



Trail Information

THE MILLPONDS

This walk, to the north-west of the town, passes the former millponds that, years ago, provided power for three water mills.

Distance:
4 miles (6.4km).

Time for walk:
2 hours.

Maps:
OS Explorer 125 & 137.

Start of walk:
Tenterden Gateway,
2 Manor Row, High Street,
Tenterden. TQ881332

Terrain:
Well marked field paths/
tracks, parkland and quiet
roads.

Suitable for:
Moderately fit adults and
children.

Refreshment:
Public houses and cafés in
Tenterden.

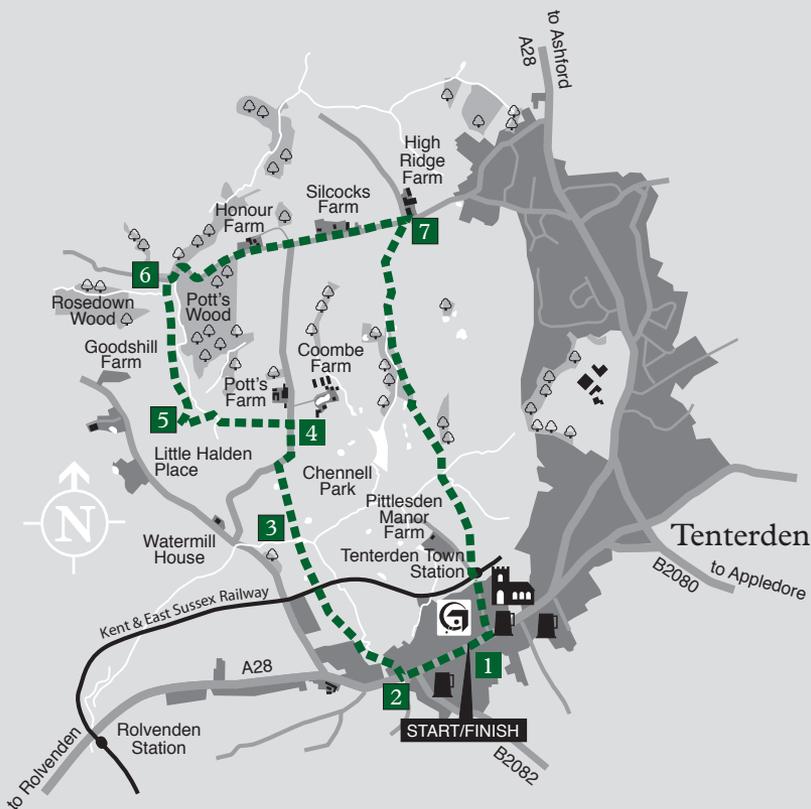
Parking:
Bridewell Lane TQ882331.

Public Toilets:
Station Road (opposite car
park).

Public Transport:
Buses: Traveline -
0870 6082608.



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Walks around Tenterden

1 From Tenterden Gateway, walk in a westerly direction, towards Rolvenden.

At the far end of the High Street, after passing the traffic lights, maintain direction to pass a high brick wall then go right, into Westwell Court.

2 Immediately 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.

3 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.

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.

4 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 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.

5 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, passing Silcocks Farm, to reach a 'T' junction with Readers Bridge Road.

7 Go right, into the field opposite Readers Bridge Road, passing through a kissing-gate. After 15m/16yds bear right, through another kissing-gate.

Head across the field to a gate into the field opposite.

Keeping the hedge to your left, continue down the field, passing a field gate to reach a kissing-gate in the hedge.

Pass through the kissing-gate and go right. Pass through a kissing-gate and continue, with a pond to your left, to reach another kissing-gate.

Keeping the hedge to your right, descend a slope to a wooden walkway and a stile.

Continue to another fenced pond, with two more kissing-gates, and follow the path to reach a further kissing-gate, with a pond to your right.

Pass through the gate and head diagonally across the field, in the direction of the tower of St. Mildred's Church.

Pass through a kissing-gate in the corner of the field 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.

Continue up Station Road to reach the High Street then go right to return to the Tenterden Gateway.



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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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