



### **WALKING MAPS**

We have put together some of our favourite walks, which just so happen to include a few of the pubs listed in the welcome pack.

Walk 1 - 1hr - Hastingleigh - The Bowl

Walk 2 - 2hr - Crundle - The Compasses

Walk 3 - 2hr - Stowting - Tiger Inn

Walk 4 - 4hr - Stowting/Monkton/Brabourne - Tiger Inn/Black Horse/Five Bells

Walk 5 - 3hr - Bossingham/Stelling Minnis - Hop Pocket/Rose and Crown

Walk 6 - 3hr - Wye/Brook/Hastingleigh - Flying Horse/Kings Head/Barbers Arms/Tickle Trout/Honest Miller

Walk 7 - 7hr - Canterbury - The Compasses/Artichoke

Walk 8 - 5hr - Lyminge/Etchinghill - Coach and Horses/Gatekeeper

Walk 9 - 5hr - Pett Bottom - Hop Pocket/Duck

Walk 10 - 4hr - Elham - Kings/Rose and Crown



Please take a copy of the map (which is at the rear of the descriptions) and the directions for your walk and description.

Please check pub times for opening prior to your walk.

Just a note to say please amend the routes etc to suit your requirements, as you will see there are quite a few alternative routes to take to each the same destination. We have noted our preferred routes.

With all the walks and it goes without saying that your final destination is the Timberbatts!

The descriptions and photos will be updated as and when, so please consider this work in progress and welcome your feedback for any alterations etc.

### **Walking Recommendations**

To make your walk enjoyable we recommend:

- Walking boots. In the summer trainers should be ok for some of the shorter walks.
- Bottle of water
- Waterproofs
- Fleece
- Snacks
- Sun lotion
- Hat/gloves
- Plasters - just in case
- In the height of the summer recommend mosquito spray for the horse flies.





## Walk 1 - 1hr - Hastingleigh - The Bowl

The shortest walk, with the exception of the local pub!

From the Smithy turn right, follow the road out of the village and on the right hand bend take the foot path that runs along the edge of the woods away from the road.



As a short diversion at the double gates and if you turn right and walk along the footpath you will come to a clearing, probably 300yards. On the left hand side is a Neolithic burial ground. It was cleared some years ago but has overgrown since.

Extract below from <http://www.megalithic.co.uk>

### Shrub's Wood Long Barrow - Earthen Long Barrow in Kent

*Information from Pastscape: "A long barrow at TR 09914587 is 40.0m long, 17.0 to 20.0m in breadth, and 2.0m in height at the E end, slightly less at the W end. Side ditches are 7.0m wide, and up to 0.5m deep." The barrow is situated on level ground within chestnut woodland and is in excellent condition, and apparently undisturbed.*

*From Exploring Kent's Past: "The remains of a Neolithic long barrow are located in Shrubs Wood near Elmstead. The barrow is 40m long, between 17 to 20m in breadth, and survives to 2m in height at its east end. The ditches are 7m wide, and up to half a metre deep. The barrow is situated on level ground within chestnut*



# THE SMITHY

*woodland and is in excellent condition, and apparently undisturbed. One of a group of three long barrows in the Stour Valley."*

Follow the foot path and at the junction/gate turn left along the fence line and through one gate and shortly followed by another.

Follow the foot path down and alongside a very nice country manor.



Turn left through the five bar gate and take the right hand foot path up through the woods, this leads you eventually out onto the road. Turn right and follow the road to the right and you will see the pub on the left.



## Walk 2 - 2hr - Crundle - Compasses

Distance is approximately 10km round trip, about 1hr there and same back.

In terms of elevation this is nearly the flattest!

From the Smithy turn right, follow the road out of the village, pass the white double terrace house on the left, round the bend to the left and at the end of the woodland is a foot path sign on the right.

Follow this footpath along the edge of the field, cross the hedge line into another field and the footpath either (varies pending if the field has been ploughed) crosses the field diagonally or you can follow the field around the edge. Again cross the hedge line into another field and you will see Grand Acre Farm in the distance.

Follow the footpath to a five bar gate, cross the field to another five bar gate which then leads through the Farm.

Follow the Farm driveway and at the bottom cross the road and just beside the five bar gate is a gap on the right hand side which footpath follows the hedge on the left hand side. Up a small climb and walk around the edge of the field.

At the corner of the field cross the stile and you are presented with the views in the images below. In the distance you can see the pub.



Follow the foot path down around the edge of the field and along the side of the hedge row. There is a stile tucked away in the corner. This is probably the most difficult bit of navigating, but with the pub in sight should make it easier.

