



Railtrail 5 – Tenterden Station (circular)

1 From the station go left, uphill on Station Road then, almost immediately, left into Church Path. Follow an enclosed path, which climbs steeply between a hedge and the old school wall, to emerge by the Day Centre in Church Road.

Turn right and continue on a raised path to the west entrance of the church.

Follow the path through the churchyard to the south porch and go right, to reach the A28. Cross the road at the pedestrian crossing and keep ahead into Bells Lane.

After passing the dwellings, continue into the countryside on the 'Six Fields Path', ignoring side paths, to reach Smallhythe Road (B2082).

2 Cross the road and enter the Tenterden Cricket Ground, Morghew Park. Follow the right-hand perimeter of the ground to a stile behind the pavilion.

Cross the stile and go diagonally left through the field, to reach a gate. Pass through the gate and maintain direction to a stile in the top left-hand corner of the field.

Cross the stile and go right, to follow the line of the fence, and emerge onto a farm road at Morghew. Go left and continue on a concrete road, passing farm buildings, to an area known as 'The Quarter'.

Keep ahead and follow an enclosed, unsurfaced track, which winds and descends through farmland.

Ignore a path, which joins the track on the left after approx. ½ mile (0.8km), and continue on the track, which passes to the right of a house and through a gateway, to the top of a hill.

3 Immediately before the track turns sharply left, a waymarked path leads off to the right. Go right on this path, which follows the right hand edge of a field.



Trail Information

Distance: 6 miles (9.7km).

Time for walk: 3 hours.

Time of train journey:

No train journey required.

Maps: OS Explorer 125 and 137.

Parking:

Tenterden Station.

Grid reference: TQ882335.

Start of Walk: Tenterden Station.

Terrain:

Waterside, field paths and quiet lanes.

Refreshment:

Tenterden Station Refreshment Rooms.

Public houses and cafés in Tenterden.

Public Transport:

Buses: Traveline - 0870 6082608.

At the corner go diagonally left, towards the right-hand end of a line of trees, then maintain direction, downhill to a small bridge at the far side of the field.

Cross the bridge and bear right across a field to reach a stile. Cross the stile and continue, uphill with a fence to your left, to cross another stile. Maintain direction, uphill, still with a hedge to your left. After passing to the right of buildings at Plummer Farm, near the top of the field, look for a stile in the fence on the right.

Cross the stile and go left, to cross a private road, and enter a field. Keep ahead to the far side of the field, then go right, to follow the perimeter of the field to the corner. Go left into a small wooded area, with a wooden fence on your right. After a short distance the path emerges from the trees onto Plummer Lane.

Go left and follow the lane, which descends, to pass West View Hospital.

After passing the hospital, and a concrete roadway on the left, follow the road around to the right, uphill to reach the A28 at Westwell. (*Busy road, take care.*)

Cross the road and go right, towards Tenterden. (*To shorten the walk continue along the High Street and go left into Station Road.*)

4 Immediately before reaching traffic lights, go left into Westwell Court and, just before the road curves to the right, go left at a footpath finger-post.

Pass through a kissing-gate and descend steps into a field. Follow a path across the field, which curves right, past houses and on towards a large dead tree. Before reaching the tree, go left, over a stile, into a cemetery. Continue, with a hedge and fence to your right, passing a small pond and descending to a stile in an iron fence, at the far end of the cemetery.

Take care here, particularly with children – Stop, Look and Listen before crossing the track.

Descend the steps, cross the railway and ascend steps on the other side to cross another stile. Maintain direction to cross two more stiles, and descend to a bridge over a stream. Cross the bridge and keep ahead to cross a stile into Chennell Park.

Maintain direction uphill across the park, passing close to the right of a pond, to reach a stile, by a gate, in the perimeter fence. Cross the stile to join a road.

5 Go right and follow the road around a sharp left-hand bend and uphill to reach a finger-post to Millpond, at the entrance to Chennell Park House.

Go left to cross a stile, then diagonally left to another stile in the corner of a field.

Cross the stile and continue downhill, with a hedge to your left, to cross a stile and a footbridge over a stream, at the bottom of the field.

Cross a field, by the embankment, to reach a gate in the far right-hand corner. Go diagonally right, on a path that gradually curves left, to reach a gate.

Pass through the gate and continue on a raised track along the edge of the next field. On approaching the far end of the field, descend to a gate and cross a bridge over a small stream.

Maintain direction, with the stream to your left, to reach a stile at the far side of the field. Cross the stile and, directly in front, you can see the breached embankment of Breeches Pond.

6 Go right and follow a byway which curves left then turns sharply right, climbing steeply away from the former pond.

Continue uphill, then maintain direction on Grange Road to reach a 'T' junction at Silcocks Farm. Cross a stile to the right, opposite this junction. Ignore a track from a gate and cross another stile over a wire fence, into a field. Maintain direction across the field to reach a stile in a hedge, to the left of a gate.

Cross the stile and continue with a hedge to your left. After passing a gate, continue to reach a stile in the hedge on your left. Cross the stile and go right, keeping the hedge to your right.

Maintain direction to cross a stile in a fence ahead. Pass to the right of a pond, then cross another stile ahead and continue to descend a steep slope to a raised walkway, over a boggy area, to reach another stile.

7 Cross the stile and climb steeply into a field. Keep ahead to cross a stile in a fence ahead and pass to the right of another pond. Cross another stile ahead, then follow the field edge to a stile in the corner of the field.

Cross the stile and go diagonally left across a field to a stile in the far left-hand corner. Cross the stile and keep ahead, downhill to pass through a gate and cross a bridge.

Climb a steep bank ahead and continue uphill, following a row of power lines, to reach a kissing-gate at the top of the field.

Pass through the gate into the Kent & East Sussex Railway car park, and keep ahead, to Tenterden Station.