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


Location Symbols

-  Bus stop/Request stop
-  Railway Station
-  Walk Location

Essential Information

Distance:
6.2 miles/ 10 kms

Walk grade:
 Typical country walk with several hills and stiles and possible muddy paths (depending on weather)

Maps:
OS Explorer 124
OS Landranger 199

Start/Finish:
Doleham Railway Station TQ 835165
Alternative start from Brede TQ 826182

Public Transport:
Buses: A regular bus services operates between Northiam/Tenterden and Hastings with a stop in Brede.
Trains: A regular service operates via Doleham Railway Station

Parking: Limited parking is available in Brede.



Doleham Walk



Paths to Prosperity

East Sussex is a welcome haven for walkers in the busy south-east of England, with over two thirds of the County covered by the High Weald and Sussex Downs Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

There is also a wealth of picturesque villages, country houses and parkland hidden within its rolling landscape, waiting to be discovered.

Please come and enjoy the unique splendours of our countryside, but please also support the local businesses that help make the countryside the vibrant place that it is today.

The Country Code

Enjoy the countryside and respect its life and work.

Guard against all risk of fire.

Leave gates as you find them.

Keep your dog under close control in the presence of animals.

Keep to public rights of way.

Use gates and stiles to cross fences, hedges and walls.

Leave livestock, crops and machinery alone.

Take your litter home.

Help to keep all water clean.

Protect wildlife, plants and trees.

Take special care on country roads.

Make no unnecessary noise.

Tourist Information Centre

The Heritage Centre, Strand Quay, Rye

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The information contained in this leaflet was correct at the time of printing (September 2005)

Refreshments and Local Services

(see map for location)

- 1 The Red Lion**
Public House & Restaurant -
01424 882188
- 2 Brede Court Bed & Breakfast**
Bed & Breakfast Accommodation -
01424 883105
- 3 Battle Executive Training Centre**
Language and Business training
centre - 01424 883105
- 4 The Giants of Brede**
Restored steam pumping engines at
Brede Waterworks - 01424 882356
- 5 Layces Bed & Breakfast**
Bed & Breakfast Accommodation -
01424 882836
- 6 The Mill House**
Bed & Breakfast Accommodation -
01424 883096
- 7 Stonelink Cottages**
Bed & Breakfast Accommodation -
Stubb Lane, Brede, 01424 882943

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By phone on:-
01273 482250 / 482354 / 482324

By post at:-
Transport and Environment Department
County Hall
St. Anne's Crescent
Lewes BN7 1UE

By e-mail at:-
rightsofway@eastsussexcc.gov.uk

By downloading from the website at:-
www.eastsussexcc.gov.uk

If any problems are encountered on the walk please report them to the above contact points.

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River Brede

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Map Legend

-  Refreshments & Local Services (see over for details)
-  Route
-  Other Public Footpaths



Brede Valley Waterworks

Starting from Doleham Railway Station, turn left and follow Doleham Hill for approximately 275 metres (300 yds.) to the road junction. Turn right and follow this lane for approximately 225 metres (245 yds.), turning right onto the footpath as the road bears left. Follow the track for a short distance around a pond before crossing the field in the direction waymarked to reach a railway crossing. After crossing the railway, follow the cross-field path down to a footbridge. Beyond the bridge the route crosses the next large field, heading initially up to the clump of trees, and then straight on towards Pattletons Farm.

After crossing the stile on the field boundary, continue to follow the path passing the converted barn to reach a driveway. Turn right and follow this drive to Doleham Lane, turn left and follow the lane for approximately 580 metres (635 yds.) to the main A28. Turn right onto the main road and follow the roadside footway for a short distance before crossing the road at the next footpath signpost. Follow the signposted path along the driveway towards Crowham Manor, before turning left onto the next signposted footpath.

Follow the track along the field edge, bearing right at the far side of the field as signposted. Continue along the edge of the next field before descending a steep slope to a footbridge. After crossing the stream, follow the waymarked path across the next field, heading to the left of the house. After the next stile, bear left and follow the path, passing directly in front of another house, and then along the driveway to Cottage Lane.

Turn sharp right onto the lane and follow for approximately 455 metres (500 yds.). Just before reaching the road bridge over Forge Stream, turn right onto the footpath and follow in the direction signposted. Continue, passing the next footpath junction, now following the banks of the stream.

After crossing the next footbridge and the following stile, the route crosses the field diagonally, as signposted, with the buildings of Brede Valley Waterworks on your left. On reaching the Waterworks access road, turn right and follow the road into Brede village. *There are good views across the Brede Valley behind when climbing the hill into Brede.*

From Brede follow the roadside footway south, heading downhill into the Brede Valley. At the end of the surfaced footway, cross the road - taking care - and continue, using the roadside verge. Immediately after crossing the bridge over the river Brede, turn left onto the footpath and follow the bank top path. At the confluence of the River Brede and the Doleham Ditch, turn right and continue along the bank top path, now following the Doleham Ditch. Follow this path for approximately 670 metres (735 yds.) before turning left to cross a footbridge.

The path continues under the railway line and then along the edge of the next field for a short distance, before bearing left across the field towards the barn. Continue via the field gate to the stile, and then turn right onto North Lane. Follow the lane to its junction with Doleham Hill, turning right to follow the road back to Doleham Station and the start of the walk.

If starting from the alternative point of Brede, ignore the right turn into Doleham Hill, continuing straight along the Lane and following the route description, back to Brede, from the right turn at the top of Doleham Hill.



Brede Church