You now enter a small paddock and across another stile and are effectively in someone's back yard! Keep left and you will see the footpath follows behind the owners outbuildings, cross another stile and you enter another property behind their summer house, walk round and out of their driveway onto the village road. Turn right and you will see the pub just up the road on the left.



### Walk 3 - 2hr - Stowting - Tiger Inn

Distance is approximately 10km round trip, about 1hr there and same back.

Take in stunning views from the top of the downs towards the English Channel, on a good day you can see Dymchurch and beyond.

From the Smithy turn left towards the Timberbatts, walk down Bodsham Hill past the school. At the bottom turn left and take the second turning up towards Elmsted.

At the bend in the road there is a gate into the field, take this and follow the footpath up to a second gate. Cross the field diagonally going right to another gate. Follow the footpath across a horse paddock and over the stile, along the edge of the second paddock to another stile. Turn left up on to the road.

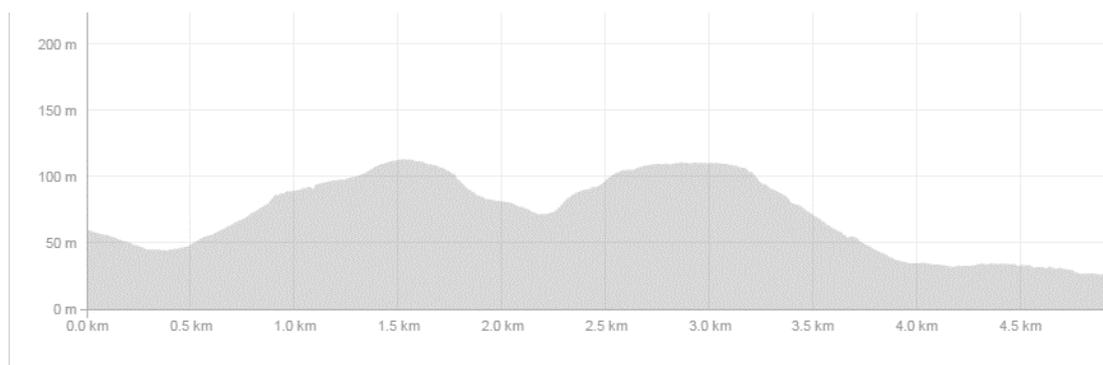
At the road turn right and follow for about 10 minutes. The road goes past Pett Bottom farm at the bottom of the dip. There is a footpath sign on the right about halfway up the hill, take this and head across the field. Cross the stile into a paddock, in the paddock are usually a couple of donkeys and pigs, both in their own pens!

Exit the paddock cross the road, another stile, follow the edge of the field. From this vantage point you can see out to sea and the surrounding area.

At the bottom of the field, through the gate and onto the road, follow the road down for a while and take the footpath on the right. Follow this to another gate and follow the edge of the field. It is a bit boggy at the lowest point so be careful. After the boggy bit you cross the stream and you turn left onto a field and cross diagonally to an opening on the road.

Across the road another gate, cross the sheep field, another gate and follow the path to a stile, straight across the field (the pub is on the right) another gate across a small stream and small stretch of road to the pub.

To give you an idea, the elevation profile from Bodsham to the Tiger Inn is below.





#### Walk 4 - 4hr - Stowting/Monks Horton/Brabourne - Tiger/Black Horse/Five Bells

Distance is approximately 20km round trip. Roughly it is 1hr to Tiger Inn, further 20 minutes to the Black Horse and then about 35minutes to the five bells.

Follow the directions above in Walk 3.

#### Tiger Inn to Black Horse.

From the Tiger Inn cross the road over a stile and along a footpath that runs between some stables and paddocks. Cross a couple of more stiles through a small woodland and eventually another stile onto the road, turn right and follow the road for a short while. Just pass a house on the left cross a stile into a field and follow this diagonally to the right. For the next section you will be running more or less in parallel with the road on the right hand side.

Exit the field, another stile, into a short wooded section. In summer this is nettle heaven so long trouser bearers first!

Another stile into a section of a few fields with sheep. You exit each section via a five bar gate.

After the second five bar gate you head slightly to the right and you should see the pub in the distance. As you walk closer to the pub there is an unofficial back entrance to the car park. Over a stile and follow the footpath to the pub car park.

#### Black Horse to The Five Bells

From the Black Horse turn left and then right and almost immediately right into a field with a footpath sign post. Follow this foot path to a kissing gate (?) and across the field which leads into a small wooded section. There is a stile at the end and small section of footpath where you turn left through a hedge and cross diagonally a large field underneath the electricity pylons. This footpath joins another coming from the right.

Following this path around a small woodland across a stream around a corner and enters the church yard in the corner. From the church yard turn left and just up the road to the pub.



