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Battle Circular

Start and finish: Battle station

Length: 19km (11.8 miles).

Time: 5 hours 30 minutes. For the whole outing, including trains, sights and meals, allow at least 10 hours.

Transport: Trains go from London Charing Cross to Battle, journey time 1 hour 20 minutes.

OS Landranger Map: 199

OS Explorer Map: 124

Battle, map reference TQ 755156, is in **Sussex**, 8km north west of Hastings.

Toughness: 3 out of 10.

Walk Notes: If wanting to visit Battle Abbey at the end of this walk, then you should plan to set off early and take the late lunch stop. Otherwise this walk is suited for a late start and consequently an early lunch stop and a longer afternoon section, which should give you a healthy appetite for an evening meal at one of the many establishments in Battle.

Saturday Walkers' Club: If stopping at the earlier lunch place at Catsfield take the train nearest to 10.30 am from Charing Cross Station to Battle, otherwise if stopping at the later lunch place at Netherfield take the train nearest to 8.50 am.

WALK DIRECTIONS

[1] Cross over the footbridge to exit the station and turn left up the station driveway. In 180 metres, *at a T-junction with the main road, turn right.*

In 160 metres cross the road at a zebra crossing to continue up the A2100 and after 450 metres *turn left past the main entrance to Battle Abbey on your left hand side.* Go down a road passing the Pilgrims Rest on your right hand side.

*You now follow the **1066 Country Walk signs (to Pevensey)** all the way to the White Hart pub, Catshill [2]* and for the most part it is clearly signposted.

In more detail: After 60 metres you pass by a 1066 Country Walk (CW) wooden signpost on your left next to the start of a 3-metre high brick wall.

In 80 metres at the end of the road, go through a metal gate to go down a car wide track along the left-hand side of a field bordered by a wood.

In 500 metres fork right off the car wide track across the field (marked by a 1066 CW wooden signpost Pevensey 16½ miles), your direction 210 degrees.

In 350 metres you come down to the corner of an adjacent field on your left and continue on the level along the left hand side of a narrow strip of land. After 80 metres go through a metal gate into a wooded area to go initially up a car wide earth bridleway, your direction 250 degrees.

In 250 metres go through a metal gate to emerge from the wooded area to go up a car wide shingle track between hedgerows.

In 320 metres at the crest of the track you pass by a farm track on your right, to continue down the track. After 300 metres (the track having levelled), turn left through a gap (to the right of a metal fieldgate) to follow a footpath up through a wood. After 150 metres the footpath levels to continue in a southerly direction. In 40 metres at a path T-junction turn right, (marked by a 1066 CW wooden signpost), your direction west.

In 80 metres ignore a path forking to your left to follow a footpath signpost ahead to cross a stile after 25 metres into the corner of a field to follow a footpath diagonally across this field, your direction 240 degrees.

After 280 metres cross over a stream into the next field and turn right along the right hand side of this field. After 90 metres go through a metal gate (right of a metal fieldgate) to go along a car wide track to reach a T-junction with the main road after 100 metres.

Turn left and in 50 metres turn right to go over a stile (to the right of a metal fieldgate) into a field. Turn half left across this field aiming for a stile in the far corner.

In 220 metres cross over the stile (to the right of a metal fieldgate) to come out to a road and turn right. In 400 metres you reach the **White Hart** pub [2], Catsfield, on your right hand side, the early lunch stop.

Immediately past the White Hart pub (and just before Catsfield Village Shop) *turn right* along a tarmac lane marked 1066 CW, your direction 310 degrees. After 300 metres you pass by a pond on your right hand side and 20 metres further on go through a wooden gate to the right of a wooden fieldgate. Continue (initially) up a car wide earth track through a wooded area.

In 1.4km veer left (ignoring a car wide track round and down to your right) over a stile (left of a wooden fieldgate) to continue up a car wide track, passing under some mini pylon cables after 15 metres.

After 400 metres, *at a T-junction with the main road*, [3] cross over and *turn*

left along a grass verge. *In 20 metres turn right* through a gap (marked 1066 CW) to go over a stile after 35 metres into the corner of a field. Go along its right hand side to reach a wooden fieldgate on your right after 25 metres.

Veer left down across the field (marked by a 1066 CW wooden footpath signpost) aiming 40 metres to the right of the nearest mini pylon pole, your direction west. In 100 metres you go under the cable run (with the mini pylon pole off to your left), as the footpath now starts to descend. Aiming for the gap between a tree on the left and a clump of trees on the right, your direction 280 degrees.

In 200 metres you pass by the left side of the clump of trees, passing by a cattle trough and the footpath post. Continue down in the same direction towards the far corner of the field (passing a Horse Chestnut tree on your left-hand side after 60 metres). In 180 metres at the corner of the field, follow the footpath down some steps into a wooded area.

