



K&ESR Railway Walks

Walk 6

I From Bodiam Station go left over the level crossing in a northerly direction towards Bodiam Castle. (Busy road, keep on the pavement and take care when crossing).

At the farther end of the lay-by on the right, turn right through a pedestrian gate onto the footpath waymarked "Sussex Border Path". The walk follows "Sussex Border Path" waymarks to point 4. Ascend the river bank and continue beside the river Rother for 300yds (274m) to reach a gate.

Do not pass through the gate. Turn right to descend from the river bank and continue along the left-hand edge of the field towards a stand of poplar trees lining the railway. At the corner of the field turn right beside the Kent & East Sussex Railway for 175yds (160m) then left at a stile onto a foot crossing over the line. **Take care here, particularly with children – Stop, Look and Listen before crossing the track.**




2 On the far side of the railway cross two more stiles. Turn right after the second stile to follow a footpath right of the barn and over a footbridge across a ditch.

Continue ahead with the hedge on your right, ignoring a footpath through the hedge, to reach a second footbridge with a gate on the far side. After passing through the gate go diagonally left, up an incline to reach a stile beside a gate in the left-hand boundary of the field. Cross the stile, continue uphill to a fence and then turn right to reach another stile by a gate. Cross this stile and keep ahead with a fence on your left for 150yds (137m) to find yet another stile by a gate in the fence. Go over this stile and cross a thicket to pass through a kissing gate on the far side.

3 Go right and continue with the field edge on your right, ascending to pass through a kissing gate leading onto a metalled road. Go left on the road to follow it through the village of Ewhurst Green.



a hedge on your left for 300yds (274m) to reach a footbridge in the hedge on your left. Go left to cross the bridge and keep ahead with a hedge on your right to the far end of the field.

In the corner of the field turn right over a footbridge and descend into the adjoining field. Continue beside the hedge on your left for 100yds (91m) to a stile beside gates on the left giving access onto a metalled lane. Go right along the lane for a further 100yds (91m) then turn left onto a path over a stile into a field. 

Immediately on leaving the village, leave the road, right, onto a signed footpath, (the footpath sign is obscured by the hedge on the right hand side of the road. It is located 100yds (91m) beyond the "end of speed limit" sign, downhill with

Bodiam Station to Northiam Station

Trail Information

Distance:
4¾ miles (7.6km)

Time for walk:
2½ hours

Time for train journeys:
Tenterden to Bodiam
47 minutes (approx.)
Northiam to Tenterden
30 minutes (approx.)

Maps:
OS Explorer 125 and 136

Parking:
Tenterden Station

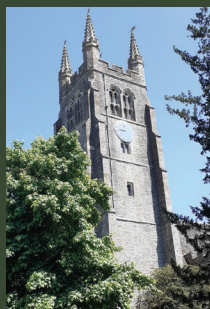
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Start of walk:
Bodiam Station

Terrain:
Field paths and bridleways

Refreshment:
Tenterden Station
Refreshment Rooms.
NT tearoom and public house in Bodiam.
Public house in Ewhurst Green and Northiam.

Public Transport:
Traveline - 0870 6082608.



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4 Bear right to follow the field edge and a stream on your right.

On reaching the corner of the field go right over a bridge to cross the stream. Turn left for 50yds (46m) and bear right across a large field to reach another footbridge in the line of trees ahead. Leave the Sussex Border Path at this point by crossing the footbridge. Keep ahead uphill to cross the field to a small footbridge and kissing gate in the top right-hand corner.

Pass through the kissing gate and continue uphill to another kissing gate beside a larger gate in a fence. Continue uphill with a hedge on your right, which bears round to the right to reach another kissing gate leading onto a metalled drive.



5 Go right on the drive to pass a small barn on the left and the entrance to Great Dixter Gardens on the right. There is a car park and toilets here for visitors to the garden and house. At the exit from the car park on the left the footpath passes a new timber toilet



building and runs parallel to the drive on the left between hedges.

Where the path emerges at the junction with public roads, turn left into Dixter Lane and follow the lane all the way to its junction with the A28 – Station Road. (Busy road, take great care). Cross the A28 and follow the pavement to the left in a northerly direction on the far side. The pavement ends at the junction with Coppards Lane on the right. Continue ahead along the A28 (walk on the right, single file with great care). Before the right-hand bend, cross to the left-hand side of the road when you are sure it is safe to do so and continue single file. After a short distance the grass verge widens to reveal an overgrown pavement. Pass buildings of a restaurant and garage on the left to reach the entrance to Northiam Station on the left just before the level crossing.

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Trail Information

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.

