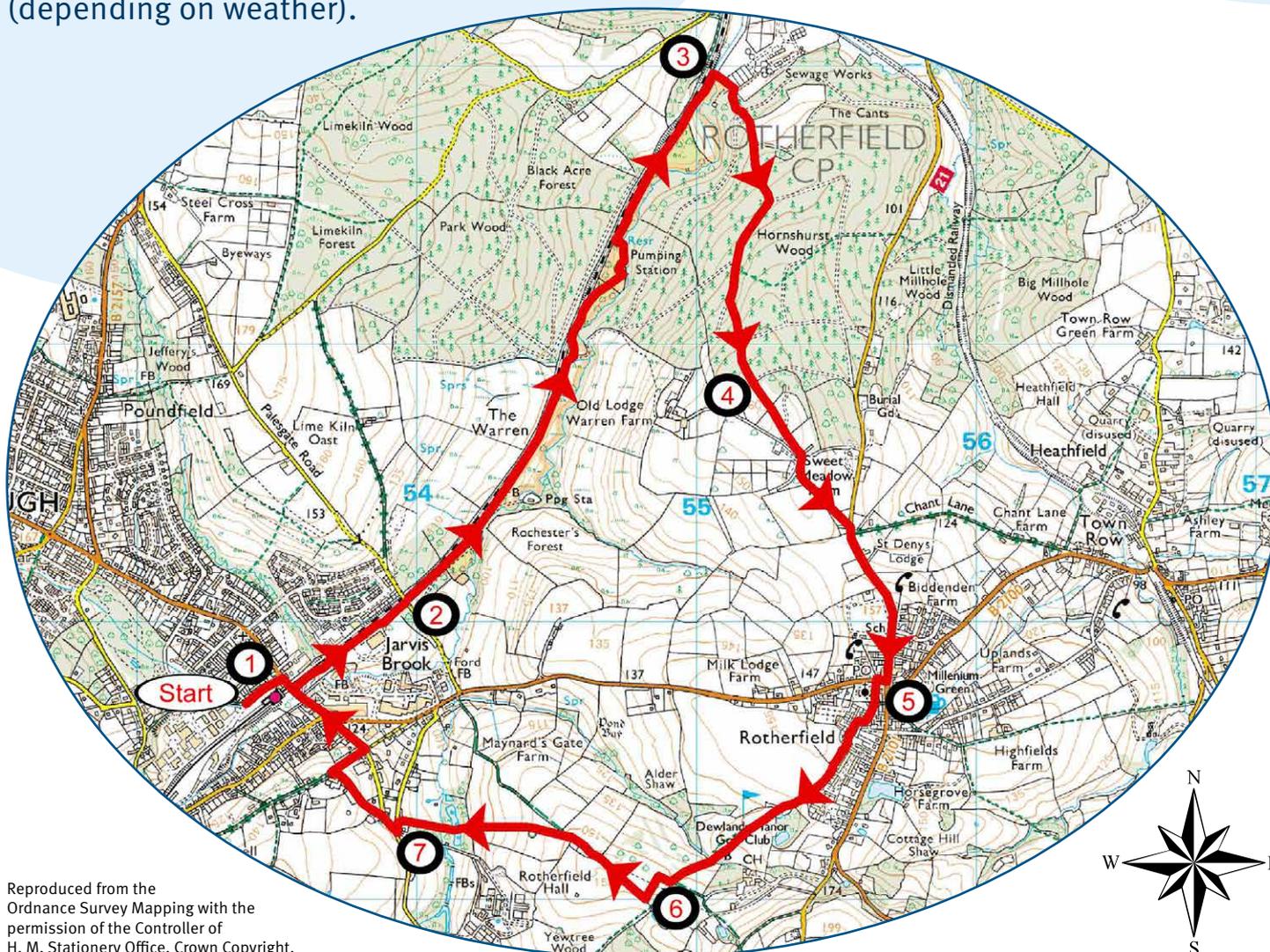




Rotherfield Walk

Typical country walk with hills, some stiles and muddy paths (depending on weather).