### The Five Bells to Bodsham or the Bowl if you desire

From the pub almost opposite the entrance is a foot path, this runs parallel to the road going away from the pub. This footpath leaves the field in the corner and you are on the top road (pilgrim's way). Turn left past and keep on the road for a short while. There is a driveway on the right which leads to a footpath across a stile and up to the North Downs way. Turn left onto the North Downs way and this takes you onto a road and unfortunately more up. Along the road and left back onto the north downs way (this section is a byway) and a few 100 yards there is a foot path sign on the right, take this and cross diagonally across the field into the back of Hastingleigh. Exit the field onto the road, turn right and along the road, before the road starts to go down, enter the field in front and there is a foot path that goes diagonally across the field down to the road junction.

You take the road up to Hastingleigh pass a number of cottages on the left and right and at the end of this road is the village pond and a bench for some rest!

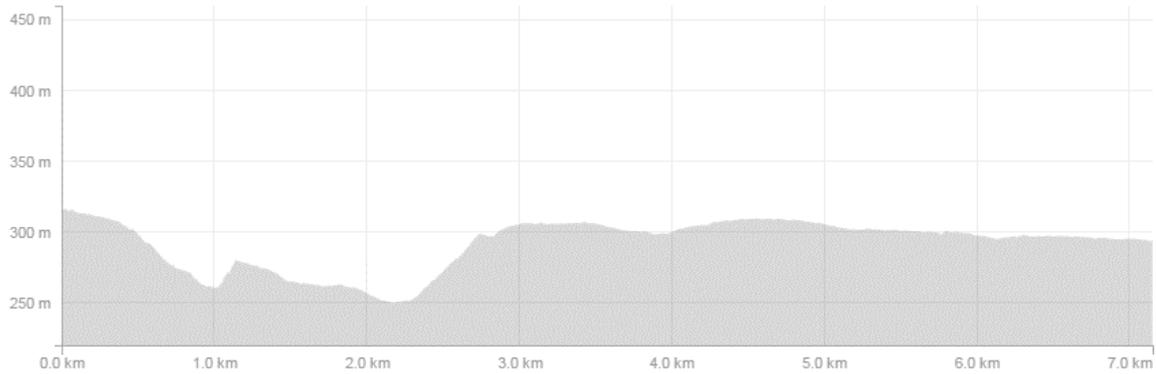
Now you have an option to pop into the Bowl (50 yards up the road on your left) or returning to Bodsham (reverse of walk 1)



Walk 5 - 3hr - Bossingham/Stelling Minnis - Hop Pocket/Rose and Crown

Distance is around 15kM round trip.

Elevation map below is Bodsham to Bossingham



Elevation map below is Bossingham to Bodsham



This is one of our favourite walks, from the smithy turn left and left again beside the pub, just after the farm buildings cross the stile and diagonally across the field.



# THE SMITHY

Through the kissing gate up across the field, walk just past the five bar gate and follow the fence line up to another kissing gate, along the edge of the field and rather than the stile (overgrown) use the five bar gate, across the road, over the stile and across the paddock heading away from the road to another stile in the corner of the field.



Along the edge of the ploughed field and bear left into the woods, through a five bar gate and down the slope where you then head into the small woodland to walk along the edge of the field.

Across a stile along the edge of the field for 100yards and take the stile on your right leading up into a small cross section of woodland. Into another field for about 50 yards and turn left over a stile into cox hill wood, follow the footpath through the woods and across a stile into a horse field. Follow the path down slightly right to the five bar gate.

Onto the road, turn right for 10 or so yards and left along the edge of a field. Onto another road turn left and after passing a farm/stables (and dog) as the road goes up take the footpath on the right. This foot path runs along a field used for dogs and has a barb wired fence. At the end you go through the kissing gate and turn right and walk slightly down and then up along the edge of the field.

Cross the road and take the foot path/kissing gate on the entrance to a drive, follow the foot path up the edge of the field through the five bar gate and up again to another stile which leads into a small woodland called yocketts banks. You exit into an apple orchard and the foot path is slightly to the left. Follow this all the way out of the farm across the road and through the farm, there is a gate on the left hand side about 200 yards in.



Along the edge of the field and into a small woodland at the end below the electricity lines and diagonally off into the woods, at the end of the woods bear right across a stile along the edge of the field through a five bar gate and then an off road route to Stone Street. Across the main road, across a stile, across a paddock and another stile into a small woodland. This leads to a field with a footpath across, onto the road and left, pass a few houses and the foot path is on the right. Follow the foot path down and then up, all the time bearing slightly left. Through a gap in the hedge and along the top for 150 yards to a stile. Right on the road and right again and the Hop Pocket will be on the left.

