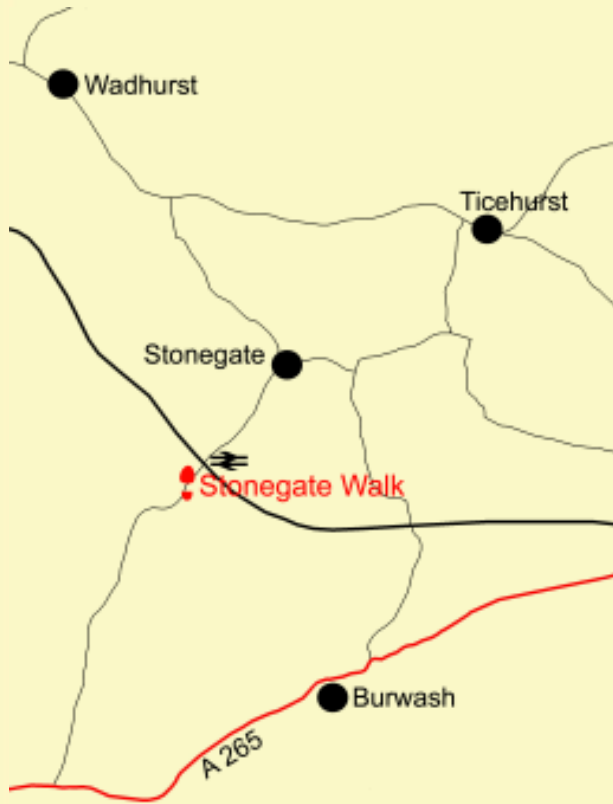




Location Map




Location Symbols

-  Railway Station
-  Walk Location

Essential Information

Distance:
5.5 miles/9 km

Walk grade:

 Typical country walk with some hills and stiles, paths can be muddy (depending upon weather)

Maps:
OS Explorer 136
OS Landranger 199

Start/Finish:
Stonegate Railway Station
TQ 659272

Public Transport:
Trains: Stonegate Station is on the London to Hastings line and has a regular service

Parking:
Parking is available at Stonegate Station



Stonegate 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

The information contained in this leaflet was correct at the time of printing (June 2005)

Refreshments and Local Services

(see map for location)

- 1 Birdbrook Farm**
Farm Shop, selling fresh meat and produce - 01435 883517
- 2 Little Tidebrook Farm**
Bed and Breakfast Accommodation - Riseden Road, Tidebrook, Wadhurst, 01892 782688
- 3 Coopers Farm**
Self Catering Accommodation - Bardown Road, Stonegate, 01580 200386
- 4 Bardown Farm**
Organic Farm - Bardown Road, Stonegate, 01580 200452

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

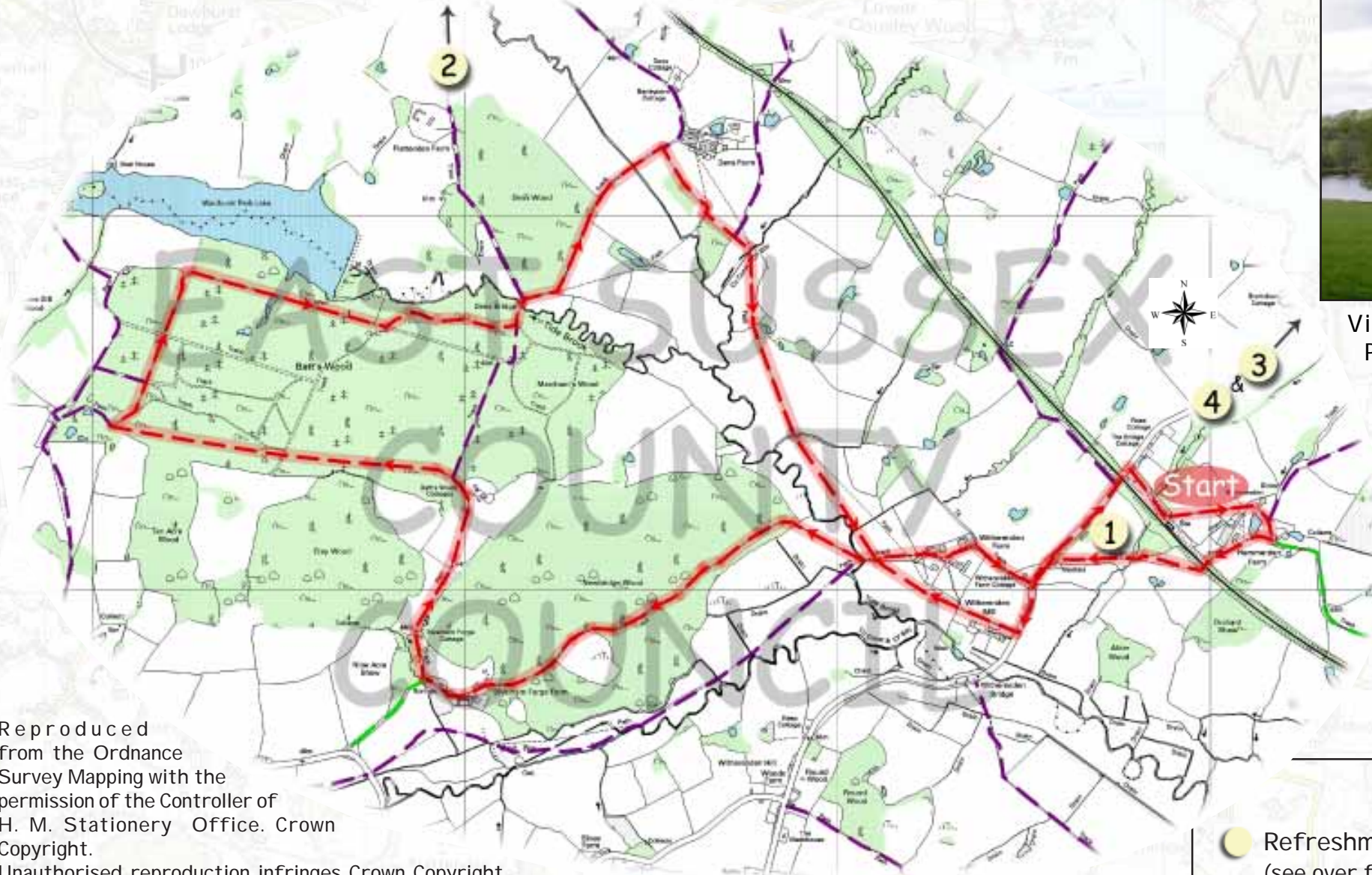
If any problems are encountered on the walk please report them to the above contact points.

