

Wadhurst Long Walk Directions

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These directions provide an alternate long route for the Wadhurst walk described in the book "Time Out Country Walks near London – Volume 2". The directions are to be used in conjunction with the printed book.

For the long distance walker, the Wadhurst circular walk may be extended to a linear 34km (21.1miles) walk by taking the Wadhurst short walk and linking it with these long walk directions. This route continues north of Wadhurst passing Bewl water and to the east of Etchingham and into Robertsbridge. Walking at a faster pace you should still allow 10 hours for the 34km route. (For the more ambitious you may extend the walk to a linear 43km (26.7 miles) by combining these long walk directions with the Wadhurst main walk.)

OS LandRanger Map Nos. 188 & 199 (for the last part of the long walk section).
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Walk Notes: After leaving the standard Wadhurst walk, this longer walk heads up north of Wadhurst to go round the northern side of Bewl Water. The path around Bewl Water is popular with cyclists during the summer. Taking the recommended lunch stop at Cousley Wood cuts 1.5km from the otherwise 9km continuous Bewl Water walk section. Once off the Bewl Water walk section the walk continues on the peaceful Sussex Border Path before heading south via Burgh Hill to pick up the river Rother for the final 2km stretch into Robertsbridge.

By train Take a train from **Charing Cross** station to **Wadhurst**. Journey time is just over an hour. Trains back from Robertsbridge run once an hour. Buy a day return to Robertsbridge.

By car: Wadhurst station car park £2.00 weekdays and free at weekends.

Lunch: The Old Vine, Cousley Wood, East Sussex TN5 6ER (01892 782271), 12.5km from the start of the walk, which serves pub food from 12 to 2 pm daily. **The Look Out** restaurant, Visitor's Center, Bewl Water (01892 890171 / www.bewl.co.uk) 16 km

from the start of the walk, which serves food from 10.30am to 5pm daily (April to October), Saturday and Sunday (November to March). An earlier suggested lunch place is **The Greyhound** St. James Square, Wadhurst, TN5 6BH (01892 783224), 7km from the start of the walk which serves food from 12 to 2.30pm daily.

Tea The suggested tea stop is The **Ostrich pub**, Robertsbridge (further details under Lunch and Tea Places in the Time Out Country Walks book – Volume 2)

34.5 km Long walk

Use the Wadhurst Circular short walk directions for the short walk until just before [10], but do not *“cross over a stile immediately on your left to reach the corner of a field.”*

Instead *ignore the stile on your left to turn right onto a lane, where you turn left down the lane*, your initial direction 80 degrees. You now follow the Longer walk directions below.

43.5 km Long walk via Mayfield

Use the Wadhurst Circular walk directions for the main walk until just before [10], but do not *“Cross the lane and the stile immediately opposite you; ignoring two stiles to your left, to reach the corner of a field.”*

Instead *turn right down the lane*, your initial direction 80 degrees. You now follow the Longer walk directions below.

22 km Etchingam circular walk

Use the Starting from Etchingam walk directions, to then pick up the main Long (Wadhurst) Walk directions at [L4].

Longer walk directions

After 100 metres at a lane junction, continue straight ahead, ignoring the lane up to the left. In 30 metres the lane crosses a stream. After 40 metres as the lane comes to metal 2 metre high gates, *fork left off the lane to follow the yellow footpath arrow up the grass footpath*, with a 2 metre high wire mesh fence on your right.

In 120 metres go over a stile, to follow a yellow arrow up the left-hand side of a field, your direction 50 degrees. After 350 metres, ignore a stile on your left as you pass under some mini pylon cables, to continue up the left edge of the field, your direction 60 degrees.

In 100 metres go through a fieldgate gap (with a dilapidated stile on your left) to continue along the left edge of the field. After 60 metres *at the top left hand corner of the field, veer left to then turn right over a stile in the corner of the next field, to go along a fenced in footpath between gardens*, your direction east. After 100 metres cross a stile *to come out onto the main road.*

[L1]

If wishing to take an early lunch stop here, turn left, for 400 metres to reach the Greyhound pub. Otherwise cross the road and *turn right* along the pavement, your direction 160 degrees. *After 100 metres turn left over a stile* indicated by a wooden footpath signpost, your initial direction east. In 40 metres you emerge from a light wooded area into the corner of a field to go diagonally across it, your direction 70 degrees.

