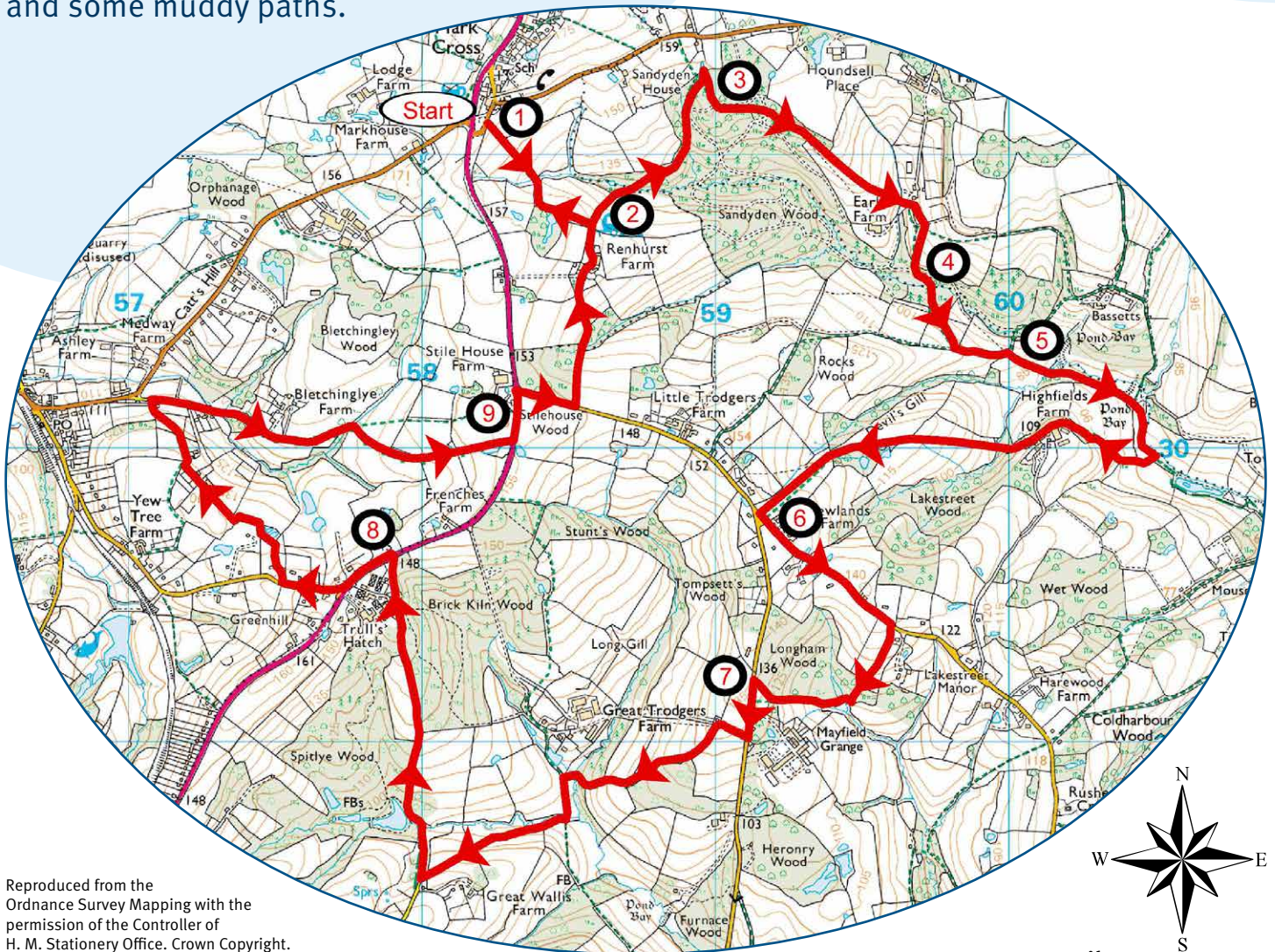


Mark Cross Walk

More difficult walking across woodland and fields with numerous hills, stiles and some muddy paths.



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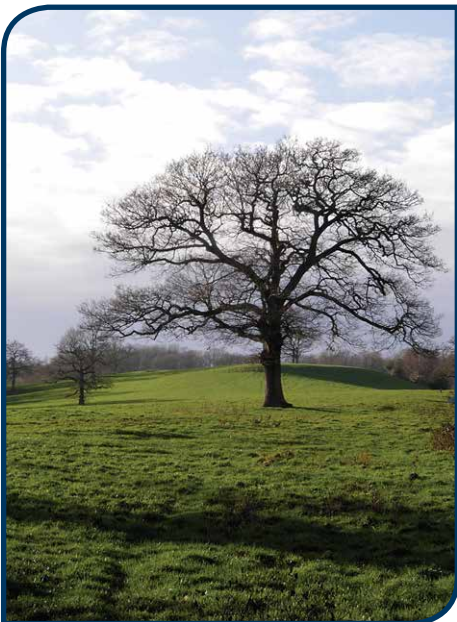
Mark Cross takes its name from its location on the 'March' or boundary of three parishes. The parishes of Rotherfield, Mayfield and Wadhurst intersect near the junction of the main A267 and B2100 roads. The boundary or 'March' crossroads later become known as Mark Cross.

