

**Heathfield to East Hoathly**  
**Approximately 15.37 miles 7.5 hours**  
**Ordnance Survey Explorer Maps 123**

**Refreshments: Kings Head Pub, East Hoathly.**

This walk follows the Cuckoo Trail from Heathfield to Horam and then a short distance on the main road to Furnace lane. From Furnace lane a footpath across meadows is followed to Dern Lane. This quiet lane has verges full of wild flowers in the spring and is followed for about a mile. The Vanguard Way is joined for a short time passing Holens Farm. From here more sheep pasture is crossed and then the Wealdway is followed into East Hoathly. From East Hoathly mainly field paths are followed to the small hamlet of Davis's Town, which is only a cluster of about five houses but not far from the large Barham House. From Barham house more fields are crossed before the quiet Moat Lane is followed to a footpath leading to Waldron playing fields. From Waldron quiet lanes, field paths and woodland paths are followed to the main road near Crossinhand Stud. From here it is just a short walk back into Heathfield.

**Start** Mill road car park (behind the fire station, west end of the high street).

OS Grid Ref. TQ577 213. Nearby post code TN21 OXU

- 1) Leave the car park by the steps in the north east corner down to the main road and then turn right. Continue along the high street to an antique shop on the right (The Greenhouse). Turn right onto the path next to the shop.
- 2) Continue downhill on the path to a road and then turn right along the road to a junction on the left. Turn left into Thorny close, signed to the Cuckoo Trail. Continue on a path to the left of Mary Burfield Court to a road.
- 3) Cross the road and take the path to the right of a car park (the Cuckoo Trail). Continue along the Cuckoo Trail for about two and a half miles to Horam's old station. At the station turn right up the steps to the road.
- 4) Continue forward along the road to the T junction and then turn right. Continue along the main road, there is a pavement on the right hand side.
- 5) Continue to a lane on the left (Furnace Lane). Turn left into Furnace Lane to the first gateway on the left. Go through the gateway and bear left diagonally across the field to a gateway in the far left corner of the field.
- 6) Go through the gateway and then bear right towards the corner of a woodland. Go through the gateway beside the woodland and then continue forward on a track to a gateway.
- 7) Go through the gateway and then continue downhill to another gateway onto an access track. Cross the track and continue with the fence on the left to a gate. Go through the gate and then continue forward with the farm building's on your left to a gateway.
- 8) Pass through the gateway and then continue with the hedge on your right to the hedge corner and then continue forward to a footbridge.

- 9) Cross the footbridge and then bear slightly right passing through a gap in the trees ahead. After passing through the trees bear right, crossing the field to the far right corner. Pass through the gateway in the field corner and then continue forward following the right-hand field boundary to a gate at the far end of the field.
- 10) Go through the gate and continue forward to cross a stile into the woodland. Follow a path through the woodland to steps down to a road. Turn left along the road and follow for about a mile. After crossing a stream turn right onto a footpath.
- 11) Follow the footpath through woodland and then up the right side of a field to locate a gap in the hedge in front of you onto a road.
- 12) Turn right along the road and follow to the driveway to Clarklye Barn. Turn left onto the driveway and then continue to a stile on the left. Cross the stile and continue forward to cross the stile opposite onto an enclosed path.
- 13) Follow the enclosed path to a stile into a field. Cross the stile and then turn left following the field boundary to a stile. Cross the stile and then continue forward with the fence on your left to start with and then maintain the same direction across the field to a stile beside sheep handling pens.
- 14) Cross the stile and then continue forward to a footbridge. Cross the footbridge and follow an enclosed path to an access road. Turn right along the access road passing to the right of a house and stables. Continue forward with fence on the left to a gate.
- 15) Go through the gate and then continue forward to the left side of the field, following left field boundary through two fields to a footpath gate.
- 16) Go through the gate and continue forward uphill bearing slightly to the right to a footpath gate onto the road. Cross the road and follow footpath keeping hedge on the right through 2 fields to a kissing gate into woodland.
- 17) Follow the path through the woodland and then an enclosed path to join a road. Continue forward on the road into East Hoathly and the main road. Turn right along the main road to the Kings Head Pub.
- 18) Turn left along the road opposite the pub and follow to a footpath on the right.
- 19) Follow the footpath around the edge of the field to cross a bridge and then turn left following the field edge to a path into the woodland. Follow the path through the woodland to a footbridge.
- 20) Cross the footbridge and then continue forward across the field heading to the right of a house. Do not go through kissing gate but turn right to a stile in the field corner. Cross the stile and continue forward with field boundary on the left through four fields. In the corner of the fourth field turn right continuing to follow the field boundary to a stile onto a road.
- 21) Turn right along the road to a stile on the left. Cross the stile and then continue forward with the hedge on your left to another stile onto a road. Turn left along the road keeping right at a junction to a footpath on the left just before chain link fence.

- 22) Continue on the footpath, keeping the boundary on the right to a stile in the field corner. Cross the stile and continue forward to the next stile. Cross the stile and then turn left keeping the hedge on the left to the hedge corner.
- 23) At the hedge corner continue forward across the field to the far right corner. There are two stiles in the field corner cross the right hand one and then continue forward to a footbridge in the field corner.
- 24) Cross the footbridge and then turn left, following a fence to a stile. Cross the stile and then continue forward uphill to a stile onto a road.
- 25) Turn left along the road to a road junction and then turn right up steps to a stile into a field. Bear left across the field to the far left corner. In the field corner cross a stile into a wood and follow the path to the playing fields. Continue up the playing fields passing to the left of the play area and through the car park to the road.
- 26) Turn right along the road to a footpath on the left. Follow the footpath along the right side of three fields to a gate onto a road. Go through the gate and then turn right along the road to a junction. Turn left at the junction and follow the lane till it ends at a T junction.
- 27) At the T junction turn right and continue along the road to Browns Lane. Turn right into Browns Lane and follow to its end at a T junction. At the junction turn left and then cross a stile next to the first gate on the right.
- 28) Continue forward keeping to the left edge of the field to a gateway. Go through the gateway and then follow the right edge of the field downhill to a stile. Cross the stile and then continue forward towards a house. Pass to the left of the house to the road and then turn left.
- 29) Follow the road to New Pond Cottage which will be on the right. Turn right onto a track just past New Pond Cottage. Follow the path into woodland, keeping left at any junctions and then keeping straight on at a crossing of paths.
- 30) Continue to the main road and then turn left along the main road to a junction. Turn right into Pook Reed Lane and follow to a sharp right-hand bend. Here turn left onto an enclosed path. Follow the path to a road. Cross the road and continue along Tilsmore Road to the fire station. Turn left back to the carpark.