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


Location Symbols

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

Essential Information

Distance:
5.5 miles/9 kms

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

Maps:
 OS Explorer 135
 OS Landranger 188

Start/Finish:
 Eridge Railway Station TQ 543345

Public Transport:
Buses: Regular buses operate between Brighton and Tunbridge Wells with a request stop on the A26 a short distance from Eridge Station
Trains: Eridge Station is on the Uckfield to London line and has a regular service Monday to Saturday

Parking:
 Parking is available in the vicinity of Eridge Station



Eridge 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.

Refreshments and Local Services

(see map for location)

- 1 The Huntsman**
Public House & Restaurant -
01892 864258
- 2 Forgewood Tea Room**
Tea Rooms - Eridge Park, Sham Farm
Road, Eridge Green, 01892 750006
- 3 Nevill Crest & Gun**
Public House & Restaurant - Eridge Road,
Eridge Green, 01892 864209
- 4 Bowles Outdoor Centre**
Activity Centre - Sandhill Lane, Eridge
Green, 01892 665665
- 5 Evolution Indoor Climbing**
Indoor Climbing Centre - Plumy Feather
Farm, Lye Green, Crowborough, 01892
863659
- 6 Cherry Garden Farm Shop**
Farm Shop - Cherry Garden Hill,
Groombridge, 01892 864348
- 7 Groombridge Post Office**
Post Office - Station Road, Groombridge,
01892 864565
- 8 The Village Bakery**
Bakery - Station Road, Groombridge,
01892 864229
- 9 The Junction Inn**
Public House & Restaurant - Station Road,
Groombridge, 01892 864275

- 10 The Crown Inn**
Public House - The Green, Groombridge,
01892 864742

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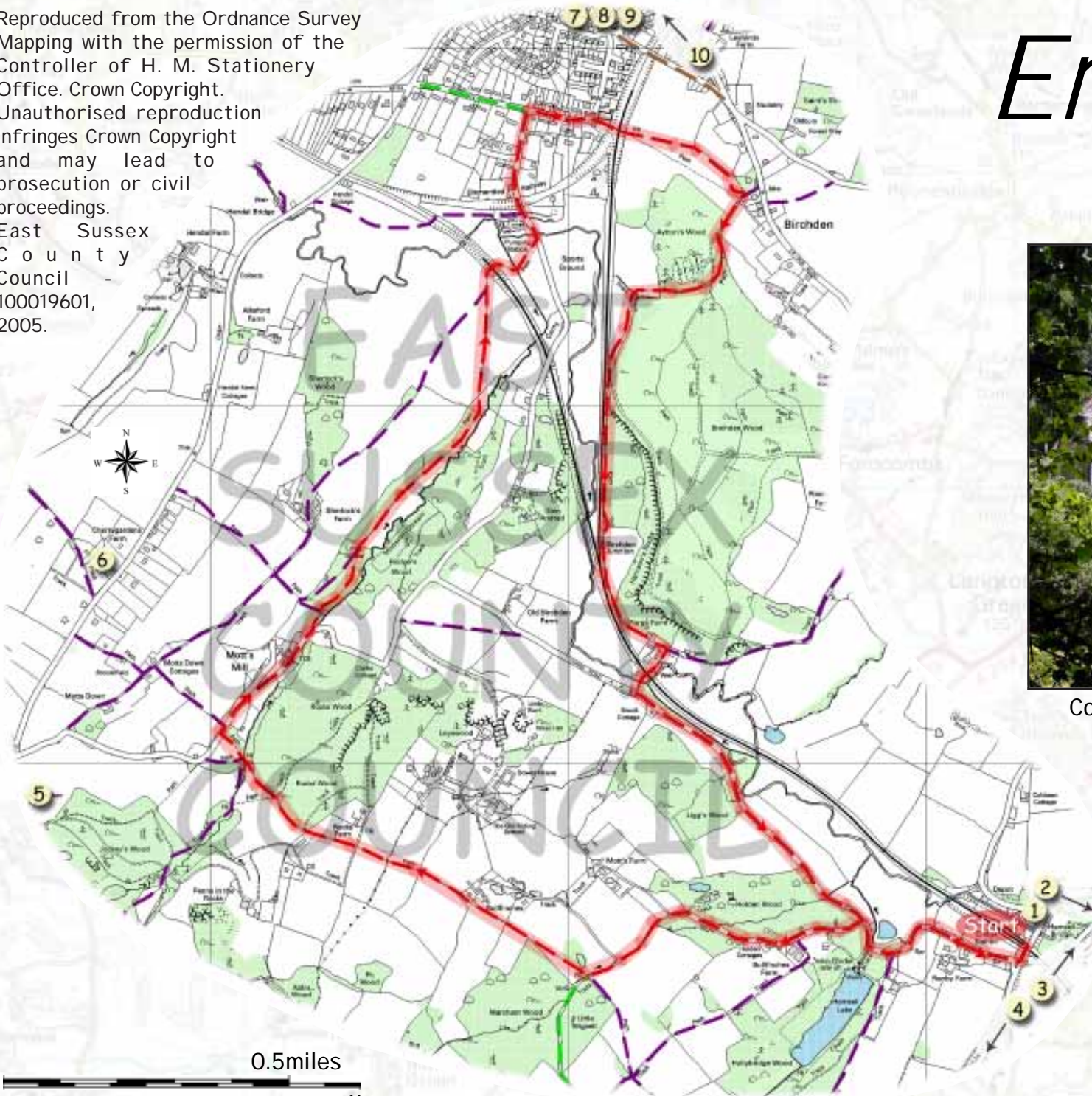
By e-mail at:-
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By downloading from the website at:-
www.eastsussex.gov.uk

