




Location Map




Location Symbols

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

Essential Information

Distance:
2.5 miles/4 kms

Walk grade:
 An easy walk along country lanes and across fields with a few stiles

Maps:
OS Explorer 123
OS Landranger 199

Start/Finish:
The Lamb Inn TQ 510101

Public Transport:
Buses: A regular service operates between Eastbourne and Tunbridge Wells with a stop at Golden Cross (approx. 3.5 miles from the walk)
Trains: Berwick Station (approx. 3 miles from Ripe) is on the Eastbourne to Lewes line and has a regular service

Parking:
Parking is available in Ripe



Ripe 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

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

Refreshments and Local Services

(see map for location)

- 1 The Lamb Inn**
Public House and Restaurant - 01323 811280
- 2 Ripe Post Office and Stores**
Village Post Office and Convenience Store - 01323 811811
- 3 Eckington House**
Bed and Breakfast Accommodation - 01323 811274
- 4 The Barley Mow & Cowstall**
Public House and Restaurant - Selmeston, 01323 811322
- 5 The Plough**
Public House - Coldharbour Road, Upper Dicker, 01323 844859
- 6 Village Marquee Co Ltd**
Marquee Hire - 01323 811294
- 7 Chalvington Barns**
Barn Conversion, Town and Rural Developments - 01323 811701
- 8 The Yew Tree Inn**
Public House and Restaurant - 01323 811326
- 9 Inn on the Park**
Public House and Restaurant - Deanland Wood Park, Golden Cross, 01825 872406
- 10 Golden Cross Inn**
Public House - Golden Cross, 01825 872216

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County Hall
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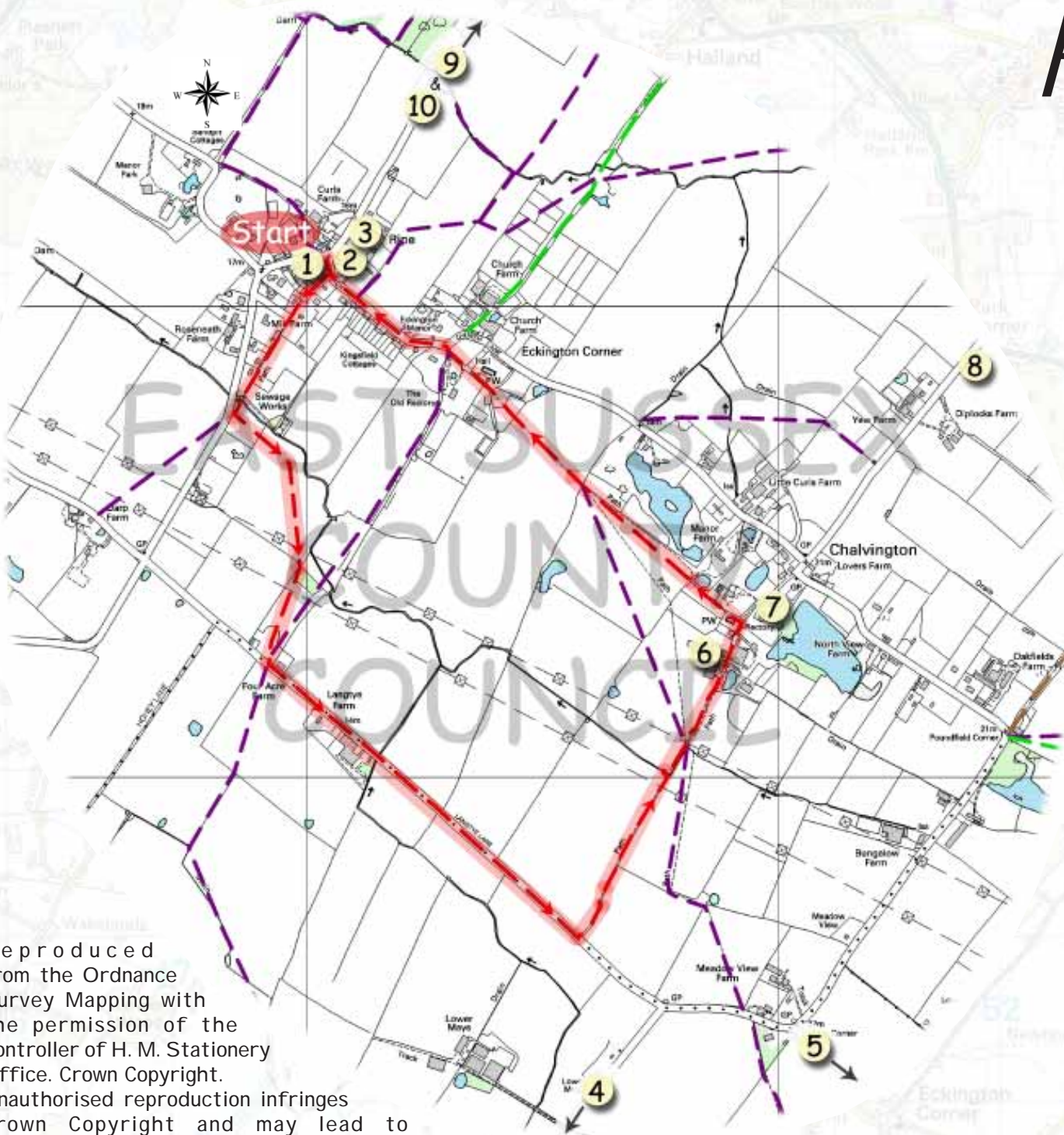
By e-mail at:-
rightsofway@eastsussex.gov.uk