In 220 metres at the far corner of the field, *go over a stile and cross a lane to take a footpath directly opposite*, marked by a wooden footpath post 5 metres beyond to enter the corner of a field. Go down the right hand edge of the field, your direction 120 degrees. In 180 metres *at the bottom right hand corner, follow the field edge round to*

the left to continue down to the bottom right hand edge of the field.

In 350 metres, turn right down an unmarked car wide earth track leading to a car wide bridge, your direction 140 degrees. In 40 metres *cross over the bridge*, to continue up the car wide earth track through a wooded area, your initial direction east. *After 20 metres the path curves to the left*, your direction 40 degrees. *In 70 metres where the footpath forks, fork right to cross a stile after 10 metres*, to emerge from the light wooded area, to follow a yellow arrow up across a field, your direction 80 degrees.

In 140 metres having crossed the field, the path veers right to continue up the left-hand edge of the field, your direction 130 degrees.

After 200 metres *at the top left-hand corner of the field*, go through a metal kissing gate and up some stone steps, to *turn left down a concrete car wide track*, your direction 30 degrees. *In 400 metres turn right, immediately past a brick cottage* as indicated by a yellow public footpath arrow on a telegraph pole. Go through a wooden fieldgate to *follow the footpath round to the right and down towards the right hand side of a fenced in wood* with a large oak tree to the right, 100 metres distant, your direction 140 degrees.

Just before the large oak tree, turn left down a car wide grass track, as marked by a yellow footpath arrow on a post. (With the fenced in wooded area off to your left, your direction 80 degrees.)

In 160 metres cross a car wide bridge to go through a double wooden / metal fieldgate. Follow a yellow footpath arrow up the right hand side of a field, your direction 10 degrees. After 150 metres *where the field levels out, turn right to go through a car wide fieldgate entrance*

(between two large oak trees) to follow a footpath arrow up the left hand side of a field, your direction east.

In 240 metres *at the top left hand corner of the field*, go through a wooden fieldgate to *turn left along a lane*, your direction 40 degrees. After 500 metres the lane enters a wooded area. In 100 metres *turn left down a car wide track (byway) to follow a signpost for the Bewl Water route*, your direction 310 degrees.

After 200 metres at a path junction you pass a signpost on your left, to continue straight ahead. In 40 metres *turn left at a Bewl Water Route signpost to follow a car wide fenced in earth track*.

In 250 metres the car wide earth track curves round and down to the right towards Bewl Water. In 100 metres go through a wooden gate and *turn left as indicated by a sign for "Bewl Water Walk" to go along an earth path with Bewl Water on your right*, your direction 200 degrees.

After 300 metres the path enters a wooded area as you continue along with a wooden fence on your left. After 50 metres you go over a bridge to head up and veer to the right (to emerge from the wooded area) with a wooden fence on your left and a field beyond.

In 500 metres you enter a wooded area. After 180 metres the path turns right, to cross a stream to then head up, with a wooden fence on your left and a field beyond. (On the edge of a wooded area.)

After 180 metres you cross over a car wide bridge. In 70 metres the path curves to the right, and crosses a car wide bridge, then straightens your direction 30 degrees.

In 200 metres *ignore a footpath over a stile off to the left with a notice "Footpath to Wadhurst 1 mile", to reach a dip as you cross a stream after 40 metres. [L2]*

Now there are two alternatives. **(i)** Take the recommended diversion from Bewl water, to the recommended lunch stop, or **(ii)** Skip the recommended lunch stop and keep to the Sussex Border Path by Bewl Water.

(i) Diversion from Bewl water: *Fork left*, your direction 290 degrees. After 40 metres cross a dilapidated stile to the left of a wooden gate with a large blue notice "Footpath to Cousley Wood $\frac{3}{4}$ mile".

