




### Location Map



#### Location Symbols

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

### Essential Information

**Distance:**  
5 miles/8 kms

**Walk grade:**  
Easy, generally level walking with some stiles and muddy patches (depending on weather).

**Maps:**  
OS Explorer 124  
OS Landranger 199

**Start/Finish:**  
Pevensey & Westham Railway Station  
TQ 639044

**Public Transport:**  
**Buses:** A limited service is available from Eastbourne and Bexhill.  
**Trains:** Pevensey & Westham Station is on the Eastbourne to Hastings line and has a regular service.

**Parking:**  
Parking is available in Westham



# Pevensey Castle 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 Country Code

Enjoy the countryside and respect its life and work.

Guard against all risk of fire.

Leave gates as you find them.

Keep your dog under close control in the presence of animals.

Keep to public rights of way.

Use gates and stiles to cross fences, hedges and walls.

Leave livestock, crops and machinery alone.

Take your litter home.

Help to keep all water clean.

Protect wildlife, plants and trees.

Take special care on country roads.

Make no unnecessary noise.

### **Tourist Information Centre**

Cornfield Road, Eastbourne

Tel: 01323 411400

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## *Refreshments and Local Services*

(see map for location)

- 1 The Swan Fish Shop**  
Fish & Chip Shop - 01323 767843
- 2 Horeaus Restaurant**  
Seafood Restaurant - 01323 741037
- 3 Castle Pharmacy**  
Pharmacy - 01323 763750
- 4 The Heron**  
Public House - 01323 761041
- 5 George's Newsagents**  
Newsagent and General Store - 01323 762375
- 6 Priory Court Hotel**  
Accommodation - 01323 763150
- 7 The Smugglers Inn**  
Public House - 01323 762112
- 8 The Royal Oak & Castle**  
Public House
- 9 The Court House & Museum**  
Museum and Town Trust - 01323 460174
- 10 Fairfields Farm**  
Caravan & Camping Park - 01323 763165
- 11 Bay View Park**  
Holiday Homes, Touring & Camping Site - Pevensey Bay, 01323 768688

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## **Pevensey Castle**

The Castle is an English Heritage property and is open to the public throughout the year. For detailed opening times tel: 01323 762604.

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

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01273 482250 / 482354 / 482324

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Transport and Environment Department  
County Hall  
St. Anne's Crescent  
Lewes BN7 1UE

**By e-mail at:-**  
[rightsofway@eastsussexcc.gov.uk](mailto:rightsofway@eastsussexcc.gov.uk)

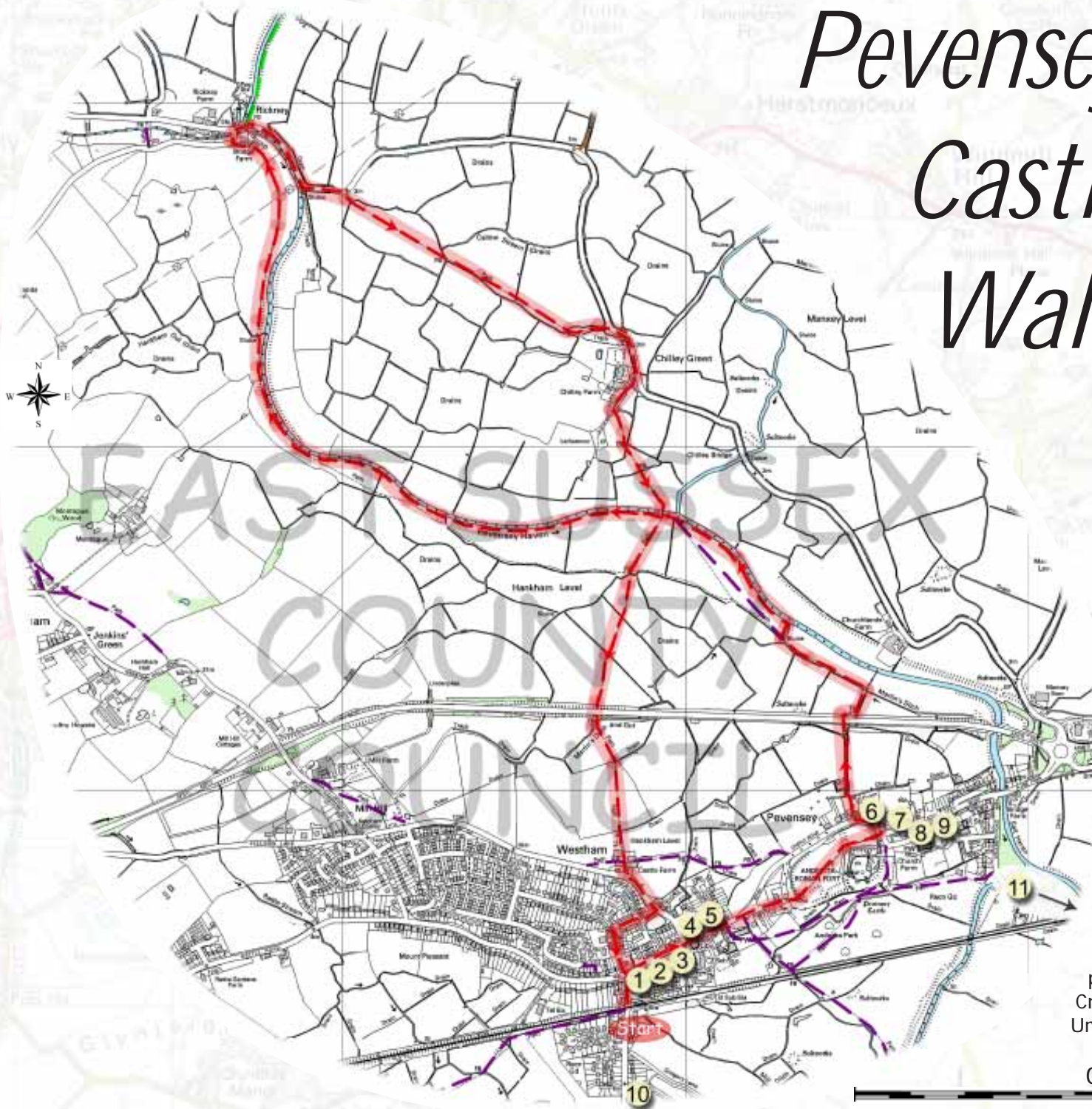
**By downloading from the website at:-**  
[www.eastsussexcc.gov.uk](http://www.eastsussexcc.gov.uk)