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 *Pub Strolls 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 1-85306-670-2

Ripe Walk



Ripe Church

Map Legend

-  Refreshments & Local Services (see over for details)
-  Route
-  Other Public Footpaths
-  Other Public Bridleway
-  Byways Open to All Traffic

0.5 miles



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View towards the South Downs

Starting from the centre of Ripe village at the Lamb Inn, head along Church Lane, signposted to Chalvington. Immediately beside the pub, turn right to head down the driveway. At the end of the surfaced drive, continue straight ahead along the narrow, enclosed path between the drive entrances, as waymarked. Follow the enclosed route, through the gate, to reach another gate beside an access track. Cross the track, to the footbridge, and then continue ahead to reach the road.

Turn almost immediately left onto the signposted footpath, crossing a small sleeper bridge and stile. Head straight across the field in the direction indicated, to reach a second stile, a few metres to the left of a field gate. Continue straight ahead into the next field for a distance of 80 metres (85 yds.), before bearing right to follow the

route to a stile in the field corner. Cross the stile, and then almost immediately, cross a second stile and follow the well defined path towards a gate. Beyond this gate, follow the route across the gravel driveway, to reach a another gate beside the road.

Turn left to join Langtye Lane, and follow this for a distance of approximately 900 metres (980 yds.), before turning left again onto the signposted bridleway. The route now follows a field edge path, with hedges to your right. After the bridleway passes through the gap at an old gateway, continue to follow the field edge route, heading towards the barns of Church Farm. Continue through the farmyard to join the lane.

On reaching the Church, turn left, going through the ornate iron gate, to follow the path through the churchyard to reach a second iron gate on the far side. Follow the route beyond, along the field edge path, with the boundary to your right, to reach a kissing gate. *From this section of the route there are some wide reaching views towards the South Downs.* Continue along the edge of the next field, still with the boundary to your right, before crossing another field, heading towards Ripe Church to reach a stile. Cross the two small paddocks, and then continue, through the kissing gate to follow the path along the edge of the Churchyard. Beyond the churchyard, continue to follow the route ahead, along the driveway to reach Church Lane.

Turn left to follow Church Lane for a distance of 330 metres (360 yds.) back to the centre of Ripe village, and the end of the walk at the Lamb Inn.



The Old Cottage

Ripe and Chalvington

The villages of Ripe and Chalvington, through both of which this route runs, are close neighbours, which still retain their individual characteristics. One of the most eye-catching houses in Ripe is The Old Cottage, a timber framed building covered in a large number of carvings. Dating from the 16th century, the house looks like no other in the village.

The tiny church in Chalvington is unusual, being constructed of local flint from the South Downs. It has a wooden tower which has leant slightly since the storms of October 1987. The church also has some ancient stained glass which can be dated to the 13th century.