In 60 metres you reach a field, and veer left towards the fenced in corner of a wood, 50 metres distant. Pass by the corner of the wood on your left to go up across the field *aiming just to the left of a large clump of trees* (with the 1066 CW signpost on its immediate left), your direction west. *After 200 metres* you pass by the post and the clump of trees immediately on your right hand side. *Continue up across the field aiming for a metal gate in the far field fence* (40 metres to the left of a right hand clump of trees) 350 metres distant, your direction 280 degrees.

Go through the metal gate and *veer slightly right* following a footpath signpost towards a footpath signpost just to the left of a small line of trees, your direction 310 degrees. *In 140 metres at the footpath signpost* (to the left of the small line of trees) you reach a viewpoint at the top of Tent Hill, a possible picnic spot.

Continue down the footpath, aiming for a footpath post in the middle of some shrubbery halfway down the hill, your direction 300 degrees. After 150 metres you pass by the footpath post in the

shrubbery and continue down towards a stile leading into a wooded area at the bottom. After 180 metres cross the stile and go down some steps, to cross (after 50 metres) a footbridge and go through a metal gate. Veer left for 40 metres to cross a footbridge and in 20 metres go over a stile into a field.

Go diagonally up across this field, your direction 310 degrees, aiming for a metal fieldgate on the far side of the field. After 250 metres go through a metal fieldgate to go across the next field towards a metal fieldgate (with a mini pylon plus transformer box beyond it). In 150 metres go through the metal fieldgate into the next field to go up across it. After 35 metres you pass by the mini pylon pole plus transformer box on your right. In a further 130 metres go through a wooden kissing gate to turn left along a fenced in footpath.

After 180 metres you come out to a small green and turn left and in 50 metres enter a wooded area (through a kissing gate), and in a further 25 metres *turn left down a lane. After 120 metres* (40 metres before a bridge over a stream) you reach a car wide track off to your right (almost back on itself). **[4]**

Turn right down this car wide track (byway) with a stream down to its left, through a wooded area, your direction 350 degrees.

After 1km go over a brick sided bridge across a stream. In 40 metres, *where the shingle lane swings up to the left*, (by a 3 armed wooden path signpost on your right hand side). *Fork right down a track*, passing by a wooden fieldgate on your left-hand side, your initial direction 80 degrees. After 40 metres veer left to go over a wooden footbridge across a stream to continue up a car wide earth bridleway through a lightly wooded area, your direction 40 degrees.

In 180 metres you emerge from the lightly wooded area, now with a wood on your right hand side and a hedgerow and field beyond down to your left. After 300 metres you pass by a garden fence / wall on your left-hand side as the path starts to level out. In 100 metres go through a

metal fieldgate to continue up a car wide grass track between hedgerows.

In 400 metres enter a wood through a metal fieldgate to continue up a car wide bridleway, your direction 60 degrees. In 100 metres you *emerge from the wood into a field and turn right* down its right hand edge, your direction 120 degrees. *After 60 metres* at the bottom right hand corner, *follow it round to the left* and continue along its lower right hand side, your direction 50 degrees. *In 200 metres* (and 10 metres before a mini pylon pole) *turn right through a car wide gap into the next field and turn left* up its left-hand side, your direction 20 degrees. *Follow the left-hand side up and round* and down to the right *for 400 metres* to then go through a wooden gate *to turn left up a lane.*

In 80 metres turn right over a stile (to the left of a metal fieldgate) to go along a fenced in car wide track, your direction 40 degrees. **[5]**

After 200 metres the car wide track enters a lightly wooded area. In 180 metres go over a stile and another immediately after to *go down the left-hand side of a field*, your direction 50 degrees. *In 45 metres at the corner of this field follow it round and down to the right* (ignoring a wooden fieldgate on your left-hand side), your direction 80 degrees. In 40 metres you pass by a pond on your right hand side to continue up the left-hand side of the field.

In 150 metres at the left hand corner of the field go through a rusty metal fieldgate to go up a narrow strip of land (a cutting acting as a field boundary), your direction 80 degrees. After 230 metres fork right to cross a driveway (with a metal fieldgate 10 metres off to right) to then cross a stile into the lower corner of a field to go up its right hand side. After 120 metres cross over a stile to go up a fenced in footpath along the right hand edge of a wood.

In 70 metres *cross a stile into the bottom corner of a field and continue along its lower right-hand side.* At the right-hand corner of the field, go through a metal gate and turn left up a broad 10

metre wide enclosed grass track, your initial direction 20 degrees, (which curves round to the left further on).

After 200 metres (immediately before a metal fieldgate) turn right over a stile, along an enclosed footpath in your prior direction and in 15 metres turn right up a shingle driveway.

After 100 metres at a T-junction with the main road, turn right along a grass verge on the left-hand side of the road.

In 200 metres you pass by

The White Hart on your right. In a further 80 metres *veer left off the main road* (sign-posted Battle Golf Club) *along Netherfield Road*, your direction 110 degrees. In 170 metres you reach **The Netherfield Arms** on your left, the recommended late lunch stop.

