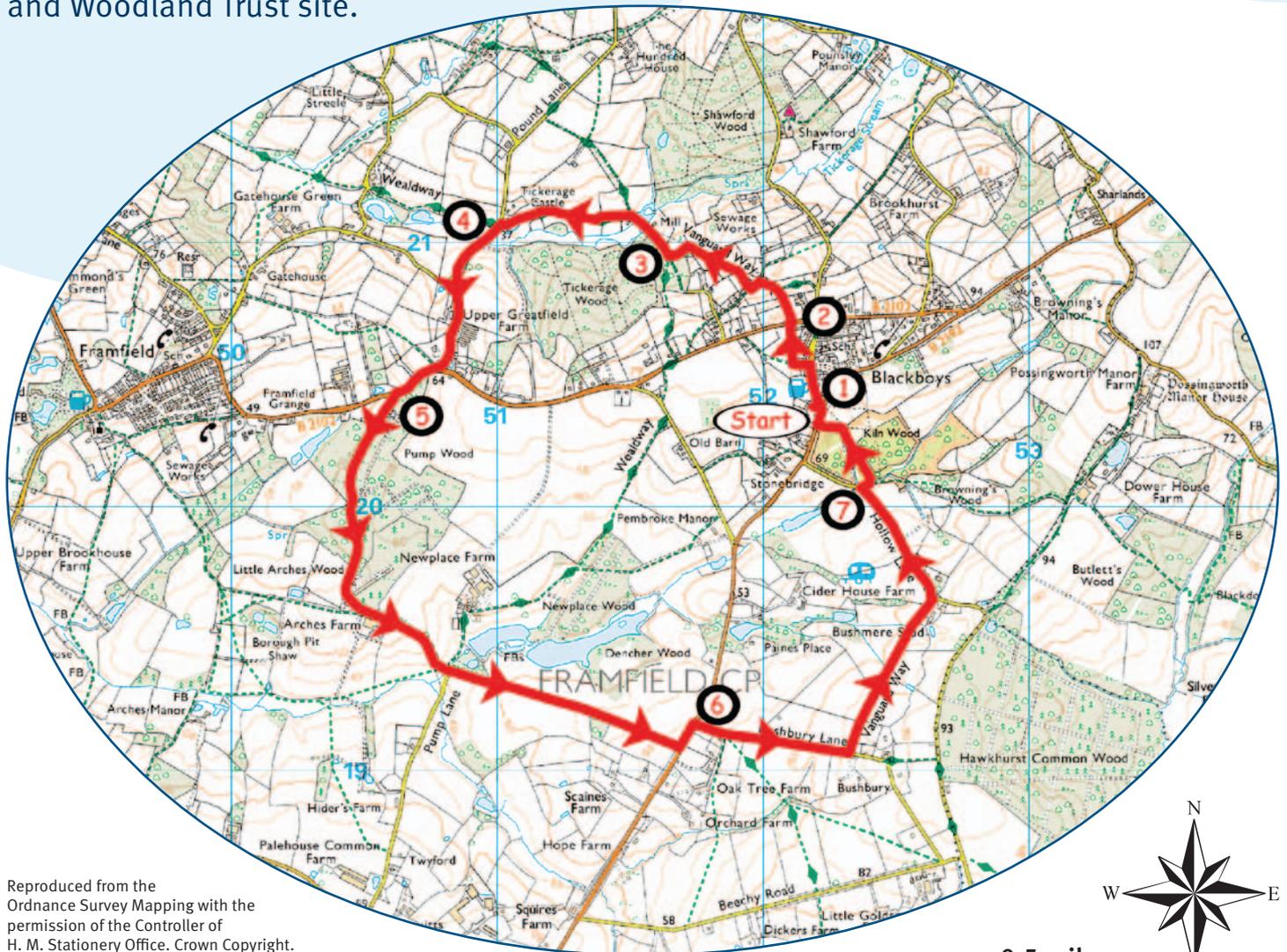




Blackboys Walk

A walk across fields, and along country lanes around Blackboys, passing an old Watermill and Woodland Trust site.



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Local Information

Tickerage Mill stands on a site previously occupied by a furnace and forge, part of the Sussex iron industry. The watermill appears to have come into use on this site by 1803, and was closed down by 1930. The main mill building is clearly visible from the footpath which passes the mill along the raised causeway.

Essential Information

Distance: 4.5 miles/7km
Walk grade: Easy
Maps: OS Explorer 123
 OS Landranger 199

Start/Finish: The Blackboys Inn
Post Code: TN22 5LG
Grid Ref: TQ 522203

Route Description

- 1) Starting from the Blackboys Inn, turn left along School Lane. After approximately 180 metres (195 yards), turn left along the narrow, surfaced footpath between the houses, leading to the recreation ground. Continue to follow the surfaced path along the edge of the recreation ground, and past the cottages to reach the High Street.
- 2) Cross the road and continue along the enclosed path signposted almost opposite. Follow the path through the allotments, bearing left at the signposted path junction, to reach a roughly surfaced lane. Turn left, and after a short distance, turn right at the signposted path junction, beside Rangers Cottage. Follow the wide enclosed path to the field, and continue along the field edge path, with the hedge and fence to your right. Bear left into the next field and follow the waymarked route downhill to a field gate and driveway. Turn right to follow the drive towards Tickerage Mill.
- 3) Follow the main drive through Tickerage Mill, passing the mill pond, and the mill buildings, before following the signposted route through the field gate, at the end of the drive. Turn left immediately after the gate to follow the route along the field edge path, with the hedge to your left. After crossing a small bridge, continue to follow the path along the edge of the next field, with the hedge now to your right. Follow the path across the next field, in the direction waymarked, to reach Pound Lane.
- 4) Turn left and follow the lane for approximately 650 metres (700 yards) to reach the main Framfield to Blackboys road. Turn right to follow the B2102 to its next junction. Turn left into Pump Lane, signposted to Palehouse Common, taking great care when crossing the main road.
- 5) Follow Pump Lane for a distance of approximately 1¼ km (¾ mile). After passing the main entrance to Newplace Farm, the road turns right, whilst a footpath continues straight ahead. Follow this signposted path into the field, and initially along the field edge, with woodland to your left. Continue across the field, heading slightly to the right of the cottage in the distance. Continue alongside the woodland shaw, and then cross the remainder of the field in the same direction to reach the main Lewes to Heathfield road. Turn left and follow the wide verge for a short distance before turning right into

Bushbury Lane, taking care crossing this fast section of road.

- 6) Follow Bushbury Lane for approximately 600 metres (650 yards) before turning left onto the signposted path opposite Little Barns. Cross the stile and follow the wide, enclosed grass path. On reaching Hollow Lane, at the far end of the enclosed path, turn left and follow for approximately 500 metres (550 yards)
- 7) Just before the road crosses a stream, turn right onto the signposted footpath leading into Kiln Wood, a Woodland Trust property with open access. After a short distance, turn left at the footpath junction, to follow the route across a small bridge and up a flight of steps. Continue along the path ahead, following the line of the power cables. Turn right at the next junction of paths, and keep to the right, following the waymarked route, passing a clearing containing sculptures of wild boar. Turn left at the path junction in the corner of the woodland, and follow the path uphill to the main road. Cross the road to return to the Blackboys Inn, and the end of the walk.



A View along Pump Lane