

## **Ticehurst**

**Approximately 11.15 miles 6 hours**

**Ordnance Survey Explorer Maps 136**

**Refreshments: Greedy Goat Café, The Bell, The Chequers Inn. All in Ticehurst.**

This walk leaves Burwash along Ham Lane with views over the Rother valley. The walk then crosses the river Rother at Wreckery Bridge before continuing through fields to the small village of Stonegate. From Stonegate, there is then a short walk along a quiet but narrow lane, with good views back across the valley to Burwash. Fields and woodland with many wild flowers are then passed though before the road is followed into Ticehurst. Ticehurst is a busy village with many shops, pubs and a café. After leaving the bustle of Ticehurst it suddenly becomes very peaceful as a ridge walk is enjoyed with views opening up to the south almost to the coast at times. The walk continues, crossing the Rother valley and passing to the West of Etchingham before continuing along the Dudwell valley back to Burwash Church.

**Directions. Start: The Bear Car Park.** OS Grid Ref. TQ673246. Nearby Post Code TN19 7ET

- 1) Turn right out of the car park along the High Street. Continue along the High Street to then turn left onto a small lane passing the Rose and Crown Inn. Take the right hand track passing the entrance to the playing fields and then continue along the main track to a point where a footpath crosses it.
- 2) Turn left here through a kissing gate and then continue forward, heading diagonally across the field to the far right-hand corner passing to the left of the row of trees in the middle of the field.
- 3) Go through a small gate in the corner of the field into a wood and then follow the path through the wood to a footbridge. Cross over the footbridge into a field and then bear right to another footbridge in the corner of the field.
- 4) Cross this footbridge and continue forward with the hedge on the left to a Stile on the left. Cross the stile and then turn right and continuing with the hedge on your right to a bridge over the river.
- 5) Having crossed the bridge, continue forward across the field to a clump of trees in the middle of the field. At the clump of trees turn left across the field heading towards a footbridge
- 6) Having crossed the footbridge, turn right and follow the ditch around to the left. Where the ditch turns sharp right, continue forward across the field to a hedge corner by a house. Turn right keeping the hedge on your left, then, continue forward to a crossing over the railway.
- 7) Having crossed the railway, go forward through a tall wooden gate and then continue forward over a stile. Maintain the same direction keeping a fence and a house on your left to a stile in the corner onto the access road.
- 8) Turn right along the access road to a footbridge on the left. Cross over the footbridge and follow a clear path diagonally across the field to a gateway in the top corner of the field.
- 9) Go through the gateway and continue forward on a track with a pond on your right. Continue to follow the track when it turns right into woodland and passes between ponds.

- 10) Where the track enters a field, turn left, and follow the field edge, ignoring all paths into the wood. At the far corner of the field pass through a gap in the hedge and then continue forward with the woodland still on your left, to the end of the field.
- 11) At the end of the field, turn left over a stile and then continue forward with the hedge on your right to a gate. Go through the gate and bear left to a stile into a wood. Cross the stile and follow the path to the right, over a footbridge and up to a stile.
- 12) Cross the stile into a field and then continue forward to a small gate. Pass through the gate and then bear left across the field to a gateway to the right of the houses (not the one into the garden). Go through the gateway and then continue with the hedge on your left to a stile onto the road.
- 13) Turn right on the road and continue to a road junction at Cottonden farm, follow the road around a sharp bend to the left and continuing uphill to the next bend. At this bend, leave the road by crossing a stile on the left into a field. Bear right across the field to a gate (the gate becomes visible as you get into the middle of the field).
- 14) Pass through the gate, and follow a track downhill through woodland and then follow the edge of the field with the woodland on your right. Pass through a gateway into the next field and then cross a stile into the woodland on the right.
- 15) Continue straight ahead on the footpath through the woodland, keeping left at the next junction of tracks, and then continuing straight ahead at the next 3 track junctions to arrive at a stile beside a gate.
- 16) Cross the stile and then turn left on a track, downhill and across a stream. Continue following the track across a field to a stile onto an access road. Turn right along the access road to a gateway on the left.
- 17) Turn left on a signed path going up the left hand side of the right hand field. Follow the edge of the field all the way around to locate a gap in the fence on the left near to a telegraph pole (not the telegraph pole at top of the hill). Go through the gap in the fence and turn right to a gate. Having passed through the gate, continue forward, uphill to a stile onto a road.
- 18) Cross the stile and then turn left, uphill on the road to a T junction in the centre of Ticehurst. At the T junction, turn right, and then pass through the village, continuing on the main road passing the turning to Flimwell and the 40 mph speed limit sign.
- 19) Continue on the main road to Upper Platts housing estate which is on the left, and then cross a stile into a field on the opposite side of the road (right side of the main road). Continue forward on the track downhill following the right hand side of the field, to a crossing of tracks. Turn left and follow this track to the opposite side of the field then turn right, and continue downhill following the edge of the field to a stile beside a gate.
- 20) Cross the stile and then continue forward with the hedge on the left to a gateway and stile on the left. Cross the stile, turn right and then keeping the hedge on the right pass through three fields before crossing a stile into a fourth field.
- 21) In the fourth field bear left, follow a faint track diagonally across the field to the far bottom corner. At the bottom of the field turn left onto a track and follow this to a concrete road.