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Local Information

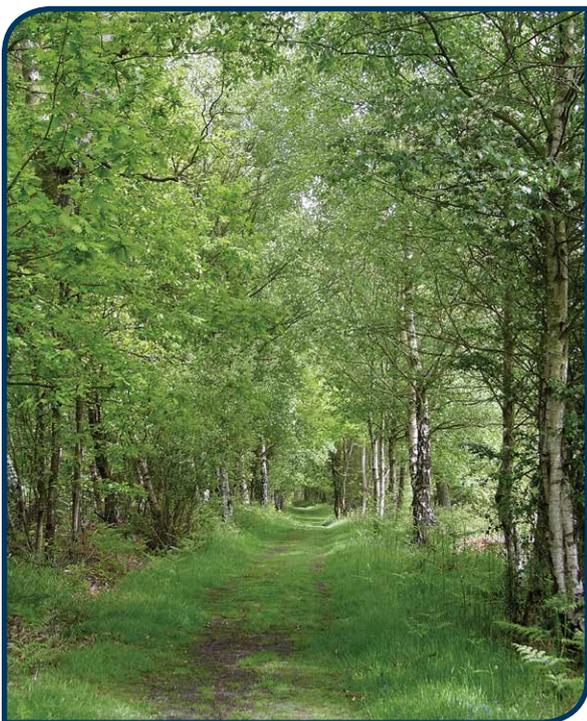
A long section of this route runs through the Woodland Trust wood of Old Lodge Warren. Sandwiched between the railway and the Crowborough Ghyll, there are some great views looking down into this classic, deep Wealden Ghyll.

Essential Information

Distance: 5.5 miles/8.5kms
Walk grade: Average
Maps: OS Explorer 135
 OS Landranger 188
Start/Finish: Crowborough Railway Station
Post Code: TN6 2JR
Grid Ref: TQ 535297

Route Description

- 1) Starting from the station at Jarvis Brook, turn right to follow Station Approach to its junction with Crowborough Hill. Turn right to follow the road under the railway bridge, and immediately after the bridge, turn left, crossing the road, to join the signposted footpath running alongside the railway line. Follow the path keeping to the route beside the railway, to reach Palesgate Lane.
- 2) Cross the road and continue to follow the path alongside the railway for a total distance of approximately 2 kilometres (1 1/4 miles), through the Woodland Trust site of Old Lodge Warren. Just past the remains of an old pumping station, a large footbridge and World War Two pill-box are reached. Ignore the footbridge to the right, instead continue to follow the narrow path behind the pill-box and on to reach a stile. From the stile, continue straight ahead for a short distance to reach a footpath junction.
- 3) Turn right across the large footbridge and follow the path to the rear of the Southern Water treatment works. Follow the route uphill, across the first track reached, to continue ahead, as signposted, into Hornshurst Wood. Continue along the wide track to reach the next main junction. Turn right and follow this track, continuing straight ahead at the next signposted footpath junction. Just before reaching the left hand bend in the track, turn left onto the signposted footpath. Follow the path uphill as signposted, crossing the next track, before continuing in the direction indicated by a further signpost.
- 4) At the woodland edge, continue to follow the fenced path straight ahead, as signposted to reach a stile. Cross the field to a second stile, and then on to a third stile, half way along the field boundary. Bear left after the stile, and follow the track to reach the road. Turn right to follow the road into the centre of Rotherfield. Turn right on reaching the junction in Rotherfield, beside Rotherfield General Stores.
- 5) Immediately before reaching the church, turn left to follow Church Path, along the edge of the churchyard. Bear right after the kissing gate to follow the route along the edge of the small car park, and then continue on the path between the houses. On reaching the road, turn right, and then left at the next junction. Follow this road for a short distance, and as the road bears left, follow the footpath, beside number five Court Meadow. Continue along the route behind the houses of Court Meadow Close, then past the pond, before joining the enclosed path heading towards the golf course. From the footbridge at the field edge, follow the signposted route across the golf course.
- 6) On reaching the boundary on the far side of the golf course, turn right to follow the route between the boundary hedge and fenceline. Follow this enclosed route for approximately 350 metres (380 yds.) before turning left through a handgate onto the waymarked footpath. Follow the route to the right of a clump of trees, and from the waymark post, continue downhill along the field edge path, with the boundary to your left. From the gate in the field corner, continue along the enclosed path, crossing over a deep ghyll, and onward to reach a stile at Clackhams Lane.
- 7) Turn left and then right onto Treblers Road. After a short distance, turn left onto the surfaced driveway signposted to Millbrook Nurseries. On reaching the entrance to the Nursery, continue straight ahead, to the right of the gates. Turn right at the end of this short section of Byway, and follow the road to the next road junction. Turn left and follow Mottins Hill, turning left at the end, to join the main road. Follow the road under the railway bridge, and after a short distance, turn left to return to the station and the end of the walk.



The path through Old Lodge Warren