Essential Information

Distance: 8 miles/13km
Walk grade: Difficult
Maps: OS Explorer 135 & 136
 OS Landranger 188
Start/Finish: Mark Cross Village
Post Code: TN6 3NP
Grid Ref: TQ 582311

Route Description

- 1) Starting from the parking area at the southern end of the village, cross the road to the field gate, and follow the footpath downhill along the field edge as signposted. Continue to follow the route along the edge of the next field, and after crossing the bridge and stile, turn left to follow the path along the edge of the small woodland. After walking past the lake, bear left to follow the waymarked path to a handgate and path junction.
- 2) Turn left, and follow the path through the field gate, downhill along the field edge, and into the woodland. After crossing the stream, bear right over a stile and continue in the direction waymarked. Follow the well defined path close to the edge of the woodland, turning left at the first signpost reached. The route now goes uphill, and a short distance after crossing a stile, turn sharp right, as signposted to another stile. Continue to follow the waymarked path along the fenceline to reach the main woodland track.
- 3) Turn left along the track, before turning right at the next signpost. Follow the waymarked path downhill and across the next track. Continue to follow the well defined woodland path, bearing right a short distance before crossing a stile to leave Sandyden Wood. The route now follows the field edge, with the fence to your left. After crossing the footbridge at the bottom of the hill, continue over the driveway, and follow the field edge path to a stile. Bear right at the footpath junction post and follow the waymarked route through the area of scrub, and then downhill into a woodland.
- 4) Bear left at the next waymark post, and after a short distance, turn right, at another waymark post, to head steeply downhill. Cross the footbridge and bear right to follow the route uphill through the woodland. From the woodland edge, cross the small field to a stile and then cross the next field diagonally as waymarked to a path junction. Bear left through the small field gate and follow the field edge path ahead. Turn right at the next path junction to follow the main track beyond the handgate.
- 5) Continue along the track, straight ahead at the next signpost (ignoring the concrete track to the right). At the next signposted junction, head through the bridleway gate and follow the route through the field as signposted. From the path junction in the field corner, turn right and follow the field edge path up to the gate, and then onwards around the next field with the boundary on your left. On nearing the top of the field, bear left onto a concrete track and through the field gate. Bear left at the next signpost. Continue to follow the concrete track to the rear of Highfields Farm, and from the bottom of the hill, head straight across the next field as waymarked. At the top of the hill, bear left and follow the path, passing the restored iron-pit ponds. After the next stile, cross the field as waymarked to reach Lake Street.
- 6) Turn left and follow the road for approximately 545 metres (600 yds.) before turning right onto the signposted footpath. Follow the path across the field and continue through the woodland. Turn right immediately after the next handgate, and follow the well defined path uphill to reach Little Trodgers Lane.
- 7) Turn left to follow the road, before turning right onto the next signposted footpath. After crossing the cattle grid, bear left through the handgate, and follow the field edge path keeping the fence on your left. From the kissing gate in the field corner, follow the signposted path, through the field gate and around the edge of the next field. From the field corner, follow the path through the wood, and across the small field to reach a surfaced track. Turn left and follow the track for a distance of approximately 720 metres (790 yds.) to the cottage at the end of Bassetts Lane. Turn sharp right onto the signposted bridleway and follow for a distance of approximately 1.2 km (3/4 mile) to reach the main A267.
- 8) Turn left to follow the roadside verge for a short distance, and then turn right into Yew Tree Lane. After approximately 230 metres (250 yds.) turn right onto the footpath signposted to Bletchinglye Lane. Follow the enclosed path and then the field edge route. After passing the house, turn right over the stile, and after the section of enclosed path, continue along the field edge. From the next stile, follow the waymarked, cross field route and then the driveway to reach Bletchinglye Lane. Turn right and follow the lane, continuing straight ahead at the end of the surfaced road. From here, follow the Byway to the main A267.
- 9) Turn left and follow the roadside verge for a short distance, before turning right into Lake Street. Follow for a short distance before turning left onto the signposted footpath and follow to Renhurst Farm. The route now follows the main track through the farmyard before passing to the left of the cottage. Continue along the track to reach the next signposted path junction. Turn left to follow the path through the handgate, and retrace your steps back to Mark Cross and the end of the walk.



View along the walk