Printed on elemental chlorine-free paper using wood pulp obtained from sustainable forests.

Stonegate Walk



View across Wadhurst Park Lake



Reproduced from the Ordnance Survey Mapping with the permission of the Controller of H. M. Stationery Office. Crown Copyright.

Unauthorised reproduction infringes Crown Copyright and may lead to prosecution or civil proceedings. East Sussex County Council - 100019601, 2005.

Map Legend

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





A view from the walk

follow the delineated bridleway across the field, and into Newbridge Wood. Bear left just inside the wood and follow the main bridleway to reach Bivelham Forge Farm.

Follow the waymarked path, through the farm, and after the main gate, turn right at the path junction, to follow the footpath signposted to Batts Wood. Continue along the route uphill as waymarked, heading towards Batts Wood Cottage. Follow the track through the field gate beside the cottage, and after passing the woodland interpretation board, turn left at the path junction.

Follow the long woodland ride through Batts Wood. At the end of the ride turn right, as waymarked, and then turn first right, and then left, at the waymark posts, to follow the footpath downhill. At the next waymarked path junction, continue straight ahead, from which point the path descends more steeply. At the bottom of the hill, turn right and follow the route alongside the deer fence, with Wadhurst Park Lake beyond the trees to your left. Continue along the edge of Batts Wood, bearing left off the main track as waymarked onto a narrower path, and follow to the next waymarked path junction, turning left to cross a stile and leave Batts Wood. Shortly after crossing the stream, turn right at the next path junction.

Follow the path along the edge of the meadow, with the woodland to your left and after a short distance turn left as waymarked to follow the well defined path just inside the woodland. At the end of the woodland, follow the waymarked path along the field edge and continue along the surfaced track. At the next signposted path junction, turn right, through the field gate, and follow the field edge, with the boundary to your right. From the handgate in the field corner, cross the next small field to a second handgate and then bear right and continue in the direction waymarked to a third handgate. Beyond this, cross the large field in the direction waymarked, heading towards a stile.

Cross the next field as waymarked, and beyond the footbridge, continue across another small field to the stile. Instead of crossing the stile, turn left and follow the bridleway uphill to a field gate. Beyond the gate, follow the route through the farm and along the driveway to reach the road. Turn left and follow the road back to the station car park entrance. Turn right and continue through the car park to reach the station and the end of the walk.

Starting from Stonegate Station, follow the signposted footpath along the concrete driveway almost opposite the station building. Turn right in front of the main house to continue along the drive, before turning right again at the first field gate. Follow the path along the edge of the field, with the lake and barns to your right, to reach a bridleway gate in the field corner. Beyond the gate, cross the bridge over the railway, and continue across the next field in the direction waymarked, heading towards the corner of the woodland. From the gate in the corner of this field, continue along the wide grass track to reach the road.

Turn left and follow the road, ignoring the first signposted route to Witherenden Farm, and continuing to the next signposted footpath, turning right along the driveway beside the Oast House. At the point where the drive bears right, continue straight ahead along the signposted footpath, crossing a stile.

Cross the field in the direction indicated to reach a stile and path junction. After crossing the stile, turn left to follow the bridleway downhill to a field gate. Beyond the gate, bear right and



Bluebells in Newbridge Wood