing the bridge at the far end into a large hop field. Follow the path along the left boundary of the field until an entrance to the wood appears on the left next to a stream.

4 Continue straight ahead through the wood as far as the waterworks – looking out on the way for the abundant woodland wildflowers in Springtime. After passing the waterworks, walk uphill across the field and down through the woodland to the A21 footbridge. Walk back into the village once again via Fair Lane.

2 On entering Park Wood, bear left and after 100m turn right when the path meets another. At the end of the wood, turn left, cross the stile and walk through the sheep field, keeping to the hedge on the right. Go over the stile on the far side of the field and walk straight ahead through the wood. Where the path meets a bridle path, turn left.



The Elder Walk



Robertsbridge community walk 4

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This walk features spectacular views from the Elder Tree Orchard run by **Bush Barn Farm** just north of Robertsbridge.

Set up in 2019, the Orchard produces elderberries and flowers that are either sold fresh or used by the farm to make cordials.



Walk Guide

Distance: 4km/
2.5miles

Grade: Easy

Stiles: 4

2 stiles are in poor condition. To avoid them, complete steps 1-3, then return to the start by the same route

Livestock: Sheep

Link to [Ordnance Survey Map](#)

Start coordinates

Grid reference

TQ 738236

What Three Words

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- 1 From Robertsbridge High Street walk north to the site of the old Hodson's Flour mill. Follow the path through the mill site as far as the mill stream. Take the path that follows the right-hand side of the mill stream before heading uphill, away from the stream.
- 2 On reaching a gate marked 'Peter's Path', turn left just before the gate and continue along the edge of Wennow Wood before crossing a stile into a sheep field. Walk towards the bungalow, cross a further stile and continue to the track ahead. Bear right and follow the track for 50m and go through a gate on the left that leads to the Elder Tree Orchard.
- 3 Turn right and follow the track along the edge of the Orchard for around 1km. Part way along is a bench to sit and enjoy the view. At the far end of the orchard go through the gate on the right and cross the stile just beyond it. On reaching the track ahead, turn left into a sheep field and follow the path to the far-right corner of the field.
- 4 Go through the line of trees and continue straight ahead for 200m as far as a stile that leads to a tree lined track, which is bordered by wild garlic in the spring. Turn left along the track and head downhill and cross the bridge over the mill stream and turn left.
- 5 Follow the path for 2km to the Old Mill, walking first through sheep fields and then by the side of the mill stream. Walk through the mill site and return to Robertsbridge.



The Railway Walk



Robertsbridge community walk 5

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This walk follows the railway line between Robertsbridge and Etchingham.

Keeping to the hills to the west of the line, the walk features some impressive views east over the valley and the railway below.



Walk Guide

Distance: 4km/
2.5miles

Grade: Easy

Stiles: 3

Livestock: Cows &
Sheep

Link to [Ordnance Survey Map](#)

Start coordinates

Grid reference
TQ 735 238

What Three Words
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1 From Station Road in Robertsbridge take the path through the buildings of the world-famous [Gray-Nicolls](#) cricket bat factory, keeping to the boundary on the right. Continue through the following field, then head under the [Rother Valley Railway line](#) and walk through the next field for another 300m in the direction of the mainline railway line on the left.

2 Go under the line, turn immediately right and then after a few metres take the path on the left that runs perpendicular to the railway. After 200m take the path on the right next to the field boundary and follow it uphill. Continue straight ahead into the next field then go through the gate on the right and bear left.

3 Now follow the path over the grassy field and across the bridge over the stream at the foot of the slope, before walking up to and through the middle of a large crop field. Cross the bridge at the end of the field, walk for 75m up to the line of trees directly ahead, and continue into the next field.

4 Follow the path as it goes uphill as far as Squibs Farm. Next, walk through the middle of the farm and take the path that runs to the right of two houses before bearing north along a field in the direction of Giggmore Wood.

5 Continue along the path through the wood, then walk through the cow fields that follow it, keeping to the foot of the slope and left of the stream. After some 600m the path bears left around the north side of Lundsford Farm on the left and continues over another cow field down to Etchingham High Street.



The Abbey Walk

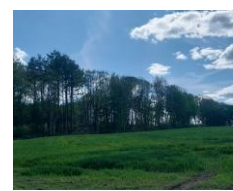


Robertsbridge community walk 6

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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

