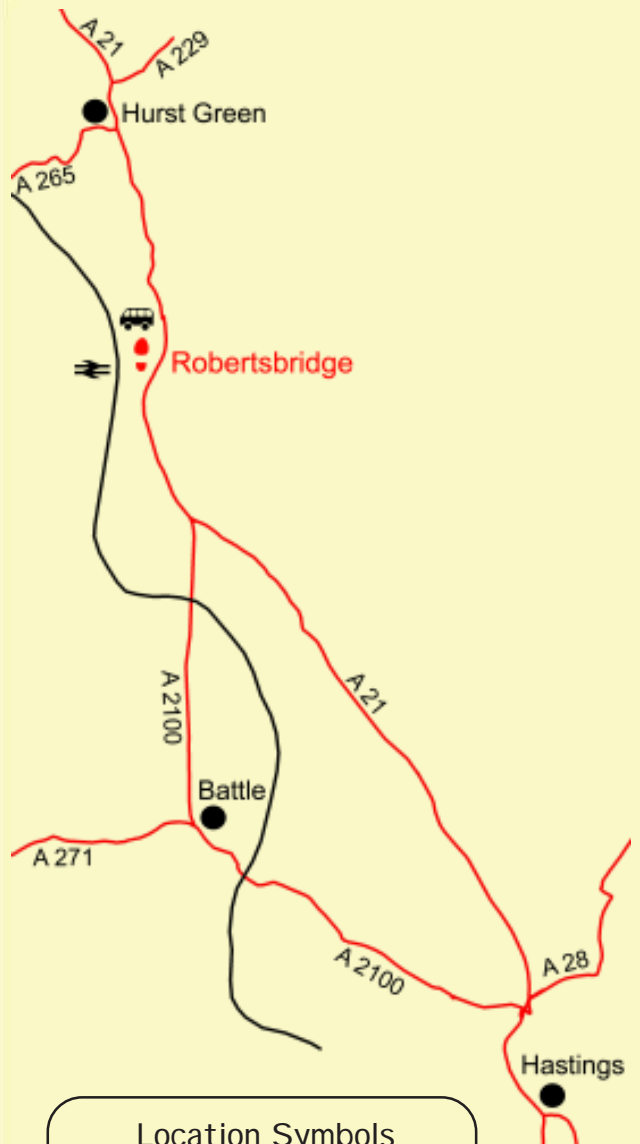


Location Map



Location Symbols

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

Essential Information

Distance:
5 miles/8 kms

Walk grade:
 Typical country walk with some hills, stiles and muddy paths (depending on weather)

Maps:
OS Explorer 124
OS Landranger 199

Start/Finish:
Public Car Park, Station Road
TQ 737236

Public Transport:
Buses: Bus services operate Monday to Saturday between Maidstone and Hastings with a stop in Robertsbridge High Street
Trains: Robertsbridge Station is on the London to Hastings line and has a regular service

Parking:
There is a free public car park in Station Road.



Robertsbridge 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 Countryside Code

- Be Safe - plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people

Tourist Information Centre

Battle Abbey, High Street, Battle

Tel: 01424 773721

Fax: 01424 773436

email: battletic@rother.gov.uk

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Refreshments and Local Services

(see map for location)

- 1 Glenferness**
Bed & Breakfast Accommodation -
01580 881841
- 2 Village Butchers**
Butchers and vegetable sales -
01580 880403
- 3 Alliance Pharmacy**
Pharmacy - 01580 880237
- 4 The Floral Boutique**
Florist - 01580 880977
- 5 Mark Ripley Forge and Fireplaces**
Iron Work and Fireplace Showroom -
01580 880325
- 6 The Country Larder**
Brown's Farm Shop - 01580 881997
- 7 Oakwood Farm**
Organic Farm shop selling fruit, cider
and juice - 01580 830893
- 8 John's Cross Inn**
Public House and Restaurant -
01580 882154
- 9 Sedlescombe Organic Vineyard**
Organic Vineyard and Shope selling
wines, cider and juice - Hawkshurst Road,
Cripps Corner, 0800 9802884

Please note that inclusion of business details in this leaflet does not constitute an endorsement of the business by East Sussex County Council or its agents.

