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# **Wadhurst Circular**

## The stunning High Weald, Mayfield and Wadhurst Park.

Start and Finish: Wadhurst station

**Length:** 19km (11.8 miles). For a shorter walk and other variations, see below **Walk options**.

**Time:** 5 hours 50 minutes. For the whole outing including trains, sights and meals, allow 8 hours.

**Transport:** Two trains an hour (one an hour on Sundays) run from London Charing Cross to Wadhurst (journey time: 1 hour). Take the train nearest to 9.35am. For those driving, car parking (charged) is available at Wadhurst station.

## OS Landranger Maps: 188 OS Explorer Map: 136

Wadhurst (station), reference TQ621330 is in East Sussex, 7km south-east of Tunbridge Wells.

Toughness: 4 out of 10

Walk Notes: The prime attraction of this walk is the pleasure of walking through the unspoiled countryside of the High Weald, a region classed as an area of outstanding natural beauty. In August and September the hedgerows are rich with blackberries. The route at the outset follows the Sussex Border Path, but soon diverts south to Tidebrook, and continues south to Mayfield. It is worth spending

some time in Mayfield as it has many attractive old buildings, and the 14th century church is now a grade I listed building. The route after lunch heads north-east before continuing north to Wadhurst village for tea.

Weald is an Old English word for woodland that once covered the countryside of Sussex and Kent. The woodland was largely cleared to construct ships required by the Navy for conflicts including The Hundred Years War, and fighting the Spanish Armada. In addition to the forests supplying the shipyards, the wood was also used for gunpowder and iron smelting, and oak bark for tanning military boots and saddles. By the end of the Napoleonic Wars the Government requested landowners to plant more trees.

**Walk options:** Directions for these variations appear at the end of the main walk text.

a) Shorter walk: You may reduce the length of the main walk by 9km (5.6 miles) to a total of 10km (6.2 miles) by following the main walk directions as given until [3]. Then follow the directions at the end of the main walk text, before picking up the main walk directions at [10].

b) Alternative ending at Stonegate: If you are happy to go without tea, then you may vary the end of this walk and finish at Stonegate. This reduces the length of the main walk by 3km to 16km (9.9 miles). Follow the Main walk directions to [7], then follow the directions at the end of the main walk text to link up with the end of the long Stonegate directions (see next walk, walk 19). Buy a return rail ticket to Stonegate if doing this option. You cannot do this ending if you take the shorter option above.

An extended version of this walk finishing at Robertsbridge is available on the website of the Saturday Walkers Club <a href="https://www.walkingclub.org.uk">www.walkingclub.org.uk</a> in the 'Time Out Country Walks 2' section. Buy a return rail ticket to Robertsbridge if doing this option.

## **WALK DIRECTIONS**

[1] [Numbers refer to the map]
Coming off the London train from
platform 2 at Wadhurst Station go
through the exit into the station car park.

Turn right for 80 metres to leave the car park and cross over the main road with care to turn right up the pavement. In 120 metres you pass a driveway on your left and after a further 25 metres(with the driveway entrance to The Keys on your left), re-cross the main road to take a footpath leading down to the railway. After 90 metres cross a stile followed by the railway. In a further 30 metres go over a stile to go up across a field towards a wood, your direction south.

In 120 metres continue straight ahead to enter the wood, indicated by a yellow arrow on a footpath post. After 140 metres go through a wooden gate and up some steps to pass by a corrugated metal barn to the left.

After 130 metres you go through a wooden gate (right of a fieldgate) to reach a *T- junction with a lane. Turn right* 

and in 20 metres turn left onto a footpath, your initial direction south.

After 200 metres at a T-junction with a road turn left, your direction south. In 140 metres turn right onto a footpath down a tarmac lane, marked by a yellow arrow on a post, your direction 300 degrees. After 350 metres follow the footpath along the lane as it curves to the left, (marked by a yellow footpath arrow on a telegraph pole on the corner), your direction now 200 degrees.

In 160 metres where the car wide track ends, the footpath continues up a narrow track, marked by a yellow arrow on a post. After 400 metres the path comes out to a car-wide shingle track. Continue up the track, your direction 200 degrees.

