



### Northiam Station to Wittersham Road Station

#### Trail Information

**Distance:**  
3¾ miles (6km)

**Time for walk:**  
2 hours

**Time of train journeys:**  
Tenterden to Northiam  
30 minutes (approx.)  
Wittersham to Tenterden  
19 minutes (approx.)

**Maps:**  
OS Explorer 125

**Parking:**  
Tenterden Station

**Grid reference:**  
TQ882335.

**Start of walk:**  
Northiam Station

**Terrain:**  
Riverside and field paths

**Refreshment:**  
Tenterden Station  
Refreshment Rooms. Public  
houses in Northiam and  
Newenden

**Public Transport:**  
Traveline - 0870 6082608.



**1** From Northiam Station go left in a northerly direction on the A28. (*Busy road, take care.*) Cross the railway and where the pavement ends go through the gate ahead and follow the path between hedges parallel to the road.

At the end of the path, cross over the road and continue ahead across the bridge over the river Rother.

On the far side of the river turn right onto a signed Bridleway and follow it along the right hand boundary of the cricket ground before ascending onto the river bank on your right.

Continue along the north bank of the river. Ignore the paved steps on the left and approximately 220yds (200m) further on look for a waymarked path through a kissing gate on the left.

To visit Castle Toll take this path for approximately ¾ miles (1.2Km). After visiting the earthwork retrace your steps to the river bank.



**2** Continue along the river bank and after the river has completed the right hand bend bear left onto the top of the dyke and continue to a foot crossing over the Kent & East Sussex railway. **Take care here, particularly with children – Stop, Look and Listen before crossing the track.**



**3** Pass through the crossing gates on either side of the track and keep ahead across a field with a ditch on your right. At the far side of the field, pass through an opening in a boundary fence to another field and keep ahead. When the ditch turns sharply right, keep ahead now with a reeded ditch on your left, towards a metal gate in the far left hand corner of the pasture.





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**4** Pass through the gate and keep ahead. The farmhouse of New Barn Farm can be seen on your right, partly screened by trees.

Go through another gate, waymarked public footpath, join a metalled drive with a ditch to your immediate right.

Where the drive passes through a gap in a fence and turns right, the waymarked footpath crosses the field ahead to another gap in a fence where it rejoins the metalled drive near the brick building of a pumping station.



**5** Cross a bridge over the Hexden Channel and continue along the wide stoney track past the buildings of Maytham Wharf Farm until you reach a public road (*Busy road, take care*).

Cross the road onto a signed Bridleway to your left alongside a line of willow trees. The track curves to the right then bends left.



**6** Approximately 50 yds (46m) after the left hand bend go left across a bridge over a ditch into a field. (*Beware, the bridge is obscured by the willow trees and easy to miss*).

Follow the path ahead over two fields, separated by a bridge with a stile at the far end, heading to the left of buildings at Maytham Farm, on the far side, to reach Wittersham Road at a stile.

Turn right along Wittersham Road (*Busy Road, take care*) for approximately 300 yds (274m). Cross the railway at the level crossing and turn right into Wittersham Road station.



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##### Public rights of way:

All walks have legal access to land using public paths and bridleways. Walkers should take care to stick to the correct paths and ensure that dogs are kept under close control.

##### Equipment & clothing:

Walking boots or shoes are recommended for all walks and protective clothing should be carried.

##### Country code:

- Do not drop litter.
- Dog poo - bag it and bin it.
- Do not pick flowers and plants.
- Face oncoming traffic on country lanes (except on blind bends where the outside should be taken to ensure that traffic in both directions can see you).
- Do not start fires.
- Fasten all gates.
- Use gates and stiles to cross fences, hedges and walls.
- Do not make unnecessary noise.