We hope that you enjoy the walk in this leaflet, which is one of a series produced by East Sussex County Council.

Copies of the leaflets for other walks in the series are available from Tourist Information Centres and libraries or direct from East Sussex County Council, by contacting the Rights of Way Team:-

By phone on:-

01273 482250 / 482354 / 482324

By post at:-

Transport and Environment Department
County Hall

St. Anne's Crescent
Lewes BN7 1UE

By e-mail at:-

rightsofway@eastsussex.gov.uk

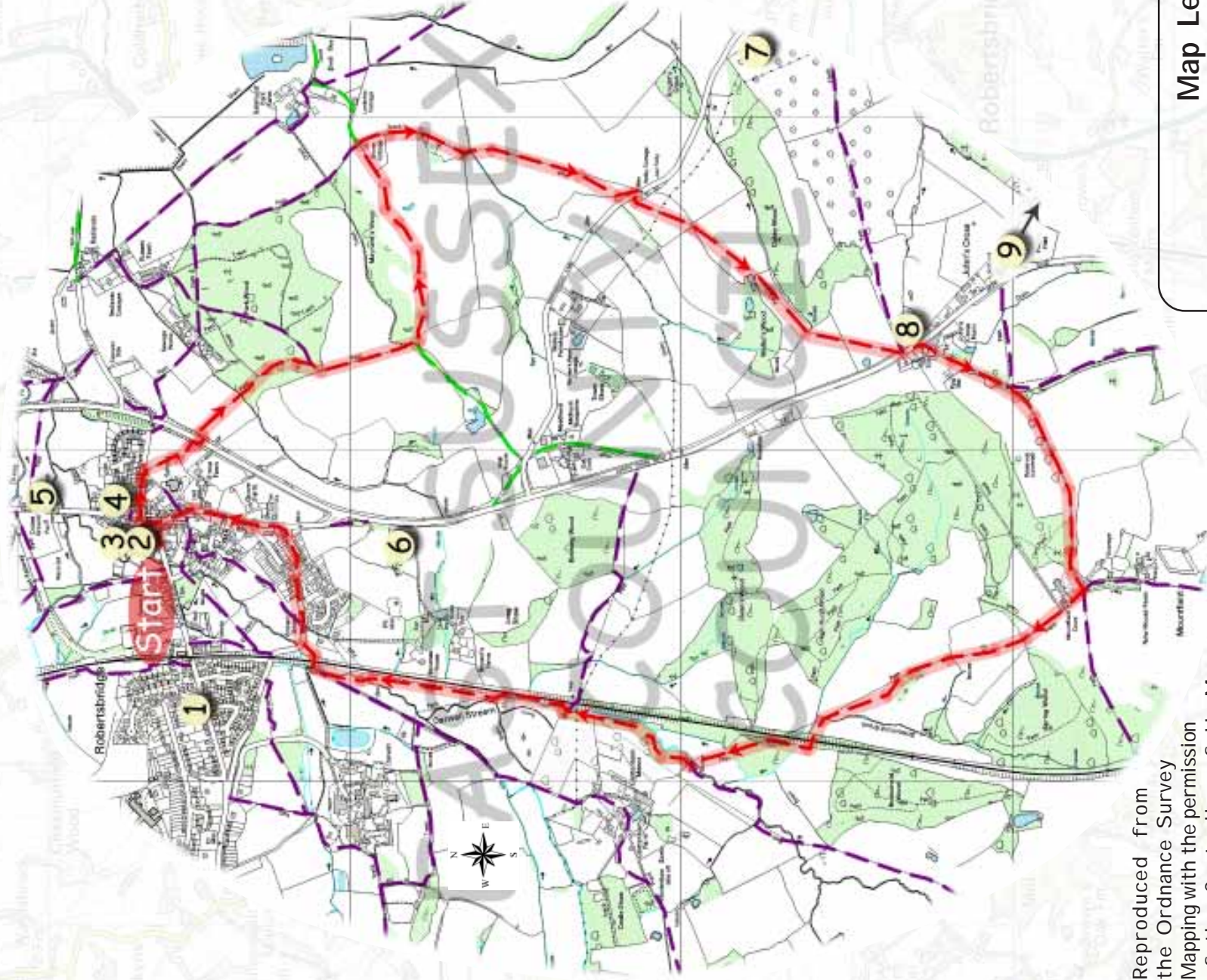
By downloading from the website at:-

www.eastsussex.gov.uk

If any problems are encountered on the walk please report them to the above contact points.

This route is based on one published by Countryside Books in the book Village Walks in East Sussex. If you enjoyed the walk and would like to explore further similar ones, the guide book can be purchased through local booksellers:-
ISBN 1-85306-505-6

Robertsbridge Walk



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Map Legend

- Refreshments & Local Services (see over for details)
- Route
- Other Public Footpaths
- Other Public Bridleway





Oast House viewed through the trees

Starting from the public car park in Station Road, Robertsbridge village centre, turn right to head uphill towards the High Street. Turn left at the junction to follow the High Street for a short distance before turning right into Fair Lane, beside the Seven Stars public house. Follow the lane for a distance of approximately 160 metres (175 yds.) before turning right to follow the enclosed section of path around the school playing fields. Cross the stile at the end of the enclosed path, and cross the field to another stile, leading onto the main A21. Cross the main road and continue along the signposted footpath crossing the next field in the direction indicated to reach the woodland.

Follow the waymarked path through the wood until you reach a five-way junction. Take the right-hand signposted footpath, to leave the wood. Turn left over a stile, before turning right to follow the field edge path, keeping the hedge to your right. Continue to follow this path to reach a junction with a bridleway. Turn left and follow the bridleway downhill, through a gate and into woodland. On reaching the path junction at Stone Cottage, turn right and follow the footpath initially downhill, then over a hill to reach Poppinghole Lane. Turn right to follow the road for a few metres, before