### Bossingham to Stelling Minnis

From the Hop Pocket turn left, cross the road and follow the road around the corner towards Stelling Minnis. After the last house on the right take the track (not the footpath) and follow this for a short while, bear left along a footpath and this crosses a few tracks. You are roughly walking parallel to the road. Follow the footpath/track and you will pass a few house, including a converted chapel.

You will eventually pop out onto a road and if you bear right you will see the Rose and Crown pub.

### Stelling Minnis to Bodsham

Beside the pub on the right is a road, follow this and near the end next to the farm is a footpath that runs beside the farm, follow this and this comes out to a field. Turn right and walk along the hedge line, at the end cross into a small section of woodland and walk the same line across the small section of field at the end. Around the field for a short while then turn right to meet Stone Street. Cross the road and follow the road opposite.

As you approach the house in front take the stile on the left, along the edge of the field through the hedge gap and bear slightly right to the stile.

From here you have a choice of the quick way to Bodsham which is turn right down dean hill along the valley and up the hill to Bodsham. All quite visible as you descend dean hill.

The alternative is take the road almost opposite the stile which has a footpath sign, follow this across the stile through the farm, another stile and bear right towards the woodland and another stile. Down through the woodland and bear left along the footpath, as you enter the field bear left to a stile in the corner. Turn right after the stile and there is a white house on the left. Follow the track and at the end turn left, up the track along the edge of spong wood, pass the woodland along a track which goes round to the right, exit onto a road. Follow the road round to the right and down the hill, cross the road and follow the road pass Holt farm to Bodsham.

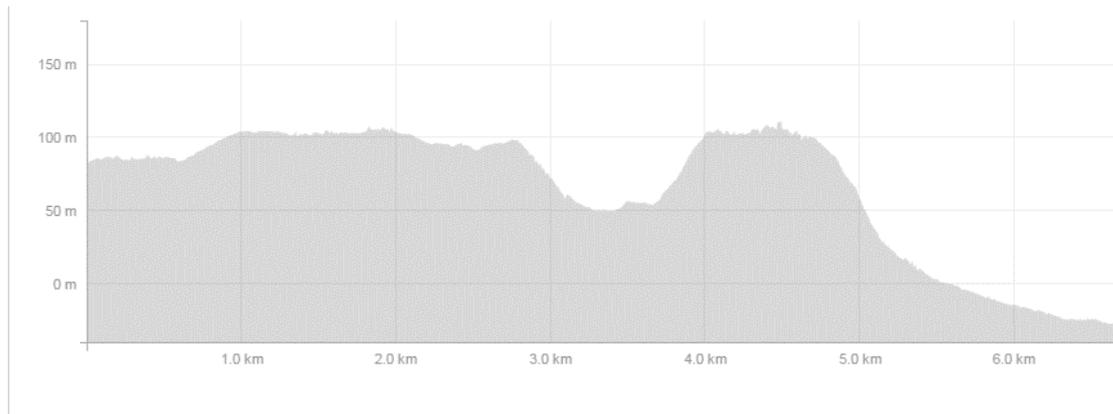


Walk 6 - 3hr - Wye/Brook/Hastingleigh - Flying Horse/Kings Head/Barbers Arms/Tickle Trout/Honest Miller

Distance is approximately 12/13km round trip.

On a good day the views from the top of the downs above the wye crown and stunning.

Elevation map below is Bodsham to Wye



Elevation map below is Brook to Bodsham (the section from Wye to Brook is relatively flat).



From the Smithy turn right, follow the road out of the village and on the right hand bend take the foot path that runs along the edge of the woods away from the road.



# THE SMITHY

Follow the foot path and at the junction/gate, take the right hand gate and follow this, you come to a field with an old stile and opening, stay in the field and follow the right hand fence line.



Over a stile and along the field a bit longer to another stile on the fence line, follow the diagonal foot path across the field to the road.

Across the road and slightly hidden is a kissing gate to another field, cross this field diagonally to the next kissing gate. Note there is another kissing gate in this field to your right, do not take this one.

Through the kissing gate and follow the hedge line, across the ploughed field and exit through a hidden path onto the road, see image below.



Turn right on the road and the road, the road turns into a byway, keep slightly left and follow the byway, which goes down onto a flinty section. A bit further is a five bar gate, go through and head down the track, near the bottom turn left and go through the next five bar gate, turn right and down the track to the road.

# THE SMITHY



At the road turn left and turn right off the road when you reach the concrete mushroom! Follow the path around the field and up into the small section of woodland, through the kissing gate, across the field to another gate and onto the North Downs way. With some stunning view to enjoy.



Turn right and follow the North Downs way, through a kissing gate and onto the top of the North Downs above the Wye Crown.