In 200 metres at a road junction, **[2]** turn right along the B2100, your direction 270 degrees. In 140 metres you pass by the entrance to Pennybridge House on your left. After a further 100 metres turn left, your direction 140 degrees. Go down a driveway immediately passing the driveway entrance to Three Trees house on your right.

Follow the driveway for 220 metres where the road splits into three, fork (initially) up to the right (marked by a yellow footpath arrow), your direction 230 degrees.

In 280 metres you go through a (usually open) metal fieldgate to *join an (initially)* concrete car-wide track between fields, your direction 160 degrees.

In 270 metres the track starts to narrow and goes downhill (between fields). In 400 metres go through a wooden gate into a field. Veer right, your direction 160 degrees, down across the field towards a not-too-visible gap in the tree line, 150 metres distant, to the left of a large oak tree. (Ignore a distinct track veering off to the right, direction 180 degrees. If you end up going too far to the right and are heading down to a car-wide bridge over a stream; turn left into the wood to pick up the footpath leading down to the

footbridge, which is 40 metres to the left of the car-wide bridge.)

On reaching the gap follow the footpath down through a lightly wooded area to cross a stile and a footbridge after 60 metres. Continue up the footpath for 40 metres to then *turn right onto a B road*, your direction 230 degrees.

In 90 metres turn left up a driveway that curves to the right. After 80 metres (and before the wooden fieldgate up ahead) you reach a hidden stile to your left and a stile on your right [3]. [If you are intending to take the short walk refer to the **Shorter walk directions** at the end of this main walk text.]

Otherwise, for the main walk, cross the stile on your right, and turn left along the top edge of a slope with a wooden fence on your left, your initial direction 210 degrees.

After 60 metres continue straight ahead past a three-armed footpath signpost. In 30 metres turn left along a fenced-in footpath, your direction 140 degrees. In 25 metres [!] turn right, indicated by a yellow public footpath arrow, and go through a wooden gate to come out onto a tarmac driveway, your direction 200 degrees. Ensure that you shut the gate.

Go down the driveway passing a house and garden on your left. In 140 metres, as the garden on the left ends, follow the driveway round to the right and down more steeply through a wooded area.

In 100 metres at a T-junction turn left, and in 10 metres turn right to go through a wooden fieldgate with a yellow footpath arrow indicating half left. Go diagonally across the field aiming 30 metres to the left of the bottom field corner, so that you pass 60 metres to the left of a mini pylon pole in the field, your direction 220 degrees.

In 180 metres cross a field boundary ditch, to then veer right to cross into the next field, cutting off the corner of this field, your direction 240 degrees.

After 130 metres at the bottom edge of the field, cross over a (partially obscured) stile to go down some steps through a wooded area. After 20 metres turn left at a B road and in 5 metres turn right along a tarmac lane, your direction 290 degrees.

In 300 metres the shingle lane becomes tarmac; follow it round to the left to go over a bridge. Continue on the lane as it veers to the left and goes uphill. After 180 metres you pass by a field corner on your left, next to a pylon pole, and continue along the lane as the tarmac soon gives out to shingle.

In 120 metres you pass by a converted oast house on your left. In 60 metres you go through a pair of wooden gates to continue along a car-wide grassy path. In 80 metres, you go through a wooden gate (left of a double wooden fieldgate) to continue on the track, down through a wooded area to cross a small stream after 90 metres, to go up an earth car-wide track.

After 60 metres you go through a fieldgate entrance to turn half-left, marked by a yellow (footpath) arrow. Head up across the field towards the gap between some trees, your direction 200 degrees. After 160 metres cross over into the next field, to go up along its right-hand side, your direction 220 degrees.

In 220 metres at the right-hand field corner cross a stile (left of a metal fieldgate) to enter a wood, and continue up the right-hand edge of this wood. After 130 metres, having emerged from the wood, you pass through some distinctive white brick gateposts (entrance to Harewood Lodge) and reach a road [4]. Cross the road and then a stile into parkland.

Go straight downhill, towards the gap between the fencing on your right and the trees on your left, your direction 240 degrees. After 300 metres at the bottom, you go through a wooden kissing gate and after 15 metres cross over a small

stream. In 25 metres you come out into the corner of a field with young saplings

Veer left to go down the left-hand side of the field, your direction 220 degrees. In 220 metres, on reaching the bottom field corner, cross a footbridge over a stream to enter a lightly wooded area. In 75 metres turn right, over a footbridge and go up some wooden steps to go up a potentially muddy footpath for 60 metres, to then turn sharp left (marked by a wooden signpost) to after a few metres, cross over a stile into a field.