turning left over a stile onto the signposted footpath. The route now crosses a number of fields, continue to follow the waymarked path, over the stiles, before reaching a kissing gate, leading to the main A21 at Johns Cross.

Turn left along the main road, crossing in front of the pub, and then continue on the footpath opposite, signposted along the lane. Follow the lane for approximately 950 metres (600 yds.) passing to the side of Mountfield Court. Turn right at the path junction to follow the track to the rear of Mountfield Court. After passing through two gates, continue to follow the waymarked path across the next field. After crossing the stile next to the field gate, continue to follow the route through the next field to reach a tunnel under the railway.

After going under the railway, turn right through the gate and follow for short distance to the footbridge. Continue along the waymarked path, bearing left, through the small woodland to reach another footbridge. Continue across the next field to a further footbridge. Turn right at the signposted footpath junction, crossing a stile, and follow the watercourse keeping it to your right. Follow the route turning right across the footbridge, and then immediately left along the enclosed section between the stream and railway line.

At the end of the enclosed path, turn right and cross a stile and follow the path beside the railway line, crossing a large footbridge and on to reach the path junction at the lane. Turn right onto the lane and follow under the railway bridge. Turn right at the road junction and follow the road up hill. Turn left at the next road junction to follow George Hill back to Robertsbridge High Street and the end of the walk.



Chestnut Avenue

Janina Holubecki/High Weald AONB Unit



Autumn colours and cottages in Robertsbridge

Robertsbridge

The main focus for the village of Robertsbridge was as a resting point for people travelling between London and Hastings. The number of Wealden Hall Houses in the village, show that it was a wealthy place in the 14th and 15th centuries.

By the 19th century the village had become renowned for the manufacture of cricket bats, which are still made in the village today.