Follow the footpath over the stile and down through the woods, down the slope bear left onto another track which goes down the infamous rooty climb (mountain bikers enjoy this section up and down).

At the bottom of the rooty climb through the gate and follow the track along side the hedge, cross the road and another track which takes you all the way into Wye. At the bottom at the road section turn left to Wye itself.

Every other Saturday is the farmers market (9am-12noon) and there are a few shops and of course some great pubs.



### Wye to Brook

From the flying horse pub turn left and at the corner take the lane heading away from wye, follow this track which eventually turns into a footpath. At the end of the footpath turn right along another foot path along the edge of a high hedge. The footpath crosses the field and towards a road.

Cross the road to another footpath, across the field and you will meet another footpath which crosses this one, keep more or less straight and then along another hedge line. Cross over a track and across the field (you should be able to see the pub in the distance) you exit the field at a stile opposite the Honest Millar pub.

### Brook to Bodsham

From the pub turn right and immediately across a stile into a field, diagonally across and in the corner another stile into a horse paddock. Along the edge of the field keeping straight and across two more stiles/gates and onto the road.

Turn right on the road and turn left near the crest onto the byway (known as the Devil's half pipe!) up the byway through the five bar gate, keep right and onto the track which takes you behind the kennels.

Through the kissing gate along the edge of the field and cross through Cold Blow farm. There are a few alpacas in a field on the left. Cross the field and at the stile take the left foot path (North Downs way) to the road. At the road turn left (small road section) at the junction turn right and walk into Hastingleigh and for a well-earned refreshment the Bowl is on the right.

From The Bowl is the reverse of walk 1.



### Walk 7 - 7hr - Canterbury - Compasses/Artichoke

Distance is approximately 11/12km to Canterbury and the same again back

There is a bus from Canterbury to Bodsham but only 1 a day! The bus departs from the bus station at approximately 17.45, but please check. This means you can walk to Canterbury around 3.5 hours, lunch, shop and get the bus back!

Elevation wise from Bodsham it is generally downhill all the way!

From the Smithy turn right, follow the road out of the village, pass the white double terrace house on the left, round the bend to the left and at the end of the woodland is a foot path sign on the right.

Follow this footpath along the edge of the field, cross the hedge line into another field and the footpath either (varies pending if the field has been ploughed) crosses the field diagonally or you can follow the field around the edge. Again cross the hedge line into another field and you will see Grand Acre Farm in the distance.

Follow the footpath to a five bar gate, cross the field to another five bar gate which then leads through the Farm.

Follow the Farm driveway and at the bottom cross the road and just beside the five bar gate is a gap on the right hand side which footpath follows the hedge on the left hand side. Up a small climb and walk around the edge of the field.

At the corner of the field cross the stile and you are presented with the views in the images below. In the distance you can see the pub.





If you wish to pop into the pub....

Follow the foot path down around the edge of the field and along the side of the hedge row. There is a stile tucked away in the corner. This is probably the most difficult bit of navigating, but with the pub in sight should make it easier.

You now enter a small paddock and across another stile and are effectively in someone's back yard! Keep left and you will see the footpath follows behind the owners outbuildings, cross another stile and you enter another property behind their summer house, walk round and out of their driveway onto the village road. Turn right and you will see the pub just up the road on the left.

From the pub turn left along the road and at the junction you will meet the described route below\*.

If you wish to not go via the pub....

Over the stile and turn right along the edge of the field, around the corner the footpath goes diagonally across the field to stile to the road. At the road turn left and follow the road for a while. At the cross roads (left is the Compasses\*) straight on and the road goes into a small section of woodland. Keep going, pass a couple of houses on the left, pass the industrial buildings, at the next bend in the road take the footpath which almost goes straight on (not the byway), the footpath goes to a kissing gate. Across the horse paddock, another gate and across the centre of the field. Across a grass airfield, diagonal path to follow the edge of the field to a gate.

Through the gate and bear right down the byway which goes through the woods. This is a favourite for mountain bikers so beware. Near the bottom follow the track which takes you to a tarmac road turn left and you shortly come to a junction. Turn right a little way along is a stile on the left, across the field and bear right. This is part of the stour valley walk. This takes you onto a road and go straight uptowards Shalmfords Street. Cross Shalmfords street and follow the road down and along beside the railway to Chartham. Go over the small bridge and bear right at the junction towards the church. Go through the church yard and cross the road\* onto the stour valley walk and noted as route 18. This takes you all the way into Canterbury. From this point it is about an hour. It follows the Great Stour river.

\*The pub (Artichoke) is left along this road for a short while, great pub with a nice small rear garden.