Go up the left-hand edge of a narrow field. After 350 metres at the top left-hand corner of the field you pass a footpath post on your left to cross over into the adjacent field to go diagonally across the field, your direction 310 degrees.

After 300 metres at the top corner of this field veer to the right to cross into the adjacent field to go down a car wide earth track along the left hand edge of the field with a vista of Bewl Water off to the right, your direction 20 degrees.

In 200 metres at the left hand field corner you *come out onto a lane with a three armed footpath signpost on your left. Continue up the lane to reach a T-junction with the main B road after 150 metres. Turn left for **The Old Vine pub***.

After lunch *retrace your steps to the three-armed footpath signpost, to then follow the lane round to left* passing a telegraph pole on right with notice "Green private Farm and private road"

After 600 metres where the lane curves to the right continue down the lane as indicated by a yellow footpath arrow on a three-armed footpath post to your right. In 180 metres *just before the lane curves sharply to the right in front of the entrance to Bewl Water Oast, turn left* to go through a wooden gate stile *to go down a footpath* with a wooden fence on your right, your direction 60 degrees.

After 80 metres (just before a stile in the fence on your right) *turn left* as marked by a yellow footpath arrow, and cross a plank bridge *to go down the right hand edge of the field* with woods on your right. After 150 metres *at the bottom corner of the field cross over a stile and turn left*, your direction west. Rejoin the route at the asterisk [*] below.

(ii) Skip the recommended lunch

stop: Continue straight on following the path round to the right to emerge from the wood into a clearing. After 350 metres you enter a lightly wooded area and after 100 metres pass a woodland trust footpath through an opening in the wooden fence on your left. In 400 metres you emerge from the wooded area, and pass a wooden gate on your left.

After 140 metres you enter a lightly wooded area to emerge from it after 60 metres. In 50 metres you enter another light wooded area. In 120 metres ignore a footpath leading off to the left. After 100 metres you pass another woodland trust footpath through an opening in the wooden fence on your left.

In 70 metres the path leads down to a path junction with Bewl Water directly in front of you, turn left to follow the main path, your direction west. After 250 metres you emerge from the lightly wooded area as you meet with a footpath on your left.

[*] *You now follow the path around Bewl Water for 2km to reach the Visitors Centre [L3] which for the most part is straightforward and clearly signposted.*

In more detail: Continue straight ahead, your direction west, with a field up to your left and a light wooded area on your right. After 140 metres cross a car wide earth bridge as you enter a wooded area. In 40 metres ignore a stile on your left, as you emerge from the wooded area, your direction 110 degrees. After 600 metres you enter a

lightly wooded area.

[!] In 500 metres you reach a path T-junction, turn left as indicated by a white bridleway sign on the fence in front with SBP (Sussex Border Path) on it, to go up a part tarmac lane, your direction 20 degrees. After 15 metres you pass through a wooden gate to the left of a wooden fieldgate.

[!] After 150 metres as the car wide track curves round to the left, turn right to go through a wooden gate (left of a wooden fieldgate) to go along a car wide track, your initial direction 110 degrees.

In 100 metres you continue down a car wide track towards the Bewl Bridge rowing club creosote clapboard building. After 70 metres pass by the rowing club building on your right and after 15 metres turn up a lane. In 20 metres fork right onto a shingle footpath which swings to the right to enter a lightly wooded area, your direction 60 degrees. In 250 metres (having emerged from the lightly wooded area) you cross a car wide tarmac track.

In 15 metres pass by a double pylon pole on your right with a transformer box mounted on it, to then enter a wooded area as you immediately pass a brick utility building on your right. After 70 metres you emerge from the wooded area to reach open parkland area.

[L3] *If you do not wish to visit the Visitors Centre 80 metres ahead, turn half right after 20 metres down across parkland towards a jetty, your direction 110 degrees. After 150 metres you come out onto a sand shingle track. Turn left up the shingle track and after 100 metres you turn right down some steps, which lead down to the path along the dam.*

You now follow the path around Bewl Water for 4km to reach a T-junction with a road [L4], which for the most part is straightforward and clearly signposted.