Go up along the lower left-hand side of the field, with a (fenced-in) wood to your left, your direction 190 degrees.

After 220 metres at the corner of the field, cross over into the next field. In 40 metres with the corner of the wood on your left, veer slightly to the right, up across the field, your direction 200 degrees.

In 180 metres go through a gap in the hedgerow into the next field to continue down in the same direction. After 250 metres, having crossed the field, go through a gap into the next field to descend more steeply with woods to your right.

After 120 metres cross a stile (right of a metal fieldgate) to enter a wood and turn left to cross a concrete footbridge. Go uphill for 30 metres and where the footpath forks, (marked by a wooden footpath post), fork right, your initial direction 250 degrees. After 30 metres fork left to continue up what subsequently becomes a sunken footpath, your initial direction 220 degrees. In 110 metres go past a redundant stile to emerge from the wood into a field.

Continue up along the lower left-hand edge of the field, your direction 230 degrees. In 180 metres cross a stile into the next field and continue up the bottom left-hand side of this field along a shrubbery alleyway.

After 160 metres go past a redundant stile and continue uphill in the same direction along the fenced-in left-hand side of the field, towards a four-armed wooden footpath signpost with a yellow painted top, 170 metres ahead. On reaching the four-armed footpath signpost [5] continue along a car-wide track. In 70 metres cross a stile (left of a metal fieldgate) to go up along the upper left-hand fenced-in edge of a field, your direction 220 degrees.

In 140 metres cross a stile at the top corner of the field and then a car-wide track, to go up some steps and continue now with a football pitch on your left-hand side, your direction 200 degrees. In 100 metres you reach Mayfield Jubilee Skateboard Facility on your right. At the corner of the football pitch turn left, to join a tarmac path between the football pitch on your left and a basketball court 30 metres up to your right.

Follow this path downhill to reach the bottom corner of the parkland area, after 250 metres. Turn left, onto a tarmac footpath to go along an alleyway, your direction 70 degrees. In 140 metres the path curves right for 25 metres to then go through a metal bike blocking barrier. You are now in **Mayfield.** Turn right down the pavement for 25 metres to a T-junction where you turn right to reach the **Rose and Crown,** the lunchtime stop.

(To visit the church of **St. Dunstan,** a detour of a few minutes. From the front of the Rose and Crown turn right up Fletching Street. In 400 metres you pass by **The Middle House** on your left-hand side. The church is another 100 metres further on the right.)

After lunch go to the bottom of the small green and turn left along East Street, your direction east. In 200 metres turn left up Southmead Close. Follow the road round to the right and after 220 metres, just past house number 18, turn left, along a car-wide track, your direction 30 degrees. After 30 metres fork right, along a footpath marked by a wooden footpath post, your direction east.

In 70 metres you come out to a field to continue in the same direction across it, along a fenced-in footpath. In 180 metres go past a redundant stile to enter a wooded field boundary. In 15 metres cross over a stile (ignore a stile immediately to your right) and continue in the same direction (east) along the upper right-hand side of the field, following the path to the far bottom corner of the field.

After 160 metres, at the bottom corner of the field, you *enter Hole Wood and go down the right-hand side of the wood,* your direction 50 degrees.

**[6]** After 170 metres cross over a footpath crosspaths (marked by a fourarmed footpath signpost), to continue down the footpath. In 50 metres the footpath curves to the right with a stream on your left.

After 120 metres cross over a footbridge and continue up ahead, passing by a small South East Water brick utility building on the left after 40 metres, your direction 60 degrees, to continue up a concrete car-wide track along the left-hand side of a field, your direction 40 degrees.

After 200 metres at the top corner of the field cross a stile and turn right onto a concrete car-wide track, your direction 110 degrees. In 70 metres at a path junction marked by a three way wooden signpost on your right continue ahead down the car-wide track.

After 200 metres you pass a derelict barn on your right. In 50 metres *turn right* passing by a stone building on your left.

[7] In 50 metres you reach a path T-junction.

[If you are intending to finish the walk at Stonegate refer to the directions at the end of this main walk text under **Alternative ending at Stonegate**.]