After you go under the railway there is a playground in front, bear right and cross the stream over a foot bridge, through the park towards the road and under the road by the stream, follow the foot path along the wall, turn left, then right, left at the road and follow this road which takes you to the high street.

The bus station is the south end of the high street.



### Walk 8 - 5hr - Lyminge/Etchinghill - Coach and Horses/Gatekeeper

Distance is around 12/13km there and same back. This walk is probably the most strenuous primarily due to the elevation changes, but offers some of the best views over the downs as well as a walk through some great villages.

Elevation map below is Bodsham to Etchinghill



Elevation map below is Etchinghill to Bodsham



From the Smithy turn left towards the Timberbatts, walk down Bodsham Hill past the school. At the bottom turn left and take the second turning up towards Elmsted.

At the bend in the road there is a gate into the field, take this and follow the footpath up to a second gate. Cross the field diagonally going right to another gate. Follow the footpath across a horse paddock and over the stile, along the edge of the second paddock to another stile. Turn left up on to the road.



At the road turn right and follow for about 10 minutes. The road goes past Pett Bottom farm at the bottom of the dip. There is a footpath sign on the right about halfway up the hill, take this and head across the field. Cross the stile into a paddock, in the paddock are usually a couple of donkeys and pigs, both in their own pens!

Exit the paddock cross the road, another stile, follow the edge of the field. From this vantage point you can see out to sea and the surrounding area.

At the bottom of the field, through the gate and onto the road, follow the road to the corner and take the byway off to the left, this slowly climbs up to Stone Street. Cross Stone Street and follow the road (it is possible to go through the woodland for this short section) and turn left onto the road to Lyminge.

Follow the road and take the first footpath on the right (this just cuts off a small section of road), back onto the road and turn right and follow the road down/up into Lyminge. At the cross roads go straight over and follow the road which takes you to the pub.

### Lyminge to Etchinghill

From the pub turn left follow the road which goes along the edge of the park down and round a corner. Take the small road on the right which leads into a footpath (Elham Valley Walk), across the field and exit through a paddock onto the main road and cross to the footpath opposite. Take the left fork here ie not the Elham Valley Walk to Etchinghill. This path takes you through the golf course. At the golf course car park turn right and exit onto the road.

The Gatekeeper is just up the road on the left hand side.

### Etchinghill to Stowting

From the pub turn right then almost immediately turn left to the footpath on the opposite side of the road. Follow the footpath through a few paddocks/gates. Eventually you exit onto a large ploughed field. At this point the Elham Valley footpath crosses. Walk diagonally across the field to where the overhead electric lines pass over the road. In the corner of the field cross the stile and down a bank (slippery when wet!). Across the road to another stile into a field and follow the footpath (North Downs Way) around the left edge and turn right along the fence line going up. This takes you up to the top of the downs. Follow the well sign posted route along the top.



You will pass a few over footpaths that either go down or further up, stay along the main route, this then passes through a gate, up a field, through a kissing gate, along the edge of the field and round the corner to farthing corner.

From farthing corner, cross the road to continue on the North Downs Way, this section rounds parallel with Stone Street. The footpath turns left away from the road and down Cobb's Hill to stowting.

When you reach the first road you can either carry onto the Tiger or along the road to retrace your steps back to Bodsham.

To the Tiger...

Cross the road to another short section of footpath which takes you onto Pilgrims Way, turn right and follow the road into stowting and after the last bend bear right to the pub.

To Bodsham...

Turn right and follow the road along and round to the left, take the next right and you will be back on the road you were on earlier.



### Walk 9 - 5hr - Pett Bottom - Hop Pocket/Duck

Distance is around 20kM round trip.

Elevation map below is Bodsham to Bossingham



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This is one of our favourite walks, from the smithy turn left and left again beside the pub, just after the farm buildings cross the stile and diagonally across the field.



# THE SMITHY

Through the kissing gate up across the field, walk just past the five bar gate and follow the fence line up to another kissing gate, along the edge of the field and rather than the stile (overgrown) use the five bar gate, across the road, over the stile and across the paddock heading away from the road to another stile in the corner of the field.



Along the edge of the ploughed field and bear left into the woods, through a five bar gate and down the slope where you then head into the small woodland to walk along the edge of the field.

Across a stile along the edge of the field for 100yards and take the stile on your right leading up into a small cross section of woodland. Into another field for about 50 yards and turn left over a stile into cox hill wood, follow the footpath through the woods and across a stile into a horse field. Follow the path down slightly right to the five bar gate.

Onto the road, turn right for 10 or so yards and left along the edge of a field. Onto another road turn left and after passing a farm/stables (and dog) as the road goes up take the footpath on the right. This foot path runs along a field used for dogs and has a barb wired fence. At the end you go through the kissing gate and turn right and walk slightly down and then up along the edge of the field.