In more detail: You now follow the footpath along the dam (going through a wooden gate after 100 metres) and in a further 900 metres go through a wooden gate to the right of a wooden fieldgate. Continue along a car wide initially shingle track as you enter a lightly wooded area, your direction 210 degrees.

After 1.1 km you emerge from the lightly wooded area, to then enter another lightly wooded area after 80 metres. In 100 metres you emerge from this lightly wooded area.

After 200 metres you enter a lightly wooded area. After 500 metres the path curves round to right with a large black on yellow warning triangle – “Deep fast flowing water. Flow in creek may increase rapidly” in front as you cross a car wide bridge over the creek, to continue up the car wide track.

In 120 metres you emerge from the woods, with the creek from Bewl Water on your right. After 600 metres you enter a lightly wooded area, which you emerge from after 80 metres.

After 200 metres you go through a wooden gate to right of a wooden fieldgate to come out onto a tarmac driveway to continue straight ahead as you pass a red brick house on your right, your direction 80 degrees. In 130 metres you reach a T-junction with a lane.

Turn right onto the lane, your direction 200 degrees. In 200 metres having crossed the east dam to Bewl Water, turn left to cross a stile. [L4]

Go along the left-hand edge of a 15 metre wide strip of land, your direction 70 degrees.

After 100 metres the footpath is now a field boundary with a hedgerow to your left and a wooden fence to your right. In 300 metres cross over a 4 plank footbridge. After 50 metres you enter a

wooded area, your direction 160 degrees. In 25 metres you cross a one rail wooden footbridge and go over a stile as the path ascends gently, with a wire fence on your right.

After 280 metres at the corner of the wire fence on your right continue straight over a path crosspaths, your initial direction 130 degrees, as you head up through a pine trees.

After 50 metres you pass by a metal fieldgate on your right with a wire fence now on your right. In 300 metres you cross a stile to the left of a wooden fieldgate to join an (initially) tarmac lane and emerge from the wooded area, your direction 170 degrees.

In 200 metres you reach a T-junction with a B road. Turn left and after 10 metres turn right to go down a shingle lane, marked by a wooden footpath post, your direction south.

After 160 metres you go over a lane crossroads with double wooden fieldgate entrances Dale Hill golf club on both sides, to continue more steeply down. After 300 metres you pass the entrance to Little Quedley on your right, to then after a few metres pass through an open double metal fieldgate.

In 30 metres you pass an oast house on your right and continue down the track towards a wooden fieldgate 45 metres distant. Follow the path round to the left, now with a wire fence on your right, your direction 160 degrees.

After 90 metres you pass a footpath post on your left to veer right and follow the yellow footpath arrow, the footpath gently descending and now enclosed by hedgerows, your direction south. After 80 metres you cross a stile, to go along the left-hand edge of a golf course. After 130 metres you come out onto a small tarmac service road for golf carts. In 60 metres you reach a 3-way service road junction, with a two-armed footpath signpost to your left.

Fork right aiming for a gap in the wood, (25 metres to the left of a large oak tree on the far side), 130 metres distant, your direction 200 degrees.

On reaching the SBP entrance into the wood, you pass a two-armed footpath post on your left to go down through a wood, your direction 220 degrees. After 270 metres you cross an earth bridge over a stream to continue up through the wood. In 120 metres you cross a stile to *emerge from the wood by a signpost. Turn left* to go down the left-hand edge of the field, your initial direction 60 degrees. *After 180 metres at the bottom left hand corner of the field cross a stile to enter a wood* to immediately cross a two rail wooden footbridge to then go over a stile after a few metres to *come out into the bottom left hand corner of a field.*

Go up the left-hand edge of the field, your direction 80 degrees. After 100 metres at the top left-hand corner, continue in the same direction along the left-hand edge of a light wooded area. After 60 metres go over a stile to emerge from the light wooded area as the footpath starts to level out, to continue along the left-hand side of a field bordered by a wooded boundary.

