

### Location Map



**Location Symbols**

-  Bus stop/Request stop
-  Railway Station
-  Walk Location

### Essential Information

**Distance:**  
4.5 miles/7 kms

**Walk grade:**  
2 A generally easy walk, without stiles, but some hilly sections, and can be very muddy (depending on weather)

**Maps:**  
OS Explorer 124  
OS Landranger 199

**Start/Finish:**  
Battle Railway Station TQ 755156

**Public Transport:**  
**Buses:** A regular bus service operates Monday to Saturday between Maidstone and Hastings, with a stop in Battle

**Trains:** Battle Station is on the London to Hastings line and has a regular service

**Parking:**  
Public parking is available in Battle



# Battle Walk



## *Paths to Prosperity*

East Sussex is a welcome haven for walkers in the busy south-east of England, with over two thirds of the County covered by the High Weald and Sussex Downs Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

There is also a wealth of picturesque villages, country houses and parkland hidden within its rolling landscape, waiting to be discovered.

Please come and enjoy the unique splendours of our countryside, but please also support the local businesses that help make the countryside the vibrant place that it is today.

### The Country Code

Enjoy the countryside and respect its life and work.

Guard against all risk of fire.

Leave gates as you find them.

Keep your dog under close control in the presence of animals.

Keep to public rights of way.

Use gates and stiles to cross fences, hedges and walls.

Leave livestock, crops and machinery alone.

Take your litter home.

Help to keep all water clean.

Protect wildlife, plants and trees.

Take special care on country roads.

Make no unnecessary noise.

### Tourist Information Centre

Battle Abbey, High Street, Battle

Tel: 01424 773721

Fax: 01424 773436

email: [battletic@rother.gov.uk](mailto:battletic@rother.gov.uk)

The information contained in this leaflet was correct at the time of printing (September 2005)

## *Refreshments and Local Services*

(see map for location)

- 1 Senlac Inn**  
Public House & Restaurant - 01424 772034
- 2 Acacia House**  
Bed & Breakfast Accommodation - 01424 772416
- 3 White Lodge**  
Bed & Breakfast Accommodation - 01424 772122
- 4 Lonicera Lodge**  
Self Catering Accommodation - 01424 772835
- 5 Little Hemingfold Hotel**  
Farmhouse Hotel - Telham, 01424 774338
- 6 Leeford Place Hotel**  
Country House Hotel and Restaurant - Whatlington Road, Battle, 01424 772863
- 7 Crazy Lane Tourist Park**  
Caravan & Camping Site - Crazy Lane, Sedlescombe, 01424 870147
- 8 Marley Stores**  
Local Convenience Store - 01424 773112
- 9 The Chequers Inn**  
Public House & Restaurant - 01424 772088
- 10 Powdermills Hotel**  
Hotel, Conference and Wedding Venue, Powdermill Lane, Battle, 01424 775511

Please note that inclusion of business details in this leaflet does not constitute an endorsement of the business by East Sussex County Council or its agents.

## Please Note

Much of this walk uses permissive paths through the Forestry Commission land at Great Wood. Please be aware that due to commercial activities, it is possible that some sections of the route may be liable to temporary closure.

We hope that you enjoy the walk in this leaflet, which is one of a series produced by East Sussex County Council.

Copies of the leaflets for other walks in the series are available from Tourist Information Centres and libraries or direct from East Sussex County Council, by contacting the Rights of Way Team:-

**By phone on:-**  
01273 482250 / 482354 / 482324

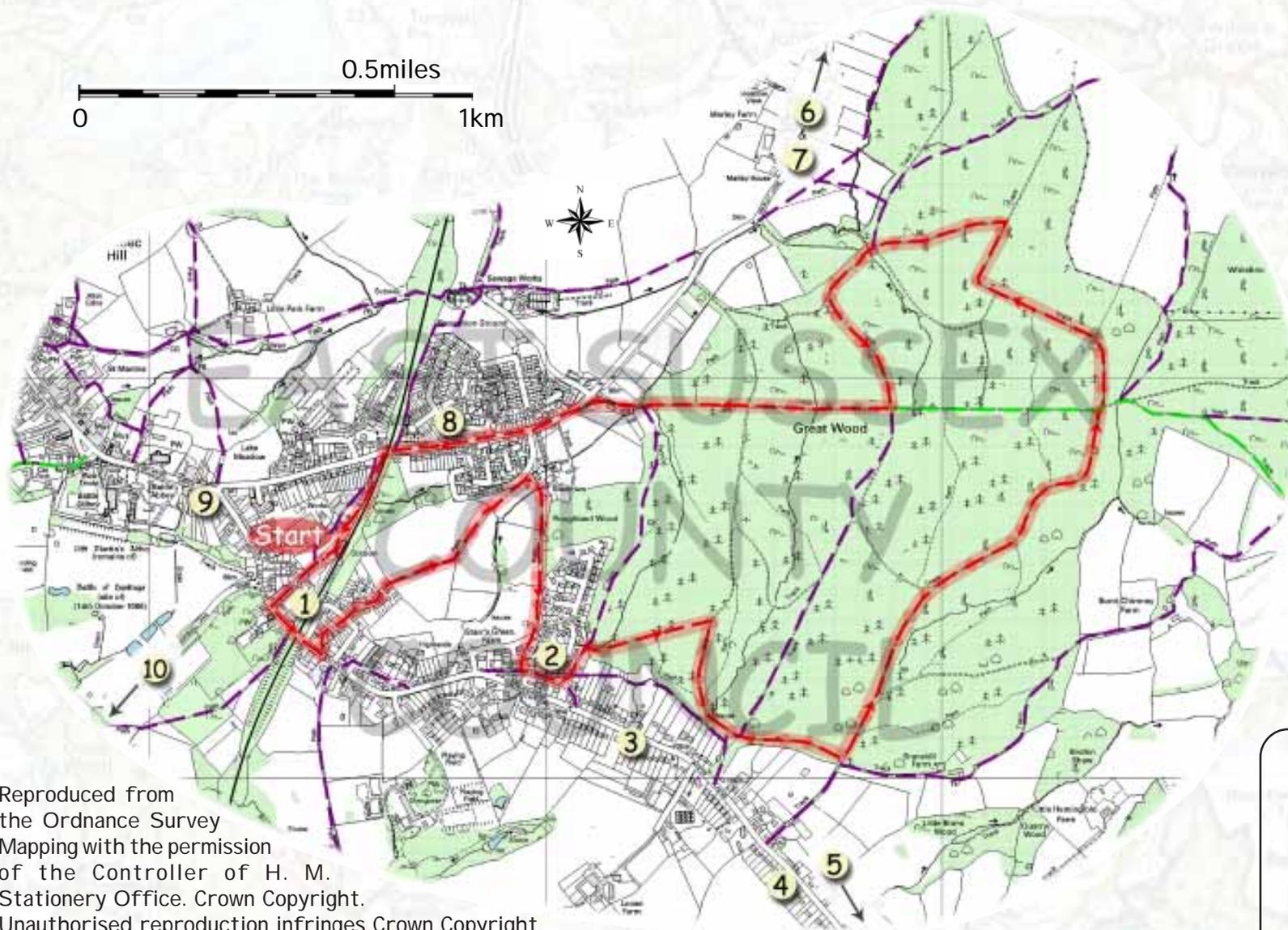
**By post at:-**  
Transport and Environment Department  
County Hall  
St. Anne's Crescent  
Lewes BN7 1UE

**By e-mail at:-**  
[rightsofway@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:rightsofway@eastsussex.gov.uk)

**By downloading from the website at:-**  
[www.eastsussex.gov.uk](http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk)

If any problems are encountered on the walk please report them to the above contact points.

# Battle Walk



A track through Great Wood

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## Map Legend

-  Refreshments & Local Services (see over for details)
-  Route
-  Other Public Footpaths
-  Other Public Bridleways



An autumn view of Great Wood

Starting from Battle Railway Station, turn left to follow Station Approach to its junction with the main A2100. Turn left and follow the roadside footway, before turning left again at St Marys Villas, opposite the petrol station, to join the signposted footpath

Continue to follow the surfaced road, taking the right hand fork into Kingsdale Close. At the end of the road, follow the footpath beside the house and then bear right along the well defined path running parallel to the field edge. At the field corner, turn left to follow the path downhill, with the hedgerow on your right. Continue through the small area of woodland, and on to reach the road.

At the roadside, turn sharp right to follow the signposted footpath back along the edge of the scrubland. Continue along the well defined path uphill, crossing the road at Starrs Mead, and along the signposted footpath to reach Starrs Green Lane. Turn left to follow the lane, bearing left at the junction, near the end of the lane, and then turn left at the signposted footpath junction. Follow the route downhill, through the

staggered barriers and into Great Wood.

Instead of continuing along the public footpath, turn right at the path junction next to the signpost and follow the route around some of the permissive paths within Great Wood. After a short downhill section, the path widens to a forest track. Follow the track for a distance of approximately 300 metres (330 yds.) to the first main junction. Turn right and follow the path to reach a footpath signpost. At this point a public right of way crosses the permissive path. Continue straight across the junction following the permissive route running along the woodland edge. At the end of this path, turn left onto a wide forest track, leading away from a field gate at the woodland boundary. The route now runs through the centre of Great Wood.

At the first junction of tracks bear left, and then turn right at the next junction. Continue to follow the main track for a further 650 metres (710 yds.) to reach the main signposted bridleway which runs east - west through Great Wood. The long distance 1066 Country Walk route also follows the bridleway at this point.

Cross the main bridleway to continue following the surfaced, permissive route ahead. On reaching the next junction, ignore the left hand turn (the direction of the surfaced track), instead continue straight ahead for a short distance, before turning right. After approximately 150 metres (165 yds.), turn sharp left onto a narrow footpath. Follow the path to reach a junction of five routes. From this point, follow the public footpath, signposted almost straight ahead.

Continue along the surfaced track to its junction with the main east - west bridleway, and 1066 Country Walk. Turn right to follow this main route, ignoring the side junctions, to reach the edge of Great Wood at Marley Lane.

Turn left and follow Marley Lane back towards Battle, taking care on the first section where there is no footway. Immediately after crossing the railway, turn left and follow the narrow, surfaced path beside the railway, to reach Battle Station and the end of the walk.



Dragonfly in Great Wood

## Battle Great Wood

The Forestry Commission operated, Great Wood, consists mainly of coniferous woodland, with areas of heathland, ponds, streams and sweet chestnut coppice. There is a wealth of wildlife, with Badgers and Deer, birds such as Nightjar, Tree Pipit and Crossbills, and many common woodland butterflies, dragonflies and damselflies.