Cross the road and take the foot path/kissing gate on the entrance to a drive, follow the foot path up the edge of the field through the five bar gate and up again to another stile which leads into a small woodland called yocketts banks. You exit into a apple orchard and the foot path is slightly to the left. Follow this all the way out of the farm across the road and through the farm, there is a gate one the left hand side about 200 yards in.



Along the edge of the field and into a small woodland at the end below the electricity lines and diagonally off into the woods, at the end of the woods bear right across a stile along the edge of the field through a five bar gate and then an off road route to Stone Street. Across the main road, across a stile, across a paddock and another stile into a small woodland. This leads to a field with a footpath across, onto the road and left, pass a few houses and the foot path is on the right. Follow the foot path down and then up, all the time bearing slightly left. Through a gap in the hedge and along the top for 150 yards to a stile. Right on the road and right again and the Hop Pocket will be on the left.

### Bossingham to Pett Bottom

From the Hop Pocket turn left, left at the junction and then the footpath on the left (which is opposite a footpath that meets the road). Follow this footpath through a few gates along the edge of a field. Look out for the yellow markings for the footpath to stay on track.

The map shows a horse shoe walk, which you don't have to do, just walk along the edge of the field and cross the stile. Down into the woodland, in the woods take the track and keep left when possible, at the bottom of the dip go left and up and follow the track out of the main woodland for a small section parallel to some fields. Cross a stile into the field and keep right under some trees another stile and across the field to the road.

Turn right on the road and at the bend follow the byway on the left, at the end turn right on the road and at the bend take the footpath on the left, across the field diagonally and in the distance you will see the pub. Across a few stiles and at the end take the stile on the left and not the gate opposite the pub which is locked!

Return options....

You can either return to Bossingham the same way and then onto Stelling Minnis or return via the Chequers pub on stone street then along the valley to Bodsham. With the latter there is a further possible deviation to The Compasses.

Return via Bossingham...

Retrace your steps to Bossingham then as below.

### Bossingham to Stelling Minnis

From the Hop Pocket turn left, cross the road and follow the road around the corner towards Stelling Minnis. After the last house on the right take the track (not the



footpath) and follow this for a short while, bear left along a footpath and this crosses a few tracks. You are roughly walking parallel to the road. Follow the footpath/track and you will pass a few house, including a converted chapel.

You will eventually pop out onto a road and if you bear right you will see the Rose and Crown pub.

### Stelling Minnis to Bodsham

Beside the pub on the right is a road, follow this and near the end next to the farm is a footpath that runs beside the farm, follow this and this comes out to a field. Turn right and walk along the hedge line, at the end cross into a small section of woodland and walk the same line across the small section of field at the end. Around the field for a short while then turn right to meet Stone Street. Cross the road and follow the road opposite.

As you approach the house in front take the stile on the left, along the edge of the field through the hedge gap and bear slightly right to the stile.

From here you have a choice of the quick way to bodsham which is turn right down dean hill along the valley and up the hill to bodsham. All quite visible as you descend dean hill.

The alternative is take the road almost opposite the stile which has a footpath sign, follow this across the stile through the farm, another stile and bear right towards the woodland and another stile. Down through the woodland and bear left along the footpath, as you enter the field bear left to a stile in the corner. Turn right after the stile and there is a white house on the left. Follow the track and at the end turn left, up the track along the edge of spong wood, pass the woodland along a track which goes round to the right, exit onto a road. Follow the road round to the right and down the hill, cross the road and follow the road pass Holt farm to Bodsham.

Return via Chequers Stone Street..

### Pett Bottom to Chequers

Take the same footpath from the pub to the road, turn right and head back to the junction where you previously joined the road. The woodland in front and to the right is St Andrews Wood, there is no designated footpath through the woods but there are numerous tracks. We previously headed shortly along the road and took the first obvious track. When you reach Hardres Court road crossover and take the footpath which leads into a field, cross another field down to the road.



Turn right along the road not long after the house there is a footpath sign, take this and you walk slightly back on yourself through a sheep paddock down and then up to Little Catt's Farm. Follow the sign posts through the buildings as you start to exit there is a nearly hidden exit in the ever green trees, take this and walk diagonally across the field to Stone Street.

Turn left and you will see the pub.

From the pub walk down the side road and at the end of the house on the left is a foot path, down and up the valley, cross over the over footpath at the top, through the gate and follow the footpath down the edge of the field onto Duckpit Road (this road and valley floods in high water) turn left and at New Barn Farm take the second footpath on the right, cross the field, stile into the shelter of the woodland. Follow the yellow makers and you eventually come out onto a byway to Ansdore Farm.