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






# Pevensy Castle Walk



Pevensy Castle



## Map Legend

-  Refreshments & Local Services
-  Route
-  Other Public Footpaths
-  Other Public Bridleways
-  Byway Open to All Traffic

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View across Hankham Level

Starting from Westham railway station, turn right onto Eastbourne Road and follow for the short distance to the road junction. Turn right and follow the High Street to the Church, immediately after which, bear right at the road junction. Continue to follow the road until it turns sharp left. At this point go through the hand gate and straight ahead into the castle. The route runs through the outer bailey of Pevensey Castle, coming out onto Pevensey High Street.

*Dating from the Roman period, the original fortress of Pevensey Castle was used as the basis of a Norman Castle. Minor repairs were carried out to the outer bailey walls, whilst a new inner bailey was built at the eastern end. Many periods of development are visible at Pevensey, including gun emplacements and pill boxes which were built as part of World War II defences.*

After leaving the castle, cross the road and turn left to follow the roadside pavement for a short distance, before turning right onto the bridleway marked 1066 Country Walk. Follow this path to the main A259, and cross with care. Continue to follow the well defined, fenced path, around the field edges on the north side of the A259.

Beyond the next gate the path divides. Turn right to continue following the bridleway around the field edge, keeping to the banks of the Pevensey Haven. Continue to follow the route along the banks of the Pevensey Haven for approximately 1.5 miles (2.5 kms), keeping to the waymarked bridleway and 1066 Country Walk. Before reaching the lane, the route passes to the left of a pylon, and then along a narrower track beside Bridge Farm.

Turn right onto the lane and then right at the road junction. Follow the lane for approximately 420 metres (385 yds.) to the next footpath on the right. Follow the waymarked path, bearing left along the field edge before crossing the next field in the direction waymarked to reach a footbridge. Bear right to follow the path along the edges of the next two fields before joining an unsurfaced track. Bear left and follow the track to the lane.

Turn right onto the lane and follow for a short distance to Chilley Farm, turning right into the farm along the signposted footpath, following the route to the end of the concrete section of drive. Turn left onto the path signposted from the field gate and then across the field to a footbridge. Cross the next field to a second footbridge, and then straight across another field to a large footbridge crossing the Pevensey Haven.

After crossing the bridge, head across the levels in the direction waymarked, heading towards a field gate and stile. Continue on the waymarked path to reach a stile and steps leading back onto the A259.

Cross the road with care, and then after a stile and footbridge, follow the waymarked path across the field. Cross the sleeper bridge and stile, and follow the route in the direction indicated, heading towards the farm buildings. Follow the path through the farmyard and then turn left onto Peelings Lane.

Follow the lane for a short distance before turning right into Mortain Road. Follow the road past the village pond, and at the end turn right and immediately left. Follow this road to its junction with Pevensey Park Road and turn left. Continue to the end of the road, before crossing the High Street and following Eastbourne Road back the short distance to the railway station, and the start of the walk.



View towards Pevensey Castle