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TQ 737 236

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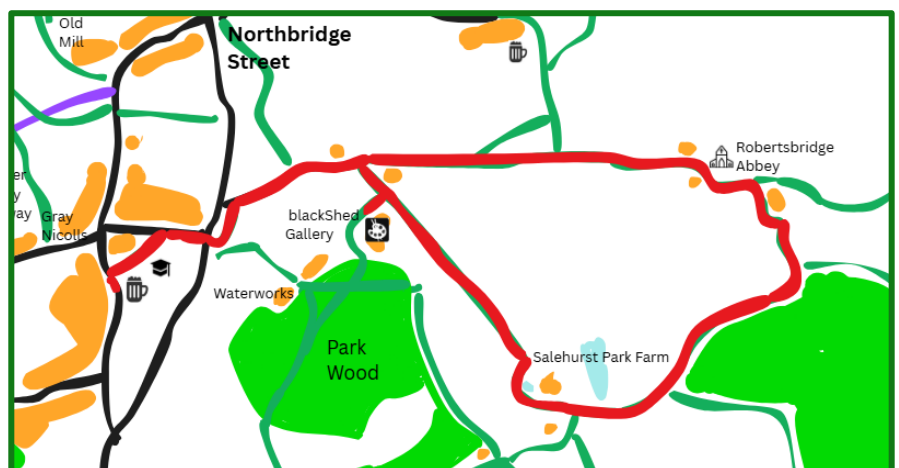
1 Starting at **The George Inn** in Robertsbridge take the footpath to Fair Lane that lies immediately opposite the **Clock Tower**. Turn right along Fair Lane, cross the A21 footbridge, and take the footpath immediately to the left down to Redlands Lane.

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.



The Farm Walk



Robertsbridge community walk 7

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This short walk along farm lanes and paths near Robertsbridge is suitable for a wide variety of walkers.

The route is stile-free and includes only one short moderate climb near the start of the walk through the **Darvell Bruderhof community.**



Walk Guide

Distance: 5km/
3miles

Grade: Easy

Stiles: None

Livestock: Cows &
Sheep

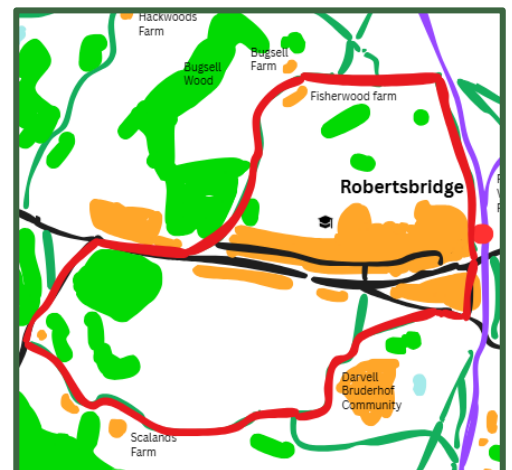
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What Three Words
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- 3 As the crest of the hill continue westwards along the track for 600m as far as Scalands Farm and then take the path to the right of the farm buildings. Walk through the following field up to a lane and bear right along the lane to Brightling Road.
- 4 Follow Brightling Road north and then east as far as Bugsell Lane on the left. Continue along the Lane for 1km as far as Bugsell Farm, passing **Fisherwood Farm** on the Way, which offers Alpaca experiences. Take the path to the right of the farm's entrance and look for another path on the right side after 100m.
- 5 Follow this path downhill over two fields and then continue towards the railway line on a path between two lines of trees. At the railway line, turn right and follow the path alongside the line back to Brightling Road and Robertsbridge.



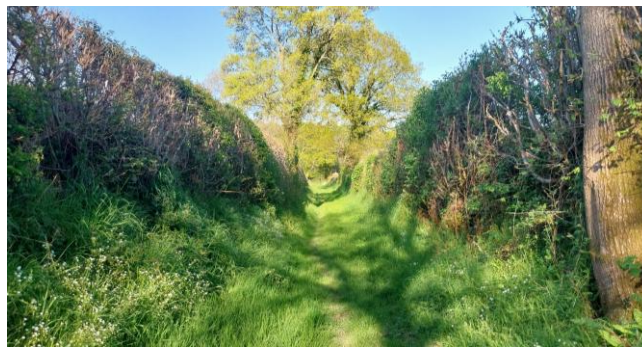
The Valley Walk



Robertsbridge community walk 8

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This walk explores the valley north of Robertsbridge. It runs past some branches of the River Rother and features good views of the valley from the slopes above it. It also follows some of the valley's ancient sunken paths that teem with wildlife.



Walk Guide

Distance: 5.5km/
3.5miles
Grade: Leisurely
Stiles: 8
Livestock: Sheep

Link to [Ordnance Survey Map](#)

Start coordinates

Grid reference
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What Three Words
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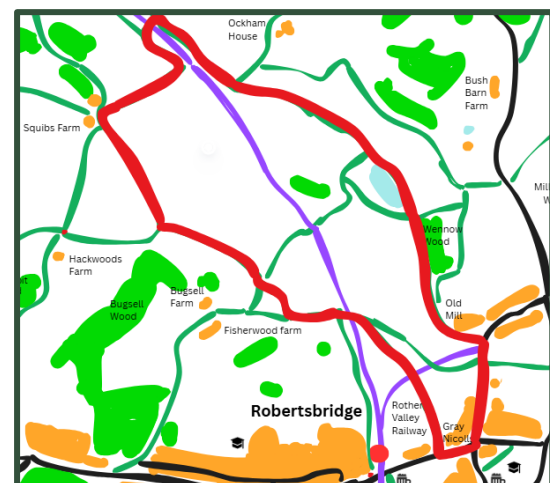
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3 Now follow the path over the grassy field and across the bridge over the stream at the foot of the slope, before walking up to and through the middle of a large crop field. Cross the bridge at the end of the field, walk for 75m up to the line of trees directly ahead, and continue into the next field.