When you reach the tarmac road you have a choice of heading to Bodsham or via the Compasses pub....

### Straight to Bodsham

Turn left then almost immediately right onto a footpath, this follows the road below for a while. At the gate, go through and then bear left which takes you along a woodland beside a barb wire fence.

Exit onto the road and turn left after the houses take the open field footpath along the top edge, turn right and almost immediately through the five bar gate to another footpath through the paddock.

About half way along the woodland border is the stile you are heading for, it is not always obvious, but there is a yellow marker.

Up through the woods and follow the track, when you come out of the woods go straight on through the ploughed field and slightly bear left where eventually you will meet another footpath along the woodland. If it is particularly muddy when you exit the woods turn left along the edge of the field and you come to the footpath that runs beside the field.

Turn right on the footpath, at the road turn right and follow this for a short while, go through the first five bar gate on your left. Along the edge of the field, through the kissing gate follow the fence line keeping right and in the larger field head diagonally down to the left. Through a kissing gate and along the edge of the field up to Bodsham



Straight to Bodsham via Compasses...

Turn right and follow the footpath, take the left hand footpath at the split, this eventually takes you onto another footpath and bear right and follow. You now a few horse paddocks to go through, you eventually walk through the main house drive onto the road.

Almost opposite is another footpath between the houses, take this across the field, across the other footpath to the road. Turn right on the road and next left, the pub is on the right after a short while.

From the pub is the reverse of walk 2.



## Walk 10 - 4hr - Elham - Kings Arms/Rose and Crown/Abbotts Side/George

The distance is approximately 20km round trip.

### Elevation from Bodsham to Elham



### Elevation from Elham to Bodsham



From the Smithy turn left towards the Timberbatts, walk down Bodsham Hill past the school. At the bottom turn left and take the second turning up towards Elmsted.

At the bend in the road there is a gate into the field, take this and follow the footpath up to a second gate. Cross the field diagonally going right to another gate. Follow the footpath across a horse paddock and over the stile, along the edge of the second paddock to another stile. Turn left up on to the road.



At the road turn left and near the bend take the footpath on the right, this down and up through a small section of woods, across a small field keeping left, through a gate and another opposite, walk down the edge of the field through the gate and up more or less in the same direction. Through another gate and keep going up you will pass a bench, keep going up and you will see the exit through a driveway onto the tarmac road. This last section is not immediately clear but will be once you see the driveway.

On the road follow this to the junction and bear left along the road, take the next turning on the left which is a drive. Follow this and just after the bend you will see the footpath going off to the right. Across the field and another where you will meet a bridleway, turn left and follow this along the edge of the field into the woods. At Stone Street cross straight over and follow the track straight ahead, at the end this bears right out of the woods between paddocks. At the road turn left, straight over the cross roads.

Small road section, take the first footpath sign on the right, up the hill and across the stile in the corner, turn right and across the field, follow the right side of the field and after it narrows through the gap and turn left into the woodland.

Follow this track and keep left over a few stiles/gates and eventually this brings you into the top of Elham. On the road (look left to note the foot path between the hedges; route out later) turn right down the road and follow the footpath between the buildings. At the bottom turn left and you are in Elham.

### Elham to Bodsham

Retrace your steps back up the hill to the footpath, almost opposite where you are facing is a foot path between the hedges. Down the footpath and follow this through the paddocks to join a byway going up. At the top on the road turn right, then shortly left onto the footpath, across a few fields, across the byway, diagonally across a field heading for the road in the distance. Across a stile and down and up the valley and under the pylons.

On the road turn right and shortly left onto the footpath through the woods, when you reach the never ending field bear right and after a while you will see a gap with a stile. Across the paddock diagonally left across another stile and follow the footpath straight more or less, you come to a corner of a fire road/track. Turn left and at the junction straight over onto a small footpath. Down and up to the road. Turn right on the road and follow the road, at the bend go straight on. Over a junction and follow the byway which takes you through the farm and out. You will notice a footpath sign on the right, opposite this is a field, take this, walk along the edge and eventually you will come to a stile into another field and to the corner where the house meets the road.



Cross Stone Street and a short walk down the road is the *George* pub. If you wish to miss the *George* take the small road on the right, follow this round and take the second footpath on the right and re-join below\*.

From the car park of the *George* at the rear is a foot path, follow this through a field, when you reach the road bear slightly right and take the footpath\*. Walk down the left hand side and at the bottom through the gap and up the side of Spong Wood.

At the edge of the woodland turn left and follow the track onto the road, keep going straight and follow the road down the hill, at the bottom more or less straight over to go down and up to Bodsham.