




Harley Shute Walk

Location Map



Location Symbols

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

Essential Information

Distance:
3.5 miles/6 km

Walk grade:



A generally easy walk, without stiles, but some hilly sections, and a pedestrian bridge over the railway line

Maps:

OS Explorer 124
OS Landranger 199

Start/Finish:

West St Leonards Railway Station
TQ 789090

Public Transport:

Buses: Regular bus services operate along the coast, and local Hastings and Bexhill services operate with stops close to West St Leonards Railway Station

Trains: West St Leonards Station is on the London to Hastings line and has a regular service

Parking:

On street parking is available in the vicinity of West St Leonards Station



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

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Refreshments and Local Services

(see map for location)

- 1 Filsham Farm House**
Bed & Breakfast Accommodation - 01424 433109
- 2 West St Leonards Post Office**
Post Office - 01424 420791
- 3 Appleyards Butchers**
Butchers - 01424 421267
- 4 Marina Park Stores**
Convenience Store - 01424 440275
- 5 Wilson & Sons**
Bakery - 01424 201531
- 6 Sherwood Guest House**
Bed & Breakfast Accommodation - 01424 433331
- 7 Rutland Guest House**
Bed & Breakfast Accommodation - 01424 714720
- 8 The Marina Fountain**
Public House - 01424 424095
- 9 Scotts News**
Newsagent - 01424 426070

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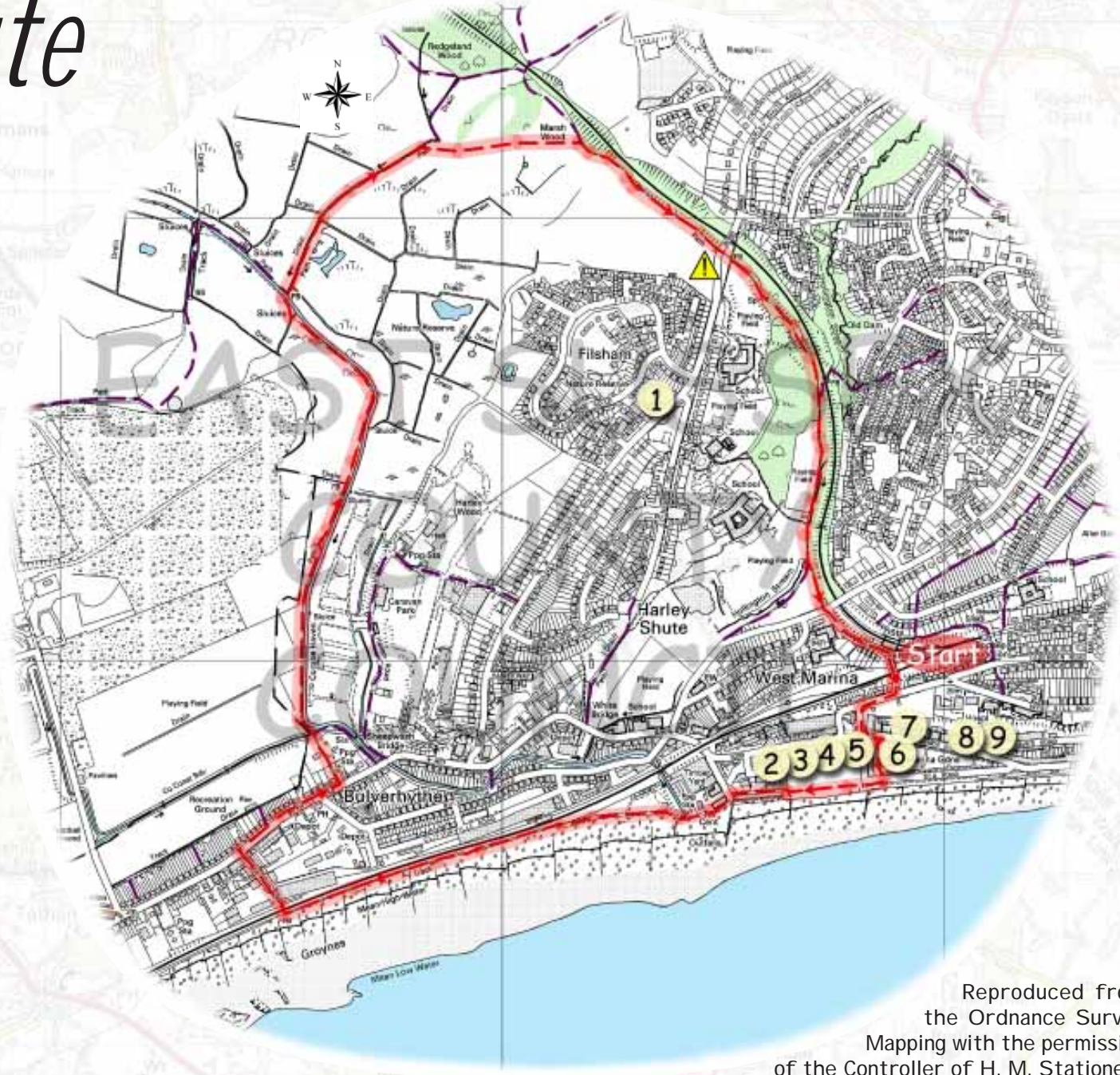
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Fishing Boats on the beach