4 Follow the path as it goes uphill as far as Squibs Farm. At the farm, take the grassy, sunken path to the right and follow it downhill. At the foot of the hill, turn right, go into the next field, and cross the bridge over the river on the left. Now turn right, walk to the railway line and turn left. After 250m cross the line via the level crossing and bear right.

5 Continue along the path between two lines of trees for around 200m and then walk across the following field as far as the bridge leading up to Ockham House. Go past the bridge and follow the path through sheep fields and then alongside the mill stream for 2km as far as the site of the old Hodson's Flour Mill and head for Robertsbridge High Street.



The Moat Walk



Robertsbridge community walk 9

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This peaceful walk through gentle countryside and quiet lanes and fields takes in **Glottenham Castle**, a moated manor house dating from around 1300.

Nothing remains of the manor house, but the course of the old moat can still be seen from the path.



Walk Guide

Distance: 6km/
4miles
Grade: Leisurely
Stiles: 4
Livestock: Sheep

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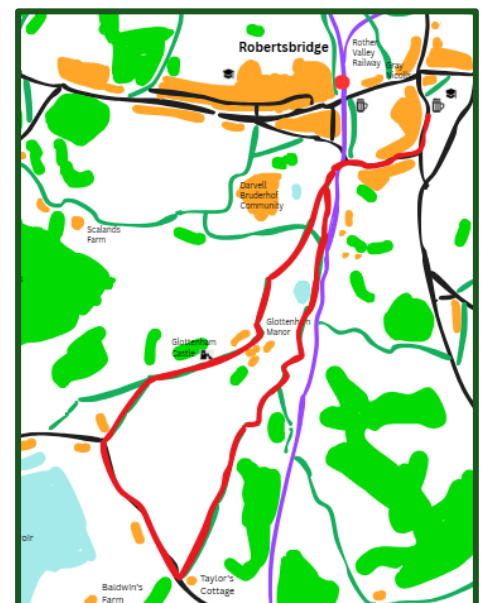
1 From George Hill in Robertsbridge, head south to Bishop's Lane on the right. Continue along Bishop's Lane up to the road to Glottenham on the left. Follow the road to Glottenham Manor nursing home and take the track on the right that leads past some farm buildings and a few houses. While walking along the track look out on the right for the remains of Glottenham Castle moat, now covered in trees.

2 At the end of the track cross a stile and follow the left field boundary. Now go through a gate, pass the farm buildings on the right and go through a further gate that leads to Mountfield Lane. Turn left and walk as far as Taylor's Cottage on the left.

3 Cross the stile on the right of Taylor's Cottage and walk along the left boundary of the field, following a stream. Go through a gate and head straight ahead across the sheep field to a gap between some woodland. In late spring this wood is carpeted in bluebells.

4 Head diagonally left to a bridge over a stream. Cross the bridge, turn right and walk through the field, keeping to its right edge. In the next field go straight ahead towards a line of tall trees to the right of Glottenham Manor. On the other side of the trees, walk along the right edge of the fields as far as a stile on the right. Cross the stile and the bridge and head left just before the railway line.

5 Keep walking parallel to the railway, crossing a couple of wooden walkways along the way. The path eventually veers left towards the lane to Glottenham. Now walk back to Robertsbridge via Bishop's Lane.



The Marlpit Walk



Robertsbridge community walk 10

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This walk around Robertsbridge takes in some fine historic farmhouses and the hollowed-out site of an old marlpit, now covered by a picturesque wood.

It also has striking views north and south of the village over the High Weald.



Walk Guide

Distance: 6km/
3.5miles
Grade: Leisurely
Stiles: 5
Livestock: None

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Start coordinates

Grid reference
TQ 733235

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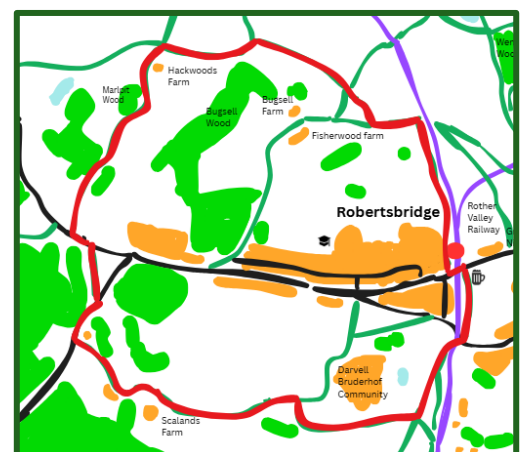
1 From Robertsbridge Rail Station, take the path by the side of the [Ostrich Hotel](#) to Bishop's Lane, turn left and after 50m take the lane to Glottenham on the right. After 350m bear right along to path running through [Darvell Bruderhof](#).

2 Follow the path for 500m as it heads west then north, skirting the Bruderhof buildings. At the crest of the hill where the path meets another, turn left. Continue along the track for 600m as far as Scalands Farm and then take the path to the right of the farm buildings. Walk through the following field up to a lane and bear right along the lane to Brightling Road.

