

Robertsbridge to Battle

13.34 mile 7 Hours

Ordnance Survey Explorer maps 124

Refreshments: Lots of choices in Battle

This is one of my favorite walks for the spring with an abundance of wild flowers. A lot of the walk is through bluebell and wild garlic woods which are also alive with the sound of bird song. At point 26 navigation can be very difficult, crossing a large arable field where sometimes there is no visible path.

Start: Robertsbridge Station, Car park (pay and display). Nearby post code TN32 5DD.
OS Grid reference TQ733235.

1. Leave the station car park and then turn right over the level crossing. Having crossed the railway turn left into Mill Rise. Continue downhill to join a path to a lane.
2. Turn left along the lane and pass under the railway. After passing under the railway turn right onto the access road to Glottenham Manor nursing home. Pass under the railway again and then look for a stile on the left. Cross the stile and then follow a path beside a stream to a footbridge.
3. Cross the footbridge and then continue with the railway on the left. Continue forward, crossing two footbridges and a stile to join a path between the railway and a stream. At a path junction turn right over a footbridge and then turn left.
4. Continue with the stream on your left through two fields to a footbridge. Cross the footbridge and then continue straight across the field to a footbridge into the woodland. Cross the footbridge and then follow a path through the woodland to another footbridge into a field.
5. Cross the footbridge and then continue forward to a tunnel under the railway. Pass under the railway and then continue forward over the bridge ahead. After crossing the bridge bear right following a faint track across the field which passes just to the left of a small woodland.
6. Continue to follow the track up the small earth bank ahead and then passing to the right of a pond before heading towards a gate at the top of the field. Go through the gate and then follow a track to the right of the buildings.
7. Join the access road and then keep right and follow to the road. At the road turn right passing the church and then at the village hall turn left to the car park. Continue forward through the gate into a field and then continue straight on with fence/woodland on your right.
8. Look for a stile on your right and then after crossing the stile follow a path. Crossover the railway line at the start of the Mountfield tunnel and then follow the fence left along the edge of a car park to a driveway.
9. At the driveway turn left. Pass to the left of a building and then when the driveway bends right continue straight onto a path through a footpath gate.

10. Cross the railway line and then bear left across a car park to a footpath going into the woodland. Follow the path through the woodland to a footpath sign. At the sign turn right through a kissing gate and then cross the road and go through the opposite kissing gate.
11. Continue following a path through the woodland to another kissing gate into a field. Continue forward and then next to a stile turn right across the field. Follow the path into the woodland and then continue forward on the path to eventually arrive at a road.
12. Cross the road and then continue forward on a path through the woodland. Continue straight on at two track crossings and then where the path forks go right to the footbridge. Cross the footbridge and then continue forward on the path until you get to a road.
13. Cross the road and then continue forward on the driveway to Netherfield Place. Just before the metal gates turn left onto a path into the woodland. Keep right at all junctions and then at a crossing of paths with a footpath sign turn left.
14. When the track bends left keep right onto a footpath. Go through a gate and then continue forward with a lake to your right.
15. Continue pass a building and then turn left through a footpath gate onto an enclosed path. Follow the enclosed path and then turn right over a stile into a field. Continue forward with the hedge on your left to the field corner.
16. In the field corner continue forward through a gate and then follow the track to a farm. At a driveway turn left through a gate into a field. Keep the fence on your right and then near the end of the buildings go through a gap in the fence. Continue on a path to a stile.
17. Cross the stile and then turn right, keeping the farm on your right to a stile. Cross the stile and then continue straight across the field to a stile between the two houses. Cross the stile onto an enclosed path and then follow the path to an access road.
18. Bear slightly left across the access road to a gate and stile into a field. Cross the stile and then continue forward with the hedge on your left to a stile in the field corner.
19. Cross the stile and then a footbridge before continuing uphill across the field to the top left corner of the field. Cross a stile in the field corner and then follow an enclosed path to a track. Turn right along the track to a road. Turn left along the road and continue to the main road.
20. Turn right along the main road and then when the pavement starts on the other side of the road cross over. At the roundabout keep left and then pass the fire station before turning left along Mount Street.
21. Turn right into the car park and then keep left heading towards Little Twitten. Just before the entrance to Little Twitten take the path on the left between fences.
22. Continue straight across an access road and then pass the allotments. Continue forward on the path into a field and then continue straight on to just before the field corner. Just before the field corner turn left through the hedge and then head uphill with a hedge on your left to a gate.

23. Go through the gate and then continue forward on a track to the road. Cross the road and then turn right. Follow the road pass Oakhurst Road, here the pavement ends. Continue forward on the grass verge until the road goes round a right-hand bend.
24. At the right-hand bend turn left onto a track (Gate Farm). Follow the track to the right of a building and then go through a gate into a field. Continue forward through two fields to a stile back onto the track.
25. Turn left along the track and then turn right over a stile. Keep the hedge on your right and then pass to the right of a building. Look for a stile on your right. Cross the stile and then turn left into a field. Bear right and cross the field diagonally to a stile in the corner.
26. Cross the stile and then bear right across the field (**hopefully you will be able to see a path but if there isn't a path head towards the house in the distance with a big conifer to the left of it. The house can also be difficult to see in the summer when the leaves are on the trees**). You should arrive at a footbridge.
27. Cross the footbridge and then bear left across the field to another footbridge. Cross this footbridge and then keep forward with the hedge on your right to a gate and stile.
28. Cross the stile and then continue with a fence on you left to a gate and stile beside a building. Cross the stile and then continue through the building on a concrete path. Continue forward to a track and then turn left.
29. Continue along the track to the White House and then turn right onto a footpath. Follow the footpath across the railway and then keep forward on a track into a field.
30. Continue in the field with the hedge on your right to a footbridge. DO NOT cross the footbridge but continue with the stream on you right to another footbridge in the corner of the field. Cross this footbridge and follow the path through the woodland. Eventually you pass to the right of a pond. Continue on the path to a road.
31. Cross the road and then continue forward through the hedge onto a footpath. Continue forward to a stile onto a road. Turn right along the road and follow it until it ends at a T junction. Cross the road and go through the gate into a field and then continue forward with the field boundary on your left to a gate at the top of the field.
32. Go through the gate and then continue forward with the hedge on your left to a gap onto the access road. Go through the gap and then turn right along the access road. Follow the access road all the way to the main road.
33. Take care crossing the main road and then turn left. Take the second footpath on your right through a kissing gate (**there are two footpaths next to each other**).
34. After passing through the kissing gate bear left across the field and then pass through the left-hand hedge before continuing to a stile at the bottom of the field. Cross the stile and then continue forward to a stile in the far left corner of the field.
35. Cross the stile and then bear left to a stile in the far left-hand corner of the field. Cross this stile and then bear right heading to the left-hand side of the houses to cross a stile onto the road.

36. Turn right along the road and then at the first gateway on the left cross a stile into the field. Bear left across the field to a stile. Cross the stile and then continue straight across the field towards a house. Cross three stiles and then pass to the right of the house.
37. Continue forward on the access road. When the access road bends right by a house keep forward onto a path into a field. Follow the left edge of two fields and then at the far end of the second field turn left onto a path into the woodland.
38. Continue forward at all path junctions and then follow the path beside a waste water treatment plant into a field
39. Continue straight across the field to the field corner. Follow a path through the hedge and then follow the enclosed path to a footbridge over the road. Cross over the footbridge and then continue forward along the lane to the main road.
40. Turn left along the main road and then turn right into station road and follow back to the station.