

Welcome to the High Weald National Landscape, an unspoilt medieval landscape. There are a number of ups and downs on this walk, visiting a secluded, and at times, a spectacular waterfall.

Distance and duration	A 6 mile walk, taking about 3 hours
Level	Moderate
Start point / Post code	Etchingham railway station. TN19 7PA
OS map reference What-3-Words	Explorer 136, TQ714263 https://what3words.com/trusts.dynamic.obligated
Other information	Parking charges apply at the station. Some free roadside parking at the weekend Click here to download a GPX file of the route

I-Spy - Things to look out for in the landscape



Two

This walk was kindly provided by Heather Rae a member of [Rother Ramblers](#)

The walk starts from St Nicholas' Church, next to the Station

Walk through the churchyard and out onto Church Hill

Continue on the road, over the railway bridge and three small river bridges to find a footpath on the left, through a hedge.

The footpath follows the bank of the river then turns slightly uphill towards a stile in a gap in the hedge. (Note the pillbox hidden in the bushes on the right).

Continue west and slightly uphill, towards the hedge-line and a house on the hill.

At the top corner of the field go over a stile next to a metal gate, onto a track.

A few yards along the track take a path to the right, then bear left through a wooded area to cross another track. Straight across the track to follow a well-signed path (avoiding a left turn) through the wood to the road (Sheepstreet Lane).

Turn right and walk along this quiet road, almost to the junction, to take the second bridle path on the left, by Church Hill Cottage.

Bear right past Limden House and follow the bridlepath down through the woods. Cross a stream into the field.

Walk diagonally uphill towards a gap in the tree-line. Through gap to right and follow hedge-line to a gate in corner.

Here join a sunken path as far as London Barn Farm. Quietly cross the yard and parking area to join the lane.

At Swiftsden Farm, turn right in front of the house and follow the path along the valley.

At the far end go left over a stile and bridge, and climb the hill ahead to the farm buildings of Bellhurst and the farm track.

Turn right onto the track, then left past the open barn.

Here you are making a detour to Devil's Leap and you will retrace your steps to this point.

Follow the path down to a clearing and junction of paths and stream.

Take the very first small path on the left which initially hugs the stream edge, and follow this uphill and north, as the stream and its steep ghyll drop away to your left.

Soon after a huge beech tree on the left, with a rope swing, you will see paths and access to the Devil's Leap, a ledge of Ashdown Sandstone with waterfall – its force very dependent on recent rainfall.

The Right of Way terminates shortly beyond this point, though a permissive path allows local walkers to join other paths and access the A21.

Here our walk stops to enjoy the woods and water, (and at bluebell time the wonderful colours and perfume) before retracing the route to Bellhurst and the open barn.

Three

Turn left, through a gate and onto the track. Where the track veers to the left, find a stile on the right. Follow this path to cross a bridge over a stream.

Continue ahead and slightly left, to follow the valley to its end, through two gates to reach the road (Fysie Lane).

Go straight across, through a kissing-gate onto a well-trodden path to a footbridge.

Follow the path along the stream, cross a bridge on the left, turn right and reach the main road (A265). Here you turn right to return to the Station and the Church.

This walk description was checked for accuracy in April 2023.

At all times please follow the Countryside Code



Respect everyone

- be considerate to those living in, working in and enjoying the countryside
- leave gates and property as you find them
- do not block access to gateways or driveways when parking
- be nice, say hello, share the space
- follow local signs and keep to marked paths unless wider access is available

Protect the environment

- take your litter home – leave no trace of your visit
- do not light fires and only have barbeques where signs say you can
- always keep dogs under control and in sight
- dog poo – bag it and bin it – any public waste bin will do
- care for nature – do not cause damage or disturbance

Enjoy the outdoors

- check your route and local conditions
- plan your adventure – know what to expect and what you can do
- enjoy your visit, have fun, make a memory