3 At Brightling Road go right and shortly afterwards take the path on the left across a field to Ludpit Lane. Then bear left for 100m and follow the lane on the right to Hackwoods Farm, passing an old marlpit on the left on the way. Head through the farm and take the path on the right immediately after it.

4 Walk downhill over two crop fields and cross the bridge over the stream. Now bear left for 50m along the edge of the crop field before heading uphill through the middle of the field. At the far end of the field, walk downhill through the trees, cross the bridge and continue uphill again.

5 At the top of the slope, go through a gate into a grassy field with good views to the east. Keep to the right edge of the field and go through the second gate on the right. Follow the path downhill as far as a path on the left. Now walk up to the railway line, turn right and follow the path back to Robertsbridge.



The Lake Walk



Robertsbridge community walk 11

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This short walk combines views of the High Weald, a tranquil lake rich in flora and fauna and **Fisherwood alpaca farm**, which is open for booked visits.

Featuring only a few gentle climbs, and stile free, it is suitable for a wide range of walkers.



Walk Guide

Distance: 6.5km/
4miles
Grade: Leisurely
Stiles: 0
Livestock: None

Link to [Ordnance Survey Map](#)

Start coordinates

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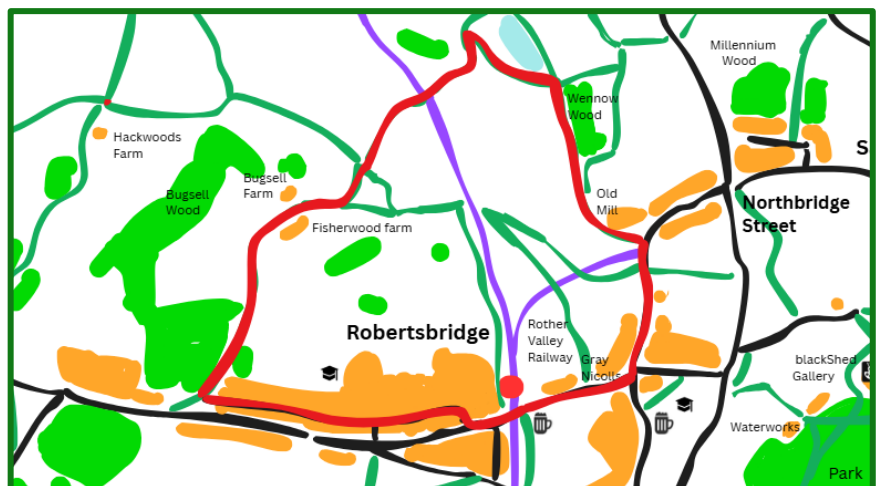
What Three Words
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1 At Robertsbridge railway station turn right and cross the railway line. Turn right into Bellhurst Road and walk up the hill. Take the first road on the left, Langham Road. At the crossroads go straight ahead into Upper Langham Road and continue as far as Bugsell Lane.

4 Walk straight ahead with the hedge on your left. Cross over the railway via the bridge and go straight on to a bridge over the River Rother. At the other end of the bridge take the path that leads left then curves right. Go through a gate and turn right. Soon you will pass a lake on your left.

5 At the end of the lake, bear left across the field as far as the path beside the mill stream. Turn right and follow the path to the old mill, keeping the stream on your left. Walk through the old Hodson's mill site to the High Street. Now turn right and head back into Robertsbridge.

2 Turn right and continue past Fisherwood Alpaca Farm as far Bugsell Farm where the footpath heads off to the right. Follow the path until it divides and take the path to the left, through a gate. After 100m go through a further gate and past a row of trees and enter a large field with good views over the valley.



The Vineyard Walk



Robertsbridge community walk 12

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This walk runs past **Mountfield Winery**, part of the **Rother Wine Triangle**.

The Vineyard and the Winery's tasting room can be found next to the 300 year old Mountfield Court, which enjoys spectacular views of the High Weald on all sides.



Walk Guide

Distance: 7.5km/
4.5miles
Grade: Leisurely
Stiles: 11
Livestock: Cows,
Bulls,
Sheep

Link to **Ordnance Survey Map**

Start coordinates

Grid reference
TQ 737236

What Three Words
gadding.drives.
spouting

1 Starting from **The George Inn** in Robertsbridge, take the footpath to Fair Lane that lies opposite the **Clock Tower**. Turn right along Fair Lane, cross the A21 footbridge and take the path immediately to the right through the wood and then downhill over the field to the waterworks. On entering Park Wood bear left, carry on until the edge of the wood, and once in the hop field, turn immediately right.

2 Follow the path for 1.5km, going past Keepers Cottages and up a steep incline in a pasture field, as far as Poppinghole Lane. Bear right for a few metres and take the path on the left through two further pasture fields, then follow the path between Walter's Wood and Oakey Wood.

3 Continue through the field on the other side of the woods, which may contain a bull, and walk up to John's Cross. Turn left past the old coaching inn, dating from the sixteenth century, and look out for the drive to Mountfield Court on the other side of the A21.

4 Walk down the drive as far as Mountfield Court. The drive is lined in part by ancient chestnut trees, with the vineyard to the south. Mountfield Court was built in 1715 for the High Sheriff of Sussex and is now home to Mountfield Winery. At the end of the drive, turn right and follow the track downhill to the railway line, taking in the spectacular views north on the way. Go under the line and turn right.