Otherwise, to finish the walk at Wadhurst, turn left, as marked by a yellow (footpath) arrow, to go up a car-wide track, your direction 30 degrees.

After 60 metres go over a stile to continue along the left-hand edge of a narrow field. In 250 metres go through a wooden fieldgate to go up across this long narrow field towards a stile in the top corner (which becomes visible after 100 metres), your direction 40 degrees. 320 metres further on you cross over the stile to enter a lightly wooded area, to arrive at a footpath junction marked by a three-armed footpath signpost. [8]

Veer to the right, uphill along the lefthand edge of the wood, your direction 110 degrees. In 60 metres, turn left across a field, your direction 70 degrees, aiming for a metal fieldgate on the far side.

After 140 metres you go through the metal fieldgate to enter Combe Wood to go down a car wide track, your direction 40 degrees. In 600 metres, at the bottom of Combe Wood, go past a redundant stile to veer slightly right following a footpath signpost, your direction 70 degrees. In 90 metres cross over a footbridge.

Update Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2023. The footbridge (TQ619285) has been damaged by recent flooding and will be replaced when conditions allow.

Temporary Diversion: Turn right to follow the river bank footpath, direction southeast. (river on your left-hand side) In 250m (TQ621284), at a path junction, turn sharp left to cross the river and follow the footpath, initially 330 degrees to reach a footpath cross paths (TQ619286) after 300 metres, where you turn right through a metal kissing-gate to rejoin the route at [D1] below.

Go uphill through a wooded footpath field boundary, your direction 20 degrees. In 120 metres go over a crosspaths and through a metal kissing-gate, **[D1]** and

continue in the same direction up the wooded footpath field boundary. After 350 metres (having crossed a stile and gone through two gates along the way) you come out onto a lane. Continue up the lane, your direction 40 degrees.

After 200 metres you pass Lodge Hill farm, a creosote clapboard building on your right. In 550 metres, at a lane junction [9] marked by a footpath post on the left, turn right to pass an octagon shaped lodge on your right, your initial direction 140 degrees.

In 10 metres the tarmac car-wide track becomes sand shingle. Follow the carwide track round to the left passing through two brick gateposts after 50 metres; the track now becomes earth.

After 500 metres at a T-junction turn left, your direction 30 degrees. In 80 metres at another T-junction, cross over to enter **Wadhurst Park.** Go down the right upper edge of Wadhurst Park, your direction 70 degrees.

After 300 metres, by a three-arrowed signpost, turn left down a car-wide earth track, your direction north. After 120 metres you cross a stream to continue uphill through a wooded area, your direction 340 degrees. In 140 metres you emerge from the wooded area to cross a field marked by footpath posts, towards a gap in the trees on the upper far side of the field, your direction 10 degrees.

In 250 metres, when you reach the corner of a wood on your left, cross into the next field to go down its left-hand side, with the wood on your left.

After 120 metres at the bottom of the field you continue up the left-hand edge of the next field. In 100 metres, at the top corner of the field, go along a carwide track, passing a pond on your left after 30 metres, your direction 20 degrees.

In 80 metres you go through a wooden gate to the left of a metal fieldgate to come out to a driveway. Turn left along it,

your direction 340 degrees, and follow it downhill.

After 100 metres at a T-junction, cross over a lane to go over a stile (right of a wooden fieldgate), and go down through a wood, (with a wooden fence on your right). In 150 metres, at the bottom corner of the wood, veer left to cross a car wide plank bridge, to go through a metal fieldgate into the bottom of a small field.

Turn right to go diagonally up across this field, aiming for the top corner, your direction 60 degrees.

After 120 metres at the top corner go through a wooden kissing gate and turn left to go up some steps to cross a lane, and continue up a footpath, your direction 10 degrees. After 80 metres you cross the railway line (flanked by two stiles). In 8 metres continue straight over an unmarked crosspaths. [!] Then in 15 metres fork left up a footpath through a wood, marked by a yellow arrow on a footpath post, your direction 350 degrees.

In 170 metres the path levels out and shortly after the path descends. After 350 metres go over a crosspaths (shingle carwide track) marked by a footpath post, and after 40 metres cross a four-plank footbridge to then go through a wooden kissing-gate and go up the top left side of a field, your direction 20 degrees.