After 90 metres at the top left-hand corner of the field, turn right along the upper field boundary. In 35 metres turn left along a narrow footpath (with a wood on your left and a 2 metre high fence on your right). In a further 70 metres go over a stile to join a car wide shingle track going slightly downhill through the wood.

After 100 metres the car wide track reaches a dip to then ascend and in 60 metres, you emerge from the wood. After 150 metres you *reach a double wooden fieldgate on the left and right. Turn right* as marked by a footpath signpost to go over a stile to the left of the double wooden fieldgate to go along the left hand side of a wide shingle track,

your direction 170 degrees.

In 40 metres turn left to cross a stile to go through a wooden gate to go along the left hand edge of a small green with a wooden fence on your left, your direction 80 degrees.

After 60 metres go through a wooden gate, now with a 3-metre high brick wall on your left. In 15 metres you come out onto a driveway to then after a few metres *reach the A21.*

Take care crossing this road to then turn right along the pavement. *After 80 metres turn left* to go through a metal gate (left of a metal fieldgate) and *veer right across a field* heading towards a car wide exit just to the right of a small clump of trees on the far side of the field, your direction east.

In 150 metres having crossed the field *go through the field exit to continue straight ahead aiming for the left hand corner of a field jutting onto this field,* your direction 70 degrees. In 120 metres at the corner of the adjacent field on your right hand side, continue down in the same direction with the field fence on your right. In 300 metres at the bottom right hand corner of the field cross over a stile, to continue along the left hand side of a narrow field, your direction east. After 200 metres at the bottom, cross a stream and go through a fieldgate entrance into the next field to now continue up, your direction 120 degrees.

After 40 metres you *emerge from a light wooded area. [!]Turn half left* to cross a field heading towards a gap in the trees, your direction 70 degrees.

In 130 metres *go through the car wide gap* (crossing a ditch stream) *into the next field and turn right,* along the right hand side of this field, your initial direction 120 degrees. After 150 metres *at the right-hand field corner* go through a metal gate (left of a metal fieldgate) and *continue straight ahead towards a*

red brick house (Brookgate Farm) ahead. In 60 metres follow the track round to the right.

[!]*After 20 metres turn left through a double wooden fieldgate (as indicated by a SBP footpath arrow on the gate post to pass by some converted stables on your right, to go along a driveway, your direction 100 degrees. After 25 metres turn right to go under a shelter and then left to continue along a grass track passing the house on your left behind a hedge. [!]*After 80 metres, fork right (ignoring a car wide wooden bridge further to your right) *along a footpath to cross a two rail wooden footbridge, to then after 20 metres cross a stile to come out into the bottom corner of a field. Go diagonally up across the field, your direction 70 degrees. In 60 metres you reach the brow of the field. After 70 metres the path merges with the right hand side of the field to continue along the bottom right hand side, your direction 70 degrees.*

After 120 metres at the bottom right hand corner of the field you cross over a stile to immediately cross a one rail footbridge to go up the right hand side of a field, in the same direction. After 200 metres at the right hand field corner go over a stile to go up a footpath through a wooded area with a wire fence to your left. *In 70 metres the path merges with a car wide track up from the right, as you pass a yellow footpath arrow on a post on your left, to continue on the car wide earth track, your direction 50 degrees.*

[!]*In 40 metres turn right onto an easily missed footpath at the corner post of a garden beyond, to immediately cross a one rail plank footbridge, your direction south. After 10 metres the path curves to the left up the left hand fenced in field edge, your direction east. In 130 metres at the top left hand corner go through a gap in the hedgerow to continue in the same direction up the right hand edge of the next field.*

In 150 metres at the right hand field corner *turn right onto a car wide earth track, your direction 160 degrees. After 450 metres the track becomes tarmac as you pass a red brick house on your left. In 280 metres you pass by a pond on your left-hand side to reach a T-junction. Turn left up a lane, your direction east.*

After 100 metres where the lane curves to the left, *turn right down a footpath (to the right of a wooden fieldgate) through a wood. In 60 metres you cross over a wooden two rail footbridge to follow a footpath (which can get overgrown in summer) up. In 50 metres you come out onto a car wide earth track.*

Turn left and after 120 metres go over a stile to the left of a metal fieldgate and continue in the same direction (initially wooded edge) along the right hand edge of a field, your direction 230 degrees. In 200 metres at the right hand corner of the field, cross a stile to go along the right hand edge of the next field. After 120 metres cross over a stile to the left of a metal fieldgate to continue along the right hand edge of a wooded area. In 150 metres the footpath curves left and down as you pass a redundant stile on your right, your direction 190 degrees.