5 Follow the path through a wood and over a field. After crossing a bridge, turn right and walk along the right edge of the field as far as a stile on the right. Cross the stile and turn left before the railway line. Follow the path as far as Glottenham lane, turn right and return to Robertsbridge.



The Orchard Walk



Robertsbridge community walk 13

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This walk explores the rolling fields and fruit orchards around Salehurst and offers good views south over the Rother Valley.

With an abundance of wildlife and plant life along the route, the walk is at its best in spring and summer.



Walk Guide

Distance: 7.5km/
4.5miles

Grade: Leisurely

Stiles: 11

Livestock: Cows &
Sheep

Link to [Ordnance Survey Map](#)

Start coordinates

Grid reference
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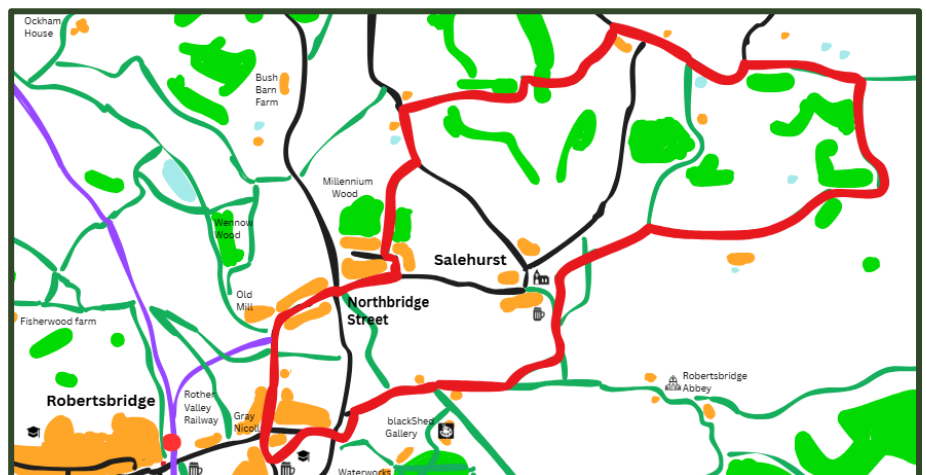
What Three Words
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spouting

1 Starting at [The George Inn](#) in Robertsbridge take the footpath to Fair Lane that lies 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. Go right and continue for 750m or so - passing some farm buildings and a hop field on the left - and take the path on the left running diagonally across a field.

3 After the orchards, walk through a further field and woodland and cross a small footbridge. On entering the next field, turn left and keep to the path along the edge of the wood. After 500m or so, go left through a gap in the trees and continue through two more fields with cattle up to Bourne Lane. Turn left, go past the junction with Rocks Hill, and look for a path on the left after a white house.

4 Follow the path south over two fields before heading downhill to the west and crossing a bridge over a tree lined stream. Walk ahead to the field boundary, bear left for 50m, then turn right and walk straight on to Beech House Lane. Turn left and after 200m take the path on the right, and head downhill to the Millennium Wood and out into Church Road, before walking back into Robertsbridge.

2 At the path's end, turn left, cross the footbridge over the River Rother and after 100m bear right into a field and follow the path up to the rear of Salehurst Churchyard. Next head right along the field boundary, cross a farm track at the foot of the slope, walk across a further field, and bear eastwards where the path divides. After crossing two more fields, the path passes through large fruit orchards.



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
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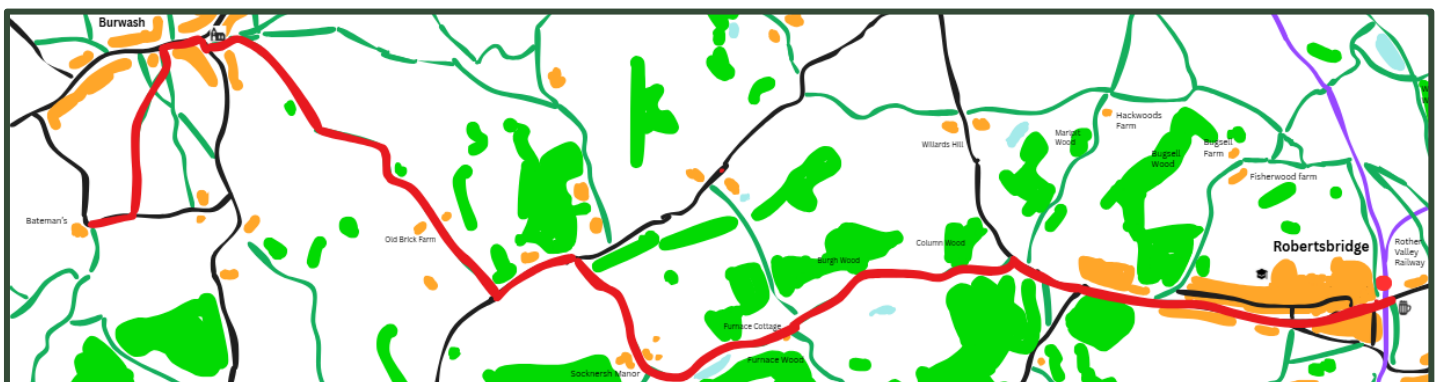
What Three Words
washable.lyricism.
hoofs

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.