After 300 metres you pass Netherfield Village Hall up off to your left. In 180 metres, *just before the road enters a wood and swings to the left, [6] turn right* down a car wide track. After 15 metres *cross a stile* (right of a metal fieldgate) *into a field*, to go down across it *aiming for its far corner*, your direction 160 degrees.

In 270 metres at the field corner, go through a metal fieldgate and *turn right down a shingle lane* (between hedgerows). In 120 metres you enter a wood with ponds on both sides.

After 150 metres you emerge from the wood and in a further 100 metres (immediately past a small single story house on you left hand side), *turn left into Netherfield Farm buildings. After 15 metres turn right down a concrete track to then go through a double metal fieldgate to continue between some stables on your right hand side, and a 5 metre high barn on your left-hand side. Immediately past the barn, turn left for 40 metres down a car wide track to cross a stile* (left of a metal fieldgate) *into a field*, to go down its right hand side, your direction south.

After 170 metres go through a car wide gap to continue down the right hand side of the next field. (With a mini pylon cable run on your left-hand side.) In 60 metres you go under the mini pylon cables. After

120 metres at the right hand corner of the field (with a double mini-pylon pole off to your right hand side), go through a metal field gate into the next field.

Turn half-left down across this field, aiming for a wooden fieldgate (40 metres to the left of the far bottom corner), your direction 150 degrees. In 200 metres cross a stile (to the right of the wooden fieldgate) into a wood to go along a car wide track.

In 45 metres cross a stile (to the right of a metal fieldgate), *to veer right* along the right-hand side of a field (bordered by a fenced in wood), your direction 160 degrees. In 300 metres cross a wooden two railed footbridge into a wood, to follow the footpath up through the wood, your direction 130 degrees.

After 35 metres at a cross paths, continue straight ahead, to initially go down and then up a car wide track. In 150 metres *where the car wide track swings up and round to the left, continue straight on* (past a tree stump), your direction 140 degrees. In 50 metres cross a stile to leave the wood to (initially) go up an enclosed footpath. After 200 metres *turn left up an enclosed car wide track.*

In 70 metres go through two wooden posts to reach a footpath junction 10 metres beyond (marked by a wooden signpost on your right hand side) and *fork right* (passing a fenced in pond on your left hand side), your direction 130 degrees. In 15 metres go over a stile to reach a field to go along its upper left hand side, your direction 100 degrees.

In 200 metres at its upper left-hand corner go through a wooden fieldgate to continue along a car wide track bordered by hedgerows. In 180 metres *at a concrete car wide track* (leading to Beech Farm) *veer left* along the right-hand side of a field, your direction 60 degrees.

After 80 metres (just past the corner of wooden plank fencing on your right, **[!]***turn right*, through a metal gate and follow the footpath to *go through a wooden gate* (next to a mini pylon pole with a grey transformer box) *after 30 metres and turn right* down the right

hand side of a field, your direction 110 degrees.

In 80 metres at the corner of a large metal barn on your right, veer right for 40 metres to go through a wooden gate into a small field. Veer right, down across this field aiming for a wooden gate (between two houses), your direction 120 degrees.

In 80 metres go through the gate to go along a fenced in footpath for 40 metres, to then *go through a gate and turn left along a lane. In 5 metres turn right* and after 20 metres cross a stile (to the right of a metal fieldgate) into a field to go along its upper left-hand side, your direction 120 degrees.

After 300 metres the footpath leads down to the fields lower left hand corner where you go down a fenced in footpath along the left side of a wood. After 40 metres *cross over a footbridge into a field to go up across it, aiming for the far upper left hand corner* (ignore a gap on your left close to the top leading into a smaller field), your direction 100 degrees.

In 370 metres *at the far top corner of the field, exit over a stile* (right of a wooden fieldgate) *to go up a car wide track*, (that curves to the right further on). *After 200 metres* you reach a T- junction where you *turn left* to go through a small housing / industrial estate. *After 250 metres turn right along the A2100.*

In 100 metres at a roundabout veer left to reach after 400 metres (and 30 metres before the main entrance to Battle Abbey) **The Pilgrims Rest**, the recommended tea stop on your right hand side.

From the Pilgrims restaurant go past Battle Abbey entrance on your right-hand side to turn right along the raised pavement along the main road with the Abbey wall on your right. In 200 metres, at a roundabout, veer right downhill. In 250 metres turn left down the station approach road to reach the station after 180 metres.

The Netherfield Arms *Netherfield, TN33 9QD, (01424 838282)* Food served noon – 2pm daily. Located 13km from the start of the walk. - long term closed

The White Hart *The Green, Catsfield, TN33 9DJ, (01424 892650)* Food served noon – 2pm Mon - Sat. (to 3pm on Sundays.) Located 4km from the start of the walk.

The White Hart *Netherfield, TN33 9QH, (01424 838382)* Food served noon – 2pm Tue - Sun (closed on Mondays). Located 12.5km from the start of the walk.

The Pilgrims Rest *1 High Street, Battle TN33 0AE (01424 772314)* Check times. This is the suggested tea stop.

Lunch and Tea places: