

Walk 1

Lindfield to Ansty

(6 miles / 9.5 km)

Grading = Moderate

OS Explorer maps 34 (Ashdown Forest)
& 134 (Crawley & North Horsham)

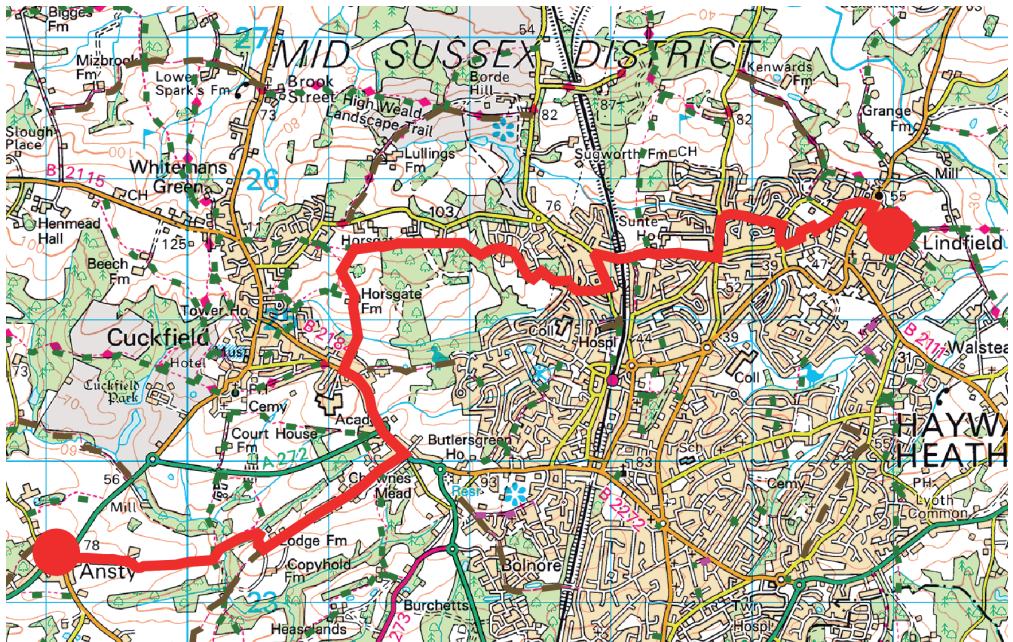


Start point:

Lindfield High Street, opposite The Tiger,
All Saints Church RH16 2HT
(The Wilderness Car Park RH16 2JE)

End point:

Ansty Recreation Ground,
Deaks Lane RH17 5AS



1. WAYMARKER 1 is on the corner of The Wilderness and Dukes Road. Leave the car park and walk toward All Saints Church, go through the churchyard to reach the High Street and cross over the road to the start of the walk. Directly opposite The Tiger, take the left-hand path which is marked with a public footpath sign. Follow it for a short way, it bears to the left and goes down a narrow twitten between two fences.
2. At the end of the twitten, cross Hickmans Lane and head across the recreation ground toward the corner of the hedge opposite. There is a gap in the hedge just to the right marked with public footpath sign that takes you onto Pickers Green. Follow the pavement straight on, then turn left down another twitten which bends to the right and continue to the road opposite The Witch Inn.
3. Turn right and walk up the road until you see a bus stop on the left-hand side, cross the road and walk down another narrow twitten until you reach By Sunte. Bear left and continue, past Savill Road on the right and Fieldway on the left, when you reach end of the road cross over and turn left up Portsmouth Lane, passing Birchen Lane on the right.
4. Just before the mini roundabout, turn right down another narrow twitten, with lots of tree roots under foot, which leads to Sunte House on your right-hand side. Follow the footpath and continue straight on (ignore the tarmac drive to your right which leads to Birchen Wood). Cross the bridge over the London to Brighton railway line and continue on to Old Wickham Lane.
5. At the end of the lane use the island to cross Balcombe Road and then turn left, keep to the pavement, cross over Barnmead, and walk on until you see The Barn and a right turn with a public footpath sign. Go through the wooden gate and walk on until you reach the green opposite, head straight across to reach another narrow twitten.
6. At the end of the twitten you will see the Harland Primary School entrance opposite, go up the drive and follow the path to the right and then left beside the fence until you reach three

- bridges over a number of small streams. The path goes off to the right along a makeshift wooden boardwalk. At the end of the sports field keep following the fence on your left, the path bears to the right through some woods.
7. After a few hundred yards you will come across two fallen trees near to the path and some houses on your left, follow the path toward the houses to Campbell Mead. Walk straight on, past a drainage pond and small play area to your left and follow the pavement as it curves to the right, then up a couple of steps. On your left you will see a public footpath which leads you over a little bridge and into the woods.
 8. Follow the path uphill, past Gravelye House on your left and then walk straight on until you reach a stile. Cross the stile and take the footpath to the left and immediately turn right an open field. Go through some trees and you will reach a footpath sign, take the left turn and walk through some wild scrubland with brambles and possibly some grazing horses. You should have a good view of the spire of Cuckfield Church and the South Downs in the distance.
 9. Go through the kissing gate at the bottom of the field, walk past the trees and then bear left diagonally across the field. Go over a stile at the bottom of the hill and follow the hedge round to the right to Linhay Farm. Follow the shady tarmac road downhill, over Scrase Stream and up the other side. At the top of the hill you come out on to Hatchgate Close, turn left to emerge opposite the Wheatsheaf Inn.
- Resting Place (3.5 miles / 6 km): Stop off at the Wheatsheaf Inn, Broad Street, Cuckfield RH17 5DW or turn right here for Cuckfield village centre which has a number of cafes and pubs. You could sit for a while in the Holy Trinity Church yard on the commemorative feather bench, made by artist Christian Funnell as a memorial to the 500 unmarked babies' graves.
10. Turn left and walk on the pavement for just under half mile, past the roundabout, cross over at the pedestrian crossing, continue on until you reach Copyhold Lane on your right-hand side.

This is an attractive private road and public bridleway. Follow the lane until it turns sharply to the left.

11. At Copyhold Cottage turn right onto the public footpath which goes around the back of the house, downhill, then over a stile and then around to the left by the pond at Lodge Farmhouse and through a five-bar gate. Go straight on into a field (ignore the footpath on your right and follow the left-hand side of the field downhill).
12. Go over a stream, up some wooden steps and follow the path through a small wood. At the other side of the wood you come out onto a gravelly track. Turn left through the hedge to pick up the path, there are trees on the right and a large open field to the left. Go through the gap in the hedge into the next field and continue on until you reach a house on the right.
13. Turn left and walk down the track until you reach the A272, cross over at the roundabout at the pedestrian island, keep right and follow the pavement to Deaks Lane and Ansty Recreation Ground on the right-hand side (WAYMARKER 2)



Waymarker 2
Ansty