Map Legend

-  Refreshments & Local Services (see over for details)
-  Beware of Traffic
-  Route
-  Other Public Footpaths
-  Byways Open to all Traffic

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Starting from West St Leonards Station, turn left to follow St Vincents Road to its junction with West Hill Road. Turn right and follow for a short distance before turning left into Keats Close. On reaching the main A259, at the end of Keats Close, cross and then turn left, and after a short distance, turn right into the West Marina Gardens, beside the Bowls Club.

Turn right and follow the path around the bowling green, before crossing Sea Road to reach the seafront. Turn right to follow the footpath and cycle route. At the end of the cycle route, turn left to follow the route along the short section of road which crosses the Combe Haven near its sea outfall. Continue ahead, to follow the unsurfaced track, running through the area of beach huts.

Continue to follow the route to the rear of the beach, with the railway to your right, to reach a footbridge over the railway. *At the base of the bridge is an information board about the Dutch East Indiaman 'Amsterdam' which has lain buried in the sands here since running aground in 1749.*

Cross the footbridge and follow Bridge Way beyond, to its junction with the main A259. Turn right and after a short distance, use the pedestrian crossing to cross the main road. Continue to follow the A259 in the same direction before turning left onto the signposted footpath which leads to a small car park and sports fields.

On reaching the Combe Haven, bear right to follow the bankside path, with the water course on your right hand side and the sports fields beyond the hedgerow to your left. The route now follows the banks of the Combe Haven for a total distance of approximately 1 km ($\frac{2}{3}$ mile). Ignoring the first main footbridge crossing the Haven, continue to follow the banktop path to reach a stile beside a field gate. Just after the stile, turn right to cross the footbridge over the Combe Haven.



View across the Combe Haven valley



The Seafront at Bulverhythe

Turn left after the bridge, before bearing right, pass the small bridge to your left, and follow the path along the line of the drainage ditch. Continue to follow the route with the drainage channel to your left, and the Sussex Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve to your right.

After approximately 450 metres (500 yds.) the path bears right away from the drainage ditch. Continue to follow the well defined path, bearing left at the first junction. Follow the route around the edge of a small area of woodland, and then on to join the footpath at the foot of the railway embankment. Turn right to follow the path uphill, following the line of the railway to reach Harley Shute Road, at the top of the Hill.

Cross Harley Shute Road, taking care, and continue to follow the route along the footpath signposted to Filsham Road. The route now follows the enclosed path for a distance of 880 metres (approximately 950 yds.) running parallel to the railway line. Continue to follow the tarmaced path as it bears left and heads uphill to Filsham Road.

Cross the main road and then head along St Vincents Road almost opposite. Follow the road for a short distance back to West St Leonards Station and the end of the walk.