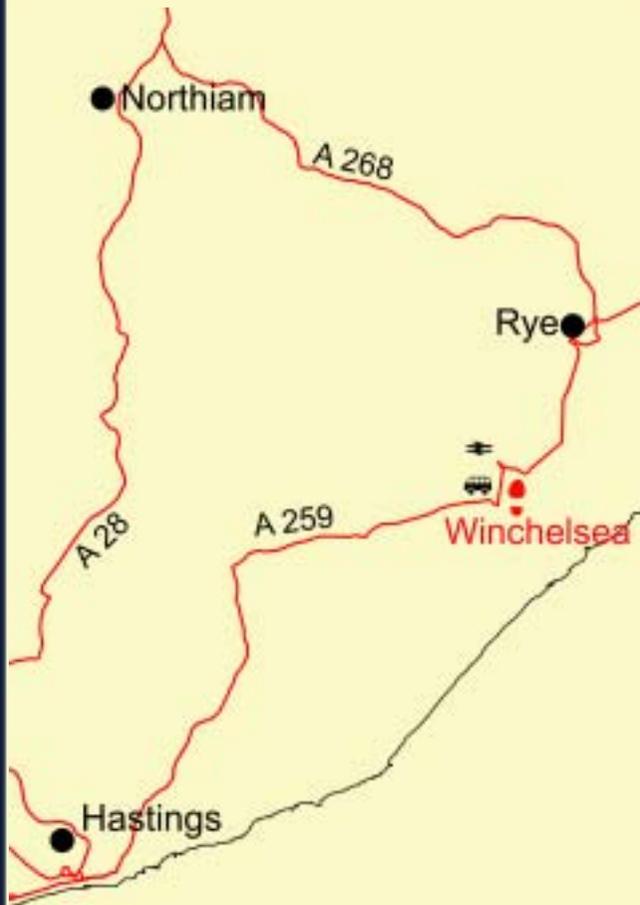


Location Map



Location Symbols

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

Essential Information

Distance:
6.5 miles/10.5 kms

Walk grade:

3 Typical country walk with some hills, stiles and muddy paths (depending on weather)

Maps:
OS Explorer 125
OS Landranger 189

Start/Finish:
Winchelsea Railway Station - TQ 900184

Public Transport:
Buses: Bus services operate between Hailsham and Dover, and between Hastings and Northiam, both stopping at Winchelsea.
Trains: A regular service operates via Winchelsea Railway Station

Parking:
Parking is available at Winchelsea Railway Station



Winchelsea 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

The Heritage Centre, Strand Quay, Rye

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Refreshments and Local Services

(see map for location)

- 1 Westview**
Bed & Breakfast Accommodation - 01797 226351
- 2 The Bridge Inn**
Public House & Restaurant - 01797 224302
- 3 Strand Guest House**
Bed & Breakfast Accommodation - 01797 226276
- 4 Cordwainers**
Self Catering Accommodation - 07941 373769
- 5 J Wickens**
Local Family Butcher - 01797 226287
- 6 Winchelsea Court House Museum**
Open between May & Sept - 01797 226382
- 7 Winchelsea Community Post Office**
Post Office & Local Information
- 8 The Little Shop**
General Stores and Local Products - 01797 226384
- 9 Suttons Fish Shop**
Fresh Fish & Local Produce - 01797 226261
- 10 The Limes & Three Wishes**
Self Catering Accommodation - 01797 226102
- 11 The Tea Tree**
15th century Tea Rooms & Gift Shop - 01797 226102

12 The New Inn
18th Century Inn - 01797 226252

13 Wickham Manor Farm
Bed & Breakfast and Specialist producers of Organic Lamb & Mutton - 01797 226216

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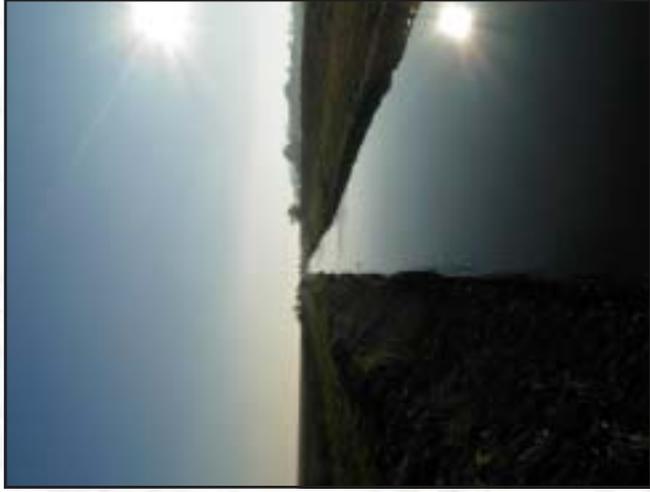
By e-mail at:-
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By downloading from the website at:-
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