After 150 metres, at the top field corner, cross a stile to go through a lightly wooded area. After 40 metres at a dip you pass by a redundant stile to go up the right edge of a small field, your direction 10 degrees. After 50 metres at the top corner of this small field, cross a stile to continue along the right-hand edge of the next field, your direction 20 degrees. (Directly ahead of you, about 1km in the distance, you can see the spire of St Peter and St Paul, which you will be passing by later on.)

After 180 metres, at the field corner, go down a short path and in 10 metres *cross* over a stile onto a lane. Cross the lane

and the stile immediately opposite to reach the corner of a field. [10] Head across the field towards Wadhurst, your direction 20 degrees.

In 300 metres, having crossed the field, go over a stile (right of a wooden fieldgate), and turn left to go up Washwell Lane.

After 600 metres you reach a T-junction with **Wadhurst** High Street, with the **White Hart** on the right-hand corner. This is the recommended lunch stop for the short walk and the alternative tea place for the main walk. (If you are pressed for time, turn left here along the B road for the 2km direct route back to Wadhurst station.)

From the White Hart cross over the High Street and turn left. In 10 metres you arrive at Church Street on your right. For the recommended tea place for the main walk continue ahead to reach the Wealden Wholefoods Gallery Café on the right after 30 metres. Otherwise turn sharp right onto Church Street. In 50 metres, turn left along the brick path into the churchyard of St Peter and St Paul.

After visiting the church, turn right out of the church entrance to go round the church along the brick footpath along the building's west side, your direction north. In 60 metres go through a metal kissing gate and continue along an earth footpath.

In 400 metres you go down some steps and turn left down a lane, your direction 310 degrees.

After 150 metres cross Pell Bridge and soon after, where the lane forks, take the left fork uphill, your direction 320 degrees. In 400 metres you reach a crossroads. Cross the B road to go up Turners Green Road. In 150 metres follow Turners Green Road where it forks left, your direction 310 degrees, and after 70 metres go over the crossroads at Turners Green to continue along Turners Green Road.

In 180 metres, where a lane comes in from the right, turn left to over a stile,

heading towards the left side of a house on the far side of the field, your direction west.

After 80 metres cross a stile and another one in a further 100 metres, to then go down the right-hand edge of the next field, to skirt round the garden of the house on your right. In 120 metres you go through a metal fieldgate to come out onto a lane. *Turn left down the lane*, your direction 240 degrees. After 180 metres *turn right at a T-junction*, your direction 310 degrees.

In 250 metres ignore a public footpath down to your right and after a further 400 metres down the lane you pass by a driveway on the right leading up to Quarry Cottages.

In a further 40 metres on the left, ignore a public footpath leading up through the driveway entrance to Briers (marked by a concrete public footpath marker on the left bank), to continue down the lane. [!] In 140 metres turn left onto a footpath marked by a concrete public footpath marker, and cross a plank bridge to go up some steps to join the Sussex Border Path, your direction 220 degrees.

In 100 metres you come down to a path *T-junction, to turn left* up a bridleway, your direction south. After 120 metres go through a wooden gate to go up across a lawn (with a house off to your left) for 25 metres, to then join a driveway. Go down the driveway to reach the main road after 70 metres. *Turn right* down the pavement to reach Wadhurst station on your left after 120 metres.

#### **WALK OPTIONS**

## a) Shorter walk

Follow the main walk directions to [3].

Turn left off the driveway up towards a stile, your direction east. After 5 metres cross over the stile to go up the right-hand side of a small enclosure. After 35 metres go through a wooden gate and

turn left up across a small field, your direction 80 degrees. In 50 metres go through a wooden fieldgate to head up across a field towards its upper left corner, your direction 80 degrees.

After 200 metres at the upper corner of the field go through a metal fieldgate. In 15 metres go through a metal gate to follow a yellow footpath arrow up a wide fenced-in footpath between fields towards a stile (initially hidden by the brow of the field and buried in the hedgerow), your direction 120 degrees.

After 130 metres cross the stile and turn left along the left-hand edge of a field, your direction 50 degrees. (Alternatively you can turn left along the car wide track which links up after 100 metres.) After 100 metres at the corner of the left adjacent field meeting the corner of a wood, cross a stile and turn right onto a car-wide earth track. Follow the track, with the wood on your left.

