

Short Cousley Wood
Approximately 3.70 miles 2 hours
Ordnance Survey Explorer Maps 136

Refreshments: The Old Vine Cousley Wood

This walk starts by following the footpath to Bewl water, however the reservoir can't be seen until you have climbed back up towards Cousley Wood. Cousley Wood is a small quiet village. From Cousley Wood field pastures are crossed to the small hamlet of Woods Green. This is a small cluster of houses on the outskirts of Wadhurst. From here quiet lanes are followed before the walk arrives back in Wadhurst through the Churchyard. This walk uses a number of roads but the main road has a pavement and the lanes have very little traffic.

Start Public car park behind The Greyhound Inn on the High Street Wadhurst.

OS Grid Ref. TQ 640 316. Nearby post code TN5 6AP

It can be difficult to park here when the school is open. If so, there is a car park and roadside parking in Washwell lane beside the White Hart Pub.

- 1) Leave the car park by the vehicle entrance and then cross the main road and continue along Blacksmiths Lane.
- 2) Continue along Blacksmiths lane to a sharp left hand bend and then continue forward on a track to Little Pell Farm. Pass to the left of a house and then keep forward on the track keeping the farm buildings to your right.
- 3) Continue on the track through gates, eventually passing to the right of a pond. After passing the pond keep forward the track will soon turn into a path to a stile. Cross the stile and then continue forward down the left hand side of the field to a stile in the bottom corner.
- 4) Cross the stile and then continue forward to the main path. Turn left along the round Bewl path. Cross over a stream and then turn left onto a footpath.
- 5) Cross a stile into a field and then continue forward with the hedge/woodland on your left to a stile in the field corner. Cross the stile and then maintain the same direction to a gateway.
- 6) Turn left through the gateway and then follow the track/path uphill. Keep forward on the track which will eventually end at an access road. Turn left along the access road to the main road.
- 7) At the main road turn left, passing The Old Vine pub. Continue along the main road and then after passing Monks Lane (on your right) look for a footpath on the right (at far end of the wooden garden fence).
- 8) Turn right onto the footpath and then continue forward with the hedge/fence on the right to a stile. Cross the stile and then continue forward with the hedge on the left to another stile. Cross this stile and then continue forward with a fence on the right through two fields to a road.
- 9) Turn left along the road and then at the cross roads continue straight on. When the road forks keep left, signed Turners Green Lane. At the next junction continue straight on to the main road.
- 10) Cross over the main road and then continue on the lane opposite (Primmers Green). At a junction keep right into Blacksmiths Lane. Continue to follow the lane uphill and round a left-hand bend before turning right up some steps.
- 11) Continue forward on the enclosed path to the churchyard and then continue through the churchyard to the road. Turn left along the road to the main road. Cross over the main road back to the car park.