The Bluebell Walk



Robertsbridge community walk 15

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In April and May the woods in and around Robertsbridge are thickly carpeted with bluebells, wild garlic and other spring flowers.



This walk combines some of the best bluebell displays near the village with striking views over the High Weald.



Walk Guide

Distance: 9km/
5.5miles
Grade: Moderate
Stiles: 4
Livestock: Cows & Sheep

Link to [Ordnance Survey Map](#)

Start coordinates

Grid reference
TQ 733235

What Three Words
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remaining

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 to the side of Column Wood, rich in bluebells in spring

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. 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. Shortly before Furnace Cottage, go through the gate to a field on the right and walk up to and through Burgh Wood, which has another fine array of bluebells.

3 After the wood follow the path downhill over a field and to the side of some farm buildings to Fontridge Lane. Turn right and walk for 1.5km to the junction with Ludpit Lane. Look for the track opposite and walk up to Squibs Farm. Walk to through the farm buildings and take the path that runs south-east. Follow the path downhill for 500m, then cross two bridges separated by a small field.

4 Now head uphill through a crop field. At the far end of the field, walk downhill through the trees, cross the bridge and continue uphill again. At the top of the slope, go through a gate into a grassy field. Keep to the field's right edge and go through the second gate on the right. Follow the path downhill as far as a path on the left. Now walk to the railway line, turn right and follow the path to Robertsbridge.



The Furnace Walk



Robertsbridge community walk 16

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This undulating walk explores the rolling farmland and woodland west of Robertsbridge.

It takes in remote houses, like Furnace Cottage, expansive livestock fields, well-tended farms, ancient droveways and sweeping Wealden views.



Walk Guide

Distance: 9km/
5.5miles
Grade: Moderate
Stiles: 8
Livestock: Cows,
Sheep &
Horses

Link to [Ordnance Survey Map](#)

Start coordinates

Grid reference
TQ 737 236

What Three Words
gagging.drives.
spouting

1 From George Hill in Robertsbridge, head south to Bishop's Lane on the right. Continue along Bishop's Lane up to the lane to Glottenham on the left. Follow the lane to Glottenham Manor and continue along the track to the right of some farm buildings. Along the track look out on the right for the tree-lined remains of **Glottenham Castle** moat.

2 At the end of the track, cross a stile, walk through the middle of a field and cut through a small wood with stiles at both ends. Walk downhill through the next field to the gate with Mountfield Lane in the far right corner. Bear right for 200m and turn right down to Mountfield Park Farm.

3 At the hill's foot, cross the stile on the right, and follow the path as it skirts the farm. Continue uphill through a large field and woodland as far as Brightling Road. Bear left for 200m and turn right along the lane to Newhouse Farm. At the lane's end, take the path through a small wood and then downhill over a field to Furnace Cottage, crossing two bridges on the way.

4 After the cottage, bear right and continue up hill to the corner of Burgh Wood. Cross the stile and walk along the right boundary of the field, before crossing a further bridge. Walk over the next field, cross the stile, and head uphill, passing through Column wood, to Ludpit Lane. Turn right and walk back to Robertsbridge via Brightling Road.



The Manor Walk



Robertsbridge community walk 17

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This walk along quiet country lanes and paths takes in **Socknersh Manor**, which dates from the early 1500s, and was once owned by the musicians Sir Tom Jones and Englebert Humperdinck. It also passes several fine historic farmhouses and oast houses.



Walk Guide

Distance: 10km/
6miles

Grade: Moderate

Stiles: 5

Livestock: Cows &
Sheep

Link to [Ordnance Survey Map](#)

Start coordinates

Grid reference

TQ 735 238

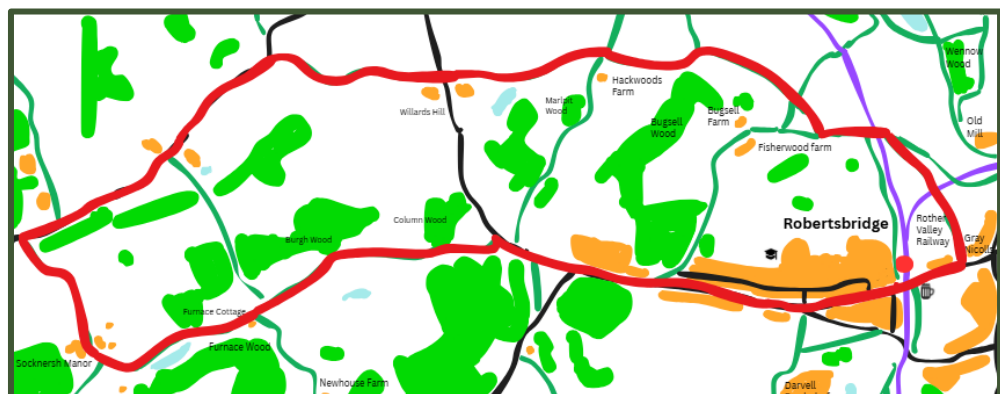
What Three Words
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hoofs

1 Take the path through the **Gray-Nicolls** cricket bat factory, keeping to the boundary on the right. Go through the following field, head under the **Rother Valley Railway line** and walk through the next field for 300m to the mainline railway line.