In 300 metres go over a stile to the left of a double metal fieldgate to *cross a lane*. Cross over a stile to the right of a metal fieldgate and follow a wooden footpath signpost down the left edge of a field, your initial direction 60 degrees.

After 300 metres, at the bottom left-hand corner of the field, cross a stile to the right of a metal fieldgate to continue down the left-hand edge of the next field. After 200 metres, at the left-hand corner of the field, cross a stile. Continue down the left edge of this small field, your direction 50 degrees. After 100 metres, at the bottom corner of the field, pass round to the left of a redundant stile to enter some woods.

In 35 metres cross over a two-plank footbridge to immediately cross a stile and turn left up some steps that bring you out to the railway line after 40 metres. Cross the railway line with care to go up some steps for 10 metres and then cross a stile and go up a footpath through the woods.

After 250 metres at a path junction turn up to the left. After a few metres you reach a path junction to continue up a car-wide earth track through a wooded area, your initial direction 20 degrees, with the track curving to the right.

In 220 metres the footpath forks, marked by a footpath post at the junction. Take the fork down to the left, your initial direction 10 degrees, to emerge from the wood. After 120 metres turn half left, towards a stile. In 15 metres go over the stile, and turn right along the right-hand edge of a field, your direction east. In 120 metres, at the right-hand field corner, cross a stile and continue down in the same direction along a footpath along the right fenced-in edge of a field with trees to your right.

In 400 metres with a lane off to your right-hand side, turn left over a stile into the corner of a field.

To continue the walk, refer to the main walk directions from [10].

## b) Alternative ending at Stonegate

Follow the main walk directions to [7].

Turn right up a path marked by a bridleway arrow, your direction 190 degrees. In 280 metres you pass a large wooden post on your left with a bridleway arrow to enter a wooded area. After 50 metres the path forks. Fork left down a sunken bridleway, following an arrow on a post at the fork junction, your initial direction 150 degrees.

After 100 metres go through some fieldgate posts. In 30 metres you pass by a footbridge on your right and veer left for 7 metres to cross a stile into a field.

Continue along a footpath through the narrow field, your direction 120 degrees. After 250 metres cross over into the next field, with a stream immediately to your right, towards a stile to the left of a metal fieldgate. In 120 metres go over the stile. After 30 metres cross a car-wide bridge

over the stream and pass by a concrete three-car garage on your left, your direction 130 degrees. After 30 metres you reach a two-armed footpath post. Continue ahead to go through a wooden gate into a narrow field to go along its left hand edge, your direction 120 degrees.

In 300 metres cross over into the next field and turn left to follow the left arm of a two-armed footpath signpost, your direction 30 degrees. After 50 metres you reach a path junction marked by a three-armed footpath signpost.

You now follow the Stonegate long walk directions from [B7]. (Walk 19.)

Sat, Sun. Located 7km from the start of the short walk, the White Hart has decent pub food and is the suggested lunch stop for the shorter walk option. It also serves tea and coffee.

# **Lunch & tea places**

The Cottage Tea Room High Street, Mayfield, Wadhurst, TN5 6AP (01892 784295). Open 10am-5pm Mon-Sat.

**The Middle House** High Street, Mayfield, TN20 6AB (01435 872146). **Open** noon - 2.15pm, 6.30 - 9.30pm Mon-Sat; noon-9.30pm Sun. **Food served**.

Rose & Crown Fletching Street, Mayfield, TN20 6TE (01435 872200). Open 11am-11pm Mon-Sat; noon-10.30pm Sun. Food served noon-2pm Tue-Sat; noon-3pm Sun. 8km from the start of the walk, the restaurant serves inventive food. (No bar snacks on Sundays.) This is the suggested lunch stop 8km from the start of the main walk.

## **Wealden Wholefoods Gallery Café**

High Street, Wadhurst, TN5 6AA (01892 783065). Open 9am-5.15pm Mon-Sat. Food served 9.30am-4.45pm Mon-Sat. Just along the road from the White Hart, this café is the suggested tea place for the main walk.

White Hart High Street, Wadhurst, TN5 6AP (01892 782878). Open 11am-11pm Mon-Sat; noon-10.30pm Sun. Food served noon-2pm Mon-Fri; noon-2.30pm