

Trail Information

READERS
BRIDGE

This walk is to the north of Tenterden, with magnificent views of the town and the Weald of Kent to the south.

Distance:

5 miles (8km).

Time for walk:

2½ hours.

Maps:

OS Explorer 125 & 137.

Start of walk:

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

Terrain:

Well marked field paths and tracks. Quiet lanes.

Suitable for:

Moderately fit adults and children.

Refreshment:

Public houses and cafés in Tenterden.

Parking:

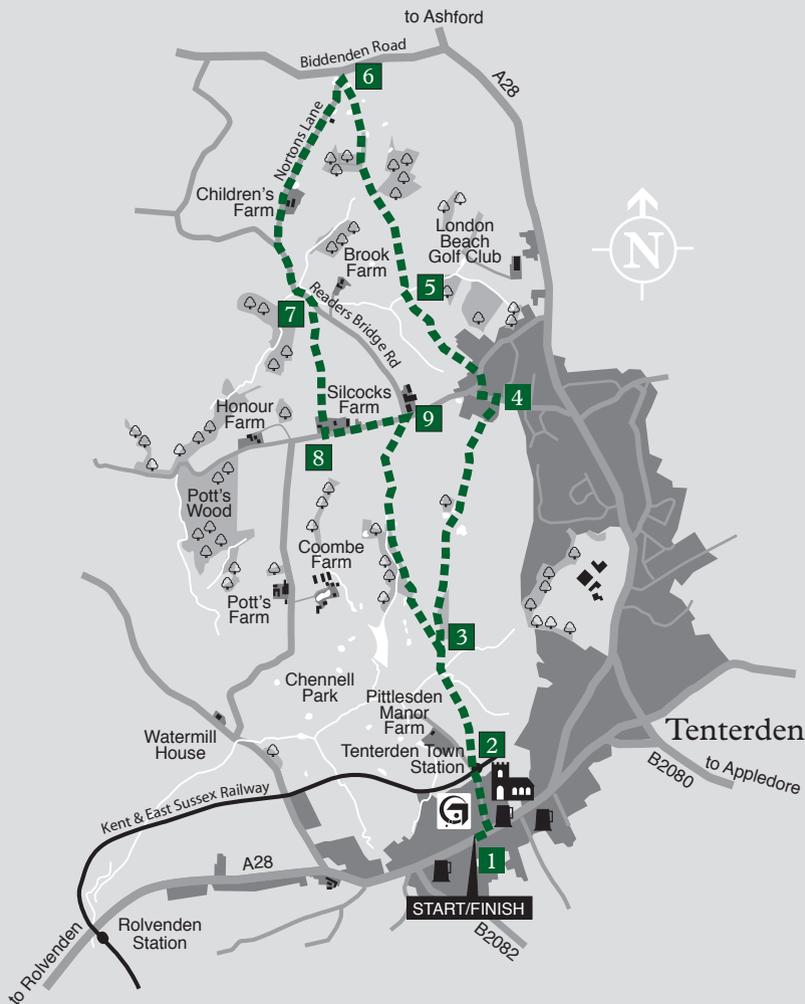
Bridewell Lane TQ882331.

Public Toilets:

Station Road (opposite car park).

Public Transport:

Buses: Traveline - 0870 6082608.



Walks around Tenterden

1 From Tenterden Gateway walk in an easterly direction, towards Ashford.

Turn left, down Station Road, cross the railway crossing at Tenterden Town Station and enter the station car park. Maintain direction to reach a kissing-gate at the far end of the car park.

2 Pass through the kissing-gate and follow the line of the overhead electric power lines downhill.

Pass through a gate, where there is a bridge over a stream, and continue uphill to a kissing-gate.

3 At this point there are two marked paths – take the one that is straight ahead.

Continue with a fence and trees to your right and the power line to your left.

Pass through a gate and continue, now with a hedge to your left. Pass through a kissing-gate and keep to the right of a small pond.

Continue with the hedge to your left to the far end of the field to reach a field gate with a kissing-gate to the right.

Pass through the kissing-gate and keep ahead, now with a hedge to your right, to pass through another kissing gate, by a field gate.

Continue along the enclosed track, beside Breton Court, to reach a gate leading on to a metalled road. At this point you are in St. Michaels.



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4 Turn left, uphill, then turn right at a road junction into Shoreham Lane.

Continue on Shoreham Lane for approx. 50m/55yds then turn left onto a driveway (*the start of a footpath*) flanked by two telegraph poles on the left-hand side and a large oak tree on the right.

Follow a track between two houses and, where the track bears left, keep ahead, between hedges, to reach a stile.

Cross the stile and keep ahead, towards the London Beach Golf Club, to cross a footbridge over a stream.

5 You then enter the golf course via some steps and a stile. **Take care here and show consideration to golfers.**

Cross the stile and go right. Continue across a fairway then maintain direction across another fairway to cross a stile next to an oak tree.

Cross a footbridge and continue through a small plantation to cross another stile. Follow the direction of the yellow arrow, bearing slightly right across the field to a gap in the hedge, then cross a muddy stream to a stile.

Cross the stile, and another in the opposite corner of the field, to enter woodland. Almost immediately turn right at a marker-post to reach a stile.

Cross the stile and follow the path, keeping the wood to your right, to cross another stile.

Keep ahead and, at a pond, go right to cross a stile. Turn left, keeping the pond and farm buildings to your left.

At a stile, keep ahead towards a house, passing a pond to your right and crossing a stile. Keep ahead to a field gate and stile, leading onto Norton's Lane.

6 Turn left and continue for approx. ½ mile/0.80km to reach a T-junction, then turn left into Readers Bridge Road.

After approx. ¼ mile/0.40km the road crosses a stream at Readers Bridge.

Continue for approx. 50m/55yds and look for a footpath sign and marker stone on the right-hand side.

7 Climb the steps in the bank and follow a path that runs between a hedge and a fence to reach a stile.

Cross the stile and continue with a fence, then a hedge to your left, to pass through a kissing-gate. Keep ahead to a another kissing-gate and join a metalled road.

8 Go left towards Silcocks Farm and farm shop next to the junction with Readers Bridge Road.

9 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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