

Robertsbridge

20d Alternative walk directions with lunch at Hurst Green (East Sussex)

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These directions provide an alternate morning route for the Robertsbridge Circular main walk described in the book "Time Out Country Walks near London - Volume 2" (ISBN 0141018658). The directions are to be used in conjunction with the printed book.

[This route was originally surveyed and written up just prior to press date for the Country Walks Volume 2 book. At the time there was a possibility that the lunchtime pub on the main walk, The White Horse, having been closed for refurbishment since September 2003, would remain closed well after the book was published. Thus these directions were to have been included in the book as an alternate morning route. However the White Horse reopened in February 2004. The morning route in the book is the preferred route. Although these directions do have the advantage of a safer crossing of the A21, plus different fare from the average pub lunch.]

Lunch for the alternate walk via Hurst Green

Lunch for the main and long walks The suggested lunchtime place is The Eurasia Restaurant, **The Royal George** (01580 860200), Hurst Green, 5.5km (standard), 13.5km (long) from the start of the walk, which serves Chinese and Malaysian food from midday to 2pm Thursday to Sunday. The restaurant is attached to the Royal George pub and the prices are in line with an average pub lunch.

Standard Robertsbridge walk directions to [3].

Having crossed the railway line and stile. *Turn left along a narrow strip of land*, (which may be thick with nettles in the summer), your direction 320 degrees. In 180 metres at a two armed footpath signpost, turn right. After 10 metres cross a car wide plank bridge over a stream to then turn left over a stile, to follow a footpath along the left hand side of a field, which after 45 metres turns right at the field corner, to continue along its left-hand side aiming in the direction of some houses ahead.

After 50 metres go over a stile (left of a wooden fieldgate), to continue up a car wide track, your direction 30 degrees.

In 80 metres go past a red slate house on your left to continue up a lane, ignoring any turn offs.

In 1km you *come out to a T-junction with the A265*. Turn left down along the A265, your direction 280 degrees. In 30 metres, *cross over this road with care, and go up some steps* with a wooden handrail (and a concrete public footpath marker at the base of the steps).

After 30 metres you come out to the corner of a field. Turn left to go up the left-hand side of the field, your direction 10 degrees. After 200 metres at the left-hand corner of the field (by a mini pylon pole), go through a gap to go along the left-hand edge of an open area, along a path which becomes fenced in after a few metres, your direction 350 degrees.

In 150 metres you *come out to a lane*. Turn right along the lane,

your direction 60 degrees. *After 160 metres, turn left* up a car wide track, (immediately past the entrance to Beagles Boundary on your left, and marked by a concrete public footpath marker), your direction 340 degrees.

After 60 metres pass to the left of a metal fieldgate to enter a wooded area. In 7 metres *at the corner of a wooden garden fence on your right, turn right* along a footpath, with the wooden fence on your right, your direction 70 degrees.

After 300 metres having continued along with garden fencing on your left, continue straight ahead across a crosspaths (with the path to the right leading to a set of 6 garages), your direction 40 degrees.

In 350 metres the now fenced in tarmac footpath, comes out to a driveway entrance, which you cross. Continue along a tarmac fenced in footpath. In 60 metres ignore a footpath off to the right and after 25 metres, *turn right through a kissing gate into the churchyard* of Holy Trinity, Hurst Green. Follow the path, through the churchyard for 100 metres, to *exit via a lychgate onto the A21*. Turn right along the pavement. In 200 metres with the Tower and clock on your left, cross over Station Road to then cross the main road via a pelican crossing after 20 metres.

If you are *intending the lunch stop at the Royal George*, turn right to reach *The Royal George after 50 metres*. Otherwise turn left and after 10 metres turn right along an initially tarmac lane passing the Tower and Clock on your left, your direction 60 degrees.

After 400 metres go through some black metal gates, the

entrance to Driftways Farm, and continue straight ahead along a car wide earth track, your direction 70 degrees. In 100 metres having passed a house and farm buildings on your left, go through a metal gate to the right of a metal fieldgate and continue along a car wide concrete track, your direction 80 degrees.

After 200 metres the concrete track ends. Continue straight ahead, your direction 70 degrees, down a car wide earth track, alongside high trees on your right for 40 metres and then on your left. After 220 metres at the end of a line of trees, cross over into the next field and continue in the same direction down a car wide track across the field.

In 100 metres having crossed the field, enter the next field and *pass a small green metal hay store on your left and then turn half right down a car wide track across the field*, your direction 120 degrees. In 100 metres *cross a stream into the next field and continue up a car wide track for 40 metres. Turn left to go along the upper right hand edge of this narrow field*, with trees on your right, your direction 60 degrees.

In 120 metres cross over into the next narrow field and continue along the upper right hand edge of the field. In 220 metres at the upper right hand corner of the field, continue straight ahead to enter Mill Wood, your direction 80 degrees.

After 60 metres you emerge from Mill Wood into a field and turn left down the left-hand edge of the field. In 50 metres at the bottom left hand corner of the field follow the field edge round to the right to

continue down the bottom left hand edge of the field, your direction 80 degrees. In 300 metres at the far side of this field continue through a gap and follow a car wide track for 100 metres into the next field.

To continue the walk refer to the main (standard) walk directions from [4]