2 Go under the line, turn right and then after a few metres take the path on the left that runs perpendicular to the railway. After 200m take the path on the right next to the field boundary and follow it uphill. Continue straight ahead into the next field then go through the gate on the right and bear left. Follow the path over the grassy field, cross a bridge at the foot of a slope and walk to the far-left corner of the following crop field. Cross the bridge and walk uphill over two more crop fields to Hackwoods Farm.

3 Now turn right and then immediately left and follow the path downhill to Ludpits Lane, crossing a bridge on the way. Cross the lane at Willards Hill and follow the path as it heads along the crest of the hill before going downhill and over a bridge and then uphill to Fontridge Lane. Bear left along the lane and after 1.5km turn left along the drive to Socknersh Manor. Just after the manor, head left to the eastern edge of the estate along a path bounded by metal railings.

4 Continue straight ahead as far as Furnace Cottage then follow the path up hill to the corner of Burgh Wood. Cross the stile and walk along the right boundary of the field, before crossing a further bridge. Walk over the next field, cross the stile, and head uphill to Ludpit Lane, passing through Column wood, a grassy field and a further stretch of woodland on the way. Finally, turn right and walk back to Robertsbridge via Brightling Road.



The 1066 Walk



Robertsbridge community walk 18

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This rewarding walk to the south of Robertsbridge passes through peaceful woods, ancient churches and undulating fields with sweeping views over the High Weald.

It finishes at **Battle Abbey**, the site of the famous **Battle of Hastings** in 1066.



Walk Guide

Distance: 11.5km/
7miles

Grade: Moderate

Stiles: 8

Livestock: Cows &
Sheep

Link to [Ordnance Survey Map](#)

Start coordinates

Grid reference
TQ 733235

What Three Words
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remaining

1 From Robertsbridge Railway Station turn right over the level crossing and walk through Mill Rise on the left. Cross Bishop's Lane into Bishops Meadow and follow the path to the left to Glottenham Lane.

2 Turn right and after a few metres cross the stile on the left. Follow the path to the side of the railway line for 700m, before crossing the stile on the right into sheep fields around Glottenham Manor. Turn left and walk through the fields, keeping to the line of trees to the left.

3 After 400m, go over the bridge on the left, and walk through the next field and some woodland back to the railway line.

4 Cross under the line, and walk uphill across the large sheep field, pausing at the top of slope to admire the view back towards Robertsbridge. Go over the stile and walk straight ahead past Mountfield Court, built in 1715 for the High Sheriff of Sussex, and now home to **Mountfield Winery**.





5 Continue south along the drive and turn right at Church Road. Walk past the historic twelfth century **All Saints Church**, turn left at Mountfield Village Hall and follow the path downhill along the right edge of the field. Go over a stile on the right and continue along the path high above the entrance to Mountfield railway tunnel.

6 Now turn left and after 50m look for an aquamarine-coloured shed and follow the path to the right of it. Cross the goods railway and the road to the gypsum works and take the path straight ahead through Crowhurst Wood. After 1km the path enters fields around Crowhurst Farm. Follow the path along the right of the first field, before cutting across the middle of the second field and crossing the stile at the far end.

7 Next, bear left, go over another stile and follow the path along the right edge of the field as far as Eatenden Lane. Turn right, walk up to the Old Rectory and head left along the lane to Netherfield Road.

8 Head left along Netherfield Road for 400m before turning left along the path right through Ashes Wood, which is managed by Forestry England. Look out for the historic milestone on the left of the path 800m into the wood.

9 After 1.2km, bear left and follow the path past Pond Bay to Beech Mill. Take the path on the left and after 20m head right along the track to Beech Farm. Just before the Farm look for a path on the left and follow it as it skirts the farm buildings.

10 Now walk downhill through a small field and head between two cottages to a farm lane. Take the path straight ahead and follow it downhill to a bridge before walking uphill through a cow field.

11 At the top of the hill, cross the stile and follow the path to Chain Lane. At the left end of Chain Lane, turn right into London Road and then left at the roundabout into Battle High Street.

12 Finally, walk along the High Street, passing **Battle Museum of Local History** and **Battle Abbey** on the way, and continue along Upper Lake and Lower Lake as far as Battle Railway Station on the left for trains back to Robertsbridge.



The Castle Walk

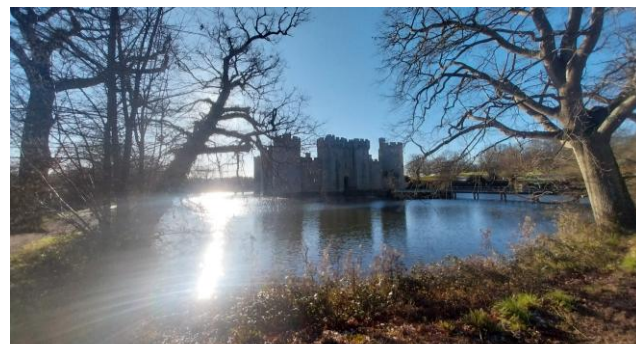


Robertsbridge community walk 19

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This walk takes in the fourteenth century Bodiam Castle, run by the National Trust. With its impressive walls and moat, Bodiam is one of the country's most picturesque castles.

For a stile and cattle free walk, return from Bodiam by following steps 1-3 in reverse.



Walk Guide

Distance: 12km/
7.5miles
Grade: Moderate
Stiles: 6
Livestock: Bulls,
Cows &
Sheep

Link to [Ordnance Survey Map](#)

Start coordinates

Grid reference
TQ 737 236

What Three Words
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spouting

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 Turn right and continue for 1.5km, past the site of [Robertsbridge Abbey](#) on the left, then take the path running to the left of Greyfriars Farm. The path continues through a grassy field before skirting a channel of the River Rother. Continue east to Junction Road, crossing a footbridge over the river channel on the way. Turn left along the busy Junction Road and take the path on the right immediately after the bridge over the Rother.

3 Follow the path along the river to Bodiam. On the way look out for signs for [Oastbrook Vineyard](#), which is accessible by path just to the north.

4 At Main Road in Bodiam, go left, passing the entrance to the moated medieval Bodiam Castle. Immediately after the [Castle Inn](#) go left again and continue past the cricket ground along the farm track to Bodiam Business Park.

5 Just after the pond, bear left and then follow the path over a cow field to Junction Road. Take the path opposite, and walk to Bourne Lane over four fields, some of which may contain bulls and cows. Now turn left and continue as far as Rocks Hill and walk south into Salehurst, home to the [Salehurst Halt](#). Follow the path south of the Church to Redlands Lane, turn right and return to Robertsbridge.



The Follies Walk



Robertsbridge community walk 20

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This walk takes in the **follies** in and around Brightling that were built in the 1800s by **Jack Fuller**, the controversial former owner of **Brightling Park estate** and MP for Sussex. It also features stunning views of the coast and South Downs.



Walk Guide

Distance: 19.5km/
12miles

Grade: Moderate

Stiles: 3

Livestock: Cows &
Sheep

Link to **Ordnance
Survey Map**

Start coordinates

Grid reference
TQ 733235

What Three Words
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remaining

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 narrow path to the side of 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 edge. 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 the **Socknersh Manor** estate.

3 After passing the Manor house, take the farm track on the left that heads south west and follow it for around 1.5km as far as Brightling Road. Now turn right and after 400m bear left along the lane to Hollingrove. At the junction at the top of the hill, continue to the right and take the path on the right that runs between some cottages. Follow the path uphill for 150m, and take the path on the left.

4 This path goes to the Tower, a 12m folly said to have views of Bodiam Castle, which Jack Fuller bought in 1828 and restored. The tower can no longer be climbed but there are good views from the nearby fields of the sea and the South and North Downs. From the Tower continue along the path down to Battle Road, turn right and then a few metres later take the bridlepath on the left.



5 Walk past the chain of lakes and the cricket pitch then turn right and walk through some farm buildings before bearing left into a sheep field. On the right there are views of Fuller's neoclassical Temple, designed by **Sir Robert Smirke**, also the architect of the British Museum. Continue along the path through the sheep fields, interspersed by a small woodland. Shortly after entering a large wood, cross the stream then bear right and follow the track uphill until it forks.

6 Take the left fork and continue for 750m as far as the road to Wood's Corner. Turn left immediately, go past a metal gate and take the path to the Sugar Loaf on the right. This folly was put up by Fuller after making a bet that he could see the spire of Dallington Church from his lawn. After realising this wasn't possible, he built the spire shaped folly to win the bet.

7 Now continue south on the path to Battle Road. Turn right, walk past the **Swan Inn** in Wood's Corner and at the junction turn right. Follow the Brightling road for just over 1km before turning left along the Burwash road.



8 The Observatory is soon visible on the right. Now part of a private house, the tower once housed astronomical equipment and **JMW Turner** painted several landscapes there. Take the path on the right just after the house and follow it diagonally over the field to the Brightling road. The Obelisk can be seen to the left. Also known as the Needle, it lies at one of Sussex's highest points and was reportedly built to mark the Battle of Waterloo.

9 On reaching the road, turn right and walk to **Brightling Church**. In the churchyard look out for Jack Fuller's mausoleum, a pyramid commissioned several decades before his death in 1838. Back on the road, walk south to the road junction, go through the gate and follow the path to Hollingrove.

10 Turn left and at the junction bear right and follow the road for around 3km. Around 200m after passing the lane to Mountfield Park Farm, look out for a path on the left. Go through the gate and head uphill through the field to the wood. On the other side of the wood continue straight across the field and head down the track at the far end. Follow the track to Glottenham Manor nursing home, then continue along the lane towards Robertsbridge. Shortly before the railway bridge take the path on the left that runs to Bishop's Meadow. Go through the gate into Bishops Lane and walk through Mill Rise to the railway station.