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

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Cottages at Motts Mill

Map Legend

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

Starting from Eridge Station, turn right, and then right again, after a short distance, into Forge Road. Follow the lane for a distance of approximately 560 metres (600 yds.), before turning left onto the Bridleway signposted along the surfaced drive. Follow the waymarked bridleway, passing the entrances to Motts Farm and Bullfinches, and continuing along the unsurfaced section of bridleway.



View of Harrison's Rocks

At the path junction, turn right to cross the footbridge, and follow the waymarked cross field path to reach a stile beside a tennis court.

Cross the next field to the stile in front of the cottage, and then continue to along the waymarked, field edge, path. Continue to follow the path across the next three fields before descending through a small strip of woodland. Head downhill, following the footpath as it skirts the edge of Rocks Wood and on reaching the field corner, cross the footbridge and take the right hand fork at the path junction. Follow the route, climbing steeply, to reach the road.

Turn right to follow the narrow lane as it descends through the hamlet of Motts Mill. At the bottom of the hill, and just before reaching the road crossing of Mottsmill Stream, turn left and cross the gravel driveway of Valley Cottage. The route then continues along the footpath passing to the left of the garage.



The Spa Valley Railway

The Spa Valley Railway runs for 3 1/2 miles between Groombridge and Royal Tunbridge Wells, using a section of the old Eridge to Tunbridge Wells link. The preserved railway operates steam and heritage diesel locomotives.

Follow the path through the woodland, along the course of Mottsmill Stream. Continue straight ahead at the path junction to reach a handgate leading into a field. Follow the path through the long narrow field, with the woodland to your left and the stream to your right. At the far end of the field, cross the stile and bear left to the next stile. Continue across the field ahead, in the direction waymarked to reach a bridge under the railway line. Follow the waymarked route beyond the railway bridge to the road.

Turn left and follow the road into Groombridge for a distance of approximately 560 metres (600 yds.), to reach the village school. Turn right to follow the path beside the school as indicated by the waymark post. The route then crosses a railway bridge over the Spa Valley Railway.

Beyond the railway bridge, follow the fenced, field edge path to a surfaced driveway. Turn right and follow the drive, before turning left onto the waymarked, woodland path. At the bottom of the hill, continue along the waymarked path ahead, bearing left before reaching the railway line. The path now continues to run parallel to the railway, passing the pedestrian entrance to Harrison's Rocks.

The sandstone outcrops forming Harrison's Rocks were formed by a sedimentary process during the Cretaceous Period, about 135 million years ago. Popular with climbers, and managed by the British Mountaineering Council, the rocks are also open to walkers (please see notice boards by pedestrian entrance for access information).

Continue to follow the path alongside the railway line to reach a handgate. The path now descends gently through a small area of woodland before passing Birchden Forge. Turn right at the waymarked junction in front of the Oast House, and follow the driveway to the road. Take great care when crossing the mainline railway. Turn left and follow Forge Road back towards Eridge Station. At the end of the road turn left to reach the station and the end of the walk.