- 22) Turn right on the concrete road, and follow downhill before curving left towards a farm. Then turn right, across a bridge and continue on the road between houses. Continue to follow the road around to the right and uphill to a road junction.
- 23) Turn right at the road junction and pass a big house on the left. Then turn left down the driveway to Little Barden. Continue along the driveway into a field and then just before a small shed, take the signed footpath on the left into a wood. Follow the footpath around to the right to go downhill, and then cross a stile into a field.
- 24) Having crossed the stile into the field, continue forward with the hedge on the right to a river. Turn left at the river and follow to a footbridge. (The bridge may be obscured by the thickets). Cross over the bridge and follow the path to the next bridge. Having crossed the second bridge continue forward to a stile at a railway crossing point.
- 25) Cross over the railway and continue forward to cross a stile. Continue on a path to the left of a house and then continue forward on the access road. At a track junction turn right and continue on the access road to the main road.
- 26) Take care crossing the main road and then continue along Borders lane opposite. Follow the lane for almost a mile, pass the driveway to Borders Farm House and then take the driveway on the left to Borders Farm.
- 27) Pass some farm cottages and farm buildings before keeping left through a gate onto a path to Borders House. Just before a gate take a path on the right beside a wooden fence and follow this path to a gate into a field.
- 28) Go through the gate into the field and continue forward with the hedge on the right to a footbridge in the field corner. Cross the footbridge and continue across the next field aiming for a telegraph pole at the far side of the field.
- 29) At the far side of the field pass through a gateway and continue forward to a gateway in the left-hand hedge. Pass through this gateway and continue forward with the hedge on the left, to the river.
- 30) Turn right and follow the river. Pass through a gateway into the next field and then bear right, away from the river and continue uphill to the far right hand corner of the field.
- 31) Locate a small gate into the woodland. Having gone through the small gate, turn immediately left to a stile into a field. Cross the stile, and continue across the field to a stile located just below woodland at the far side of the field. Cross this stile and then continue forward with woodland on the right, to start with, and then downhill to a stile.
- 32) Cross the stile and then bear right, heading uphill to a gateway. Pass through the gateway and then cross the field diagonally to a gateway just below a small woodland in the top of the left hand hedge
- 33) Cross a stile and then continue forward with a hedge on the right to a stile in the far corner. Cross the stile, and follow a path through a small woodland to a stile beside a gate.
- 34) Cross the stile and bear left heading diagonally across the field to a kissing gate. This is at the left-hand end of a row of trees that go through the middle of the field.
- 35) Go through the kissing gate and follow the path to the church yard, and then continue on the path around the church to the main road. Turn left and follow the main road back to the car park.

