



Trail Information

ROLVENDEN LAYNE

This walk is to the south-west of Tenterden, with splendid views over the Newmill Channel, which is the route of the Kent & East Sussex Railway.

Distance:

5½ miles (8.9km).

Time for walk:

2¾ hours.

Maps:

OS Explorer 125.

Start of walk:

Tenterden Gateway, 2 Manor Row, High Street, Tenterden. TQ881332

Terrain:

Well marked field paths and tracks. Quiet country lanes.

Suitable for:

Moderately fit adults and children.

Refreshment:

Public houses and cafés in Tenterden.
Public house in Rolvenden.

Parking:

Bridewell Lane TQ882331.

Public Toilets:

Station Road (opposite car park).

Public Transport:

Buses: Traveline - 0870 6082608.

Walks around Tenterden

1 From Tenterden Gateway, walk in a westerly direction towards Rolvenden, to the end of the High Street at West Cross.

Maintain direction past the traffic lights and downhill on the A28 for approx. 400m/437yds.

Cross the road into Plummer Lane (signposted West View Integrated Care Centre).

Continue along Plummer Lane and go left at the bottom of the hill, past West View's grounds and car park.

2 Immediately after the car park, where the road forks, look for a footpath marker stone in a high hedge directly ahead of you. The path is marked 'High Weald Landscape Trail (HWLT)'. Follow the path through the trees to enter a field.

Turn right and, after 50m/55yds, go diagonally left across the field to a line of oak trees, ignoring another path immediately left.

To the right of the oak trees, in a gap in the hedge, cross a stile into a field.

Go left, with the hedge to your left, to reach a stile. Cross the stile and go right, with the hedge to your right, to reach a bridge over a stream.

Cross the bridge and go left to another wooden bridge, approx. 100m/109yds ahead, on the left-hand side. Cross the bridge and head towards a metal gate and railway crossing. **Take care here, particularly with children – Stop, Look and Listen before crossing the railway track.**

3 Cross the railway and head towards an historic wind powered water pump (the Chalybeate Spring), to reach a bridge over a dyke. Cross the bridge and keep ahead, with the pump to your left, for approx. 100m/109yds, to reach a gap in a hedge.

Cross a bridge over a dyke, into the next field. *Note a large tree to the left.*



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Keep ahead with a hedge to your right, ignoring a gate on the right, to another crossing over a dyke. The path then rises as it crosses a field towards a wooden bridge over a dyke.

Cross the bridge and keep ahead, on rising ground, to a gap in the hedge on the far side of the field.

4 Turn right, uphill, in the direction of an oast. As you reach the top of the slope go through a gap in the hedge and follow the track, keeping the fencing to your left, and heading towards buildings.

Continue past a converted barn and a gateway on your right. Immediately after the gateway, look for a stile set back in the hedge on your left-hand side.

Cross the stile and keep ahead, downhill, to the bottom of the field and go right.

After approx. 50m/55yds, pass through a gap in the hedge, turn left and follow the path to a stile on the left-hand side.

Cross the stile into a field and go right. Continue uphill for approx. 100m/109yds, with a fence to your right, to reach a marker post. Fork left here and continue uphill to pass through the gap in the hedge towards the tree line.

Follow a path through the trees into a field, go right and follow the footpath, keeping the hedge to your right.

At the far end of the field, go right and cross another field in the direction of houses on the horizon. When you reach a gate by a house on your left-hand side, keep ahead to reach Pix's Lane. Here you leave the HWLT.

If you want to have a break you can turn left here into Rolvenden Layne where you can buy food and drink and then return to this point.

5 Go right, uphill, on Pix's Lane, passing converted farm buildings after approx. 0.8km/½ mile. Continue on the lane which then descends and passes through woodland.

6 At the bottom of a hill, where the road crosses a stream, go right at a footpath sign and cross a stile into a field. Keep ahead, with a hedge to your left. After passing a bridge on the left, keep ahead through gateways, still with the hedge to your left, to reach a stile.

Cross the stile and head towards a route marker post.

From here you rejoin the HWLT. Retrace the steps of the outward journey, heading for the water pump that you passed earlier.

At the pump you will now see the railway gates ahead. **Take care here, particularly with children – Stop, Look and Listen before crossing the railway track.**

After crossing the railway, bear left, over the footbridge to the next footbridge and continue up the hill, keeping the hedge to your left.

At the top of the hill cross the stile on your left. Continue uphill, keeping the hedge to your right, to a cross a stile.

Continue with the hedge to your left for approx. 10m/11yds then head across the field to the hedge line (you will see a tile clad house on the right in the distance), where you will find a marker post.

Follow the line of the hedge for approx. 40m/44yds, then go left into woodland and follow the path to Plummer Lane.

Go left on Plummer Lane, past West View Care Centre, to reach the A28.

Cross at the traffic island and turn right to return to the Tenterden Gateway in the High Street.



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Public Rights of Way

All walks have legal access to land using public paths and bridleways. Walkers should take care to stick to the correct paths and ensure that dogs are kept under close control.

Equipment and Clothing

Walking boots or shoes are recommended for all walks and protective clothing should also be carried.

Country Code

Please adhere to the country code.

- Do not drop litter.
- Do not pick flowers and plants.
- Face oncoming traffic on country lanes (except on blind bends where the outside should be taken to ensure that traffic in both directions can see you).
- Do not start fires.
- Fasten all gates.
- Use gates and stiles to cross fences, hedges and walls.
- Do not make unnecessary noise.

Some of the walks use footpaths that cross the Kent & East Sussex Railway at designated points. Please stop, follow any instructions shown at the crossing points, and proceed with care.



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