In 80 metres go through a wooden gate (to the left of a wooden fieldgate) and in a further 40 metres you *emerge from the wooded area to go down the right hand side of a narrow field.*

[!]*In 30 metres turn right to cross over into the next field to go diagonally down across the field, aiming for the far lower corner, your direction west. In 250 metres at the lower left hand corner cross over a stile and continue along the bottom left hand edge of the next field, which leads to a footbridge in the bottom left hand corner. After 100 metres cross over the two rail footbridge to enter Pook's Wood to turn left up the footpath (which can become overgrown*

in summer).

In 120 metres *cross over a decrepit stile to emerge from the wood and continue up the left-hand side of a field*. After 120 metres *at the top left-hand field corner cross over into the next field (through a metal fieldgate) to continue up its right hand edge*.

In 80 metres at the top right hand field corner go through a metal gate to go up an enclosed footpath.

After 100 metres turn right along the pavement of the A21. (Note: Turn left here to reach after 50 metres a BP garage with a shop selling food and drink.) *In 150 metres with the **Orchard Farm shop and tea shop** on your right hand side, turn left to cross with care the A21 to then go over a stile to the left of a metal fieldgate*.

Head down a fenced in track, your initial direction 210 degrees. In 400 metres you go through a small wooded area between fences with a pond to your left.

After 30 metres you emerge from the small wooded area and continue down with a fence on your left and a wood to your right. In 150 metres at the corner of the field cross a two plank footbridge to come out into an adjacent field and continue downhill.

In 130 metres the footpath curves round to the left as you follow the right hand edge of the field round with the wood on your right. After 230 metres you reach the bottom corner of the field to continue down into the wood, *and in 60 metres you cross a one rail footbridge to now go up through the wood*.

After 40 metres veer right to reach a path T-junction after 20 metres. Turn right to go uphill, your initial direction 190 degrees. In 60 metres at another path T-junction, turn left to continue uphill, your direction 120 degrees. After 130 metres a path merges from your left-hand side, as you veer up to the

right, your direction 190 degrees.

After 200 metres (having ignored a path up to the left) *turn right at a path T-junction, your direction 230 degrees, to continue on the level*. In 30 metres you emerge into a small open space to join a car wide earth track. Continue along this car wide earth track which gradually descends. After 220 metres where the car wide track reaches a wooden fieldgate, pass round to the right of the fieldgate to go down the fenced in earth car wide track between gardens.

In 60 metres *at a T-junction with a lane, turn right along the lane, your direction 240 degrees. After 140 metres you pass the double fieldgate entrance to The White House on your left. [!]In 40 metres turn left at an easily missed enclosed footpath (marked by a yellow arrow on a footpath post to the left of the footpath entrance), your direction 160 degrees. [L5] If you intend to cut the walk short refer to the directions (Cutting it short to Etchingam) at the end of this text*.

In 150 metres go through a gap into the corner of a field. Continue down the right hand side of this field. After 200 metres *at the right hand corner of the field, follow the path through to some steps to reach the A265*. Cross this road with care and *turn left for 30 metres to then turn right down a lane, your initial direction 190 degrees*.

Follow this lane *for 1km until you reach the bottom with a converted oast house ahead*.

Follow the car wide track round to the right and down, passing the converted oast house on your left. After 90 metres go over a stile to the right of a wooden fieldgate, your direction 240 degrees, to continue along the right-hand side of a field (with a stream on your right). After 50 metres follow the field edge round to the left. In 45 metres go over a stile and turn right over a car wide plank bridge over the stream. Turn left, to go along a

narrow strip of land (which may be thick with nettles in the summer) below mini pylon cables parallel to a railway embankment 15 metres to the right, your direction 130 degrees.

In 220 metres you pass a stile on your right with an adjacent three armed signpost. After 180 metres at the end of this narrow strip of land, cross over a stile and continue along the left-hand side of a field bordering a stream.

In 200 metres, at the end of the field, *at a brick bridge off to the left, continue along the riverside footpath with the river on your left*, your initial direction 110 degrees. Having crossed over various stiles, *after 1.4km you cross over a footbridge and then a car wide bridge* to continue straight-ahead passing the semi derelict red bricked Mill on your left, to join a concrete car wide track.

In 160 metres at a T-junction with a road, turn right along the pavement to cross a bridge. In 400 metres you pass the Seven Stars pub on your left.

In 50 metres *turn right along Station Road* to reach after 330 metres **The Ostrich** pub on your left and 25 metres further, on your right **Robertsbridge station** and car park.

Starting from Etchingham

Coming off the London train at Etchingham station, go through the station car park to the main road, and *turn right over the level crossing*.

After 130 metres turn right through a car wide gap in the fence (marked by a concrete footpath marker), *through the churchyard* of The Parish Church of 'The Assumption of The Blessed Mary and St. Nicholas', to pass by the church on your left, your direction 310 degrees.

After 90 metres, exit the churchyard through a black metal kissing gate to

continue along a footpath through a wooded area. In 80 metres go through a wooden gate to continue along a lane.

In 220 metres (where the lane swings round to the right over the railway), *fork left off the lane to go over a stile into a field*, to continue along its lower right hand side. After 130 metres, cross over a stile (right of a metal fieldgate), to go down a car wide track bordered by hedgerows.

In 40 metres you come out into a field, to go along its left-hand side. After 110 metres go through a car wide gap into the corner of the next field.

Follow the path across this field, which leads to the far corner by the railway. In 340 metres at the corner of the field, go over a stile (left of a wooden fieldgate), to go along the right hand side of the next field (with the railway embankment up to your right), your direction west.

After 320 metres, go through a wooden fieldgate into the next field, and in a further 15 metres *turn right to cross the railway*, (flanked by two stiles), to cross a small field *towards a wooden railed footbridge* on the far side. In 60 metres cross over the footbridge and another in 15 metres, to *emerge into a field*, to *turn left* along its left-hand side. *After 40 metres*, at the field corner, *follow the field edge round to the right*, to go up its left-hand side (bordered by a wood), your initial direction 340 degrees.

After 270 metres, at the left-hand corner of the field, cross over a stile, to *continue in the same direction through a wooded area*. In 400 metres you emerge from the wooded area, to continue in the same direction (340) up a car wide shingle track with a field on your left. In 150 metres at the upper right hand corner of the field, continue along a car wide track through a wooded area.

In 250 metres *at a T-junction with a lane, turn right*. *After 170 metres, turn*

left down a footpath concrete lane, your initial direction 20 degrees.

In 350 metres *at the bottom of the lane* and 25 metres before a metal corrugated barn, *follow the lane round to the left*, passing by a red slated house on your left, your direction 300 degrees. After 30 metres you *go between a pond on your left and a converted oast house on your right*. In a further 35 metres, *cross a bridge over a stream, to reach a fork where you turn left*, with the stream off down to your left, your direction 310 degrees.

In 50 metres you reach the corner of a field and follow a concrete car wide path round to the right, up the right hand side of the field, your direction 20 degrees. In 180 metres at the top of the field, *cross over a ditch stream into the next field. After 25 metres, fork left up across this field*, (aiming just to the right of an oak tree, in the middle of the field, 220 metres distant), your direction 320 degrees. In 220 metres, you pass by the oak tree to continue up across the field in the same direction aiming for a metal fieldgate, (to the left of a group of trees).

After 370 metres cross a stile (to the right of the metal fieldgate), to go along the left-hand side of the next field (bordered by a hedgerow), your direction 350 degrees. In 80 metres go through a metal fieldgate, into the corner of the next field, to continue along its left-hand side. In 220 metres at the field corner, cross a stile into the next field and pass by a small pond (sometimes dried up in summer), on your right hand side, to continue along the left hand side of this field.

In 370 metres at the left hand corner of the field, turn left over a stile (left of a metal fieldgate), into the adjacent field, and turn right to continue in the same direction along the upper right hand side of this next field (bordered by a wooded boundary), your initial direction 20 degrees.

After 250 metres at the upper right hand corner of the field, cross over a stile into the next field to head up across it, aiming for the right hand side of a wood 300 metres distant. (However depending on the time of year and the state of the field. You may prefer to head up the right hand side of the field, and after 250 metres, turn left along a car wide track across the field, your direction 310 degrees, for 150 metres to the corner of the wood.)

From the corner of the wood turn half right up a car wide track, your direction 350 degrees.

In 120 metres at the left hand corner of the field, *go through a double wooden fieldgate, to cross over a main road and turn left* towards Ticehurst.

In 320 metres you pass by the B2087 on your right to continue along the High Street. In 400 metres you pass by the **Chequers pub** on your right hand side, and in a further 100 metres **The Bell Inn**.

In 330 metres *turn right up Cross Lane* (signposted Three Leg Cross). In 650 metres at a triangular road junction, you reach **The Bull** pub.

Coming out of the pub, turn left up the lane, your direction 30 degrees. *After 25 metres, fork right along Tinkers Lane*, your direction 70 degrees. *In 500 metres you pass by a red slated house, behind a brick wall on your left. At the end of this brick wall, turn left* to go over a stile (right of a wooden fieldgate), to go along a car wide track (between hedgerows), your initial direction 10 degrees. After 40 metres you leave the car wide track, to continue down a narrow footpath.

In 180 metres you *come up to a path junction, next to a mini pylon pole on your left. Turn right down a bridleway* bordered by trees, your direction east. *In 300 metres at a path T-junction, turn*

right, your direction 200 degrees, to go along the south side of Bewl Water. In 750 metres ignore a bridleway up off to your right (leading to Rosemary Lane ½ mile). In 900 metres go through a wooden gate (right of a wooden fieldgate), to cross over a lane and go over a stile.

You now follow the main Wadhurst Long walk directions from [L4].

Cutting it short to Etchingham

Ignore the footpath off to the left to continue straight on down the lane. After 250 metres you ignore a lane turn off to the right to continue downhill. In 400 metres you pass a primary school on your right as the lane descends more steeply. After 180 metres the lane comes out to a T- junction with the A265, turn right as indicated by the road sign Etchingham ¼ mile. After 400 metres you reach **Etchingham station** on your right.

Lunch and Tea places:

The Old Vine, *Cousley Wood, TN5 6ER (01892 782271)*, 12.5km from the start of the walk, which serves pub food from 12 to 2 pm daily.

The Woodpecker Coffee Shop and Bistro, Visitor's Center, Bewl Water (01892 891134 / www.bewlwater.co.uk) 16 km from the start of the walk, open from 10.30am Wednesday through to Sunday.

An earlier suggested lunch place is **The Greyhound** *St. James Square, Wadhurst, TN5 6BH (01892 783224)*, 7km from the start of the walk which serves food from 12 to 2.30pm daily.

Tea

Orchard Farm Shop *London Road, Etchingham TN19 7QS (01580 860501)*

Robertsbridge:

The **Ostrich pub**, *Robertsbridge TN32 5DG (01580 881737)*

Etchingham:

Bistro at Etchingham Station (01580 819262)

Starting at Etchingham:

The Bull, *Three Leg Cross, East Sussex TN5 7HH (01580 200586)*, 7km from the start of the Etchingham circular walk, which serves pub food.

Earlier possible alternative pubs in Ticehurst:

The Bell Inn *High Street, Ticehurst, TN5 7AS (01892 200234)*

The Chequers, *High Street, Ticehurst TN5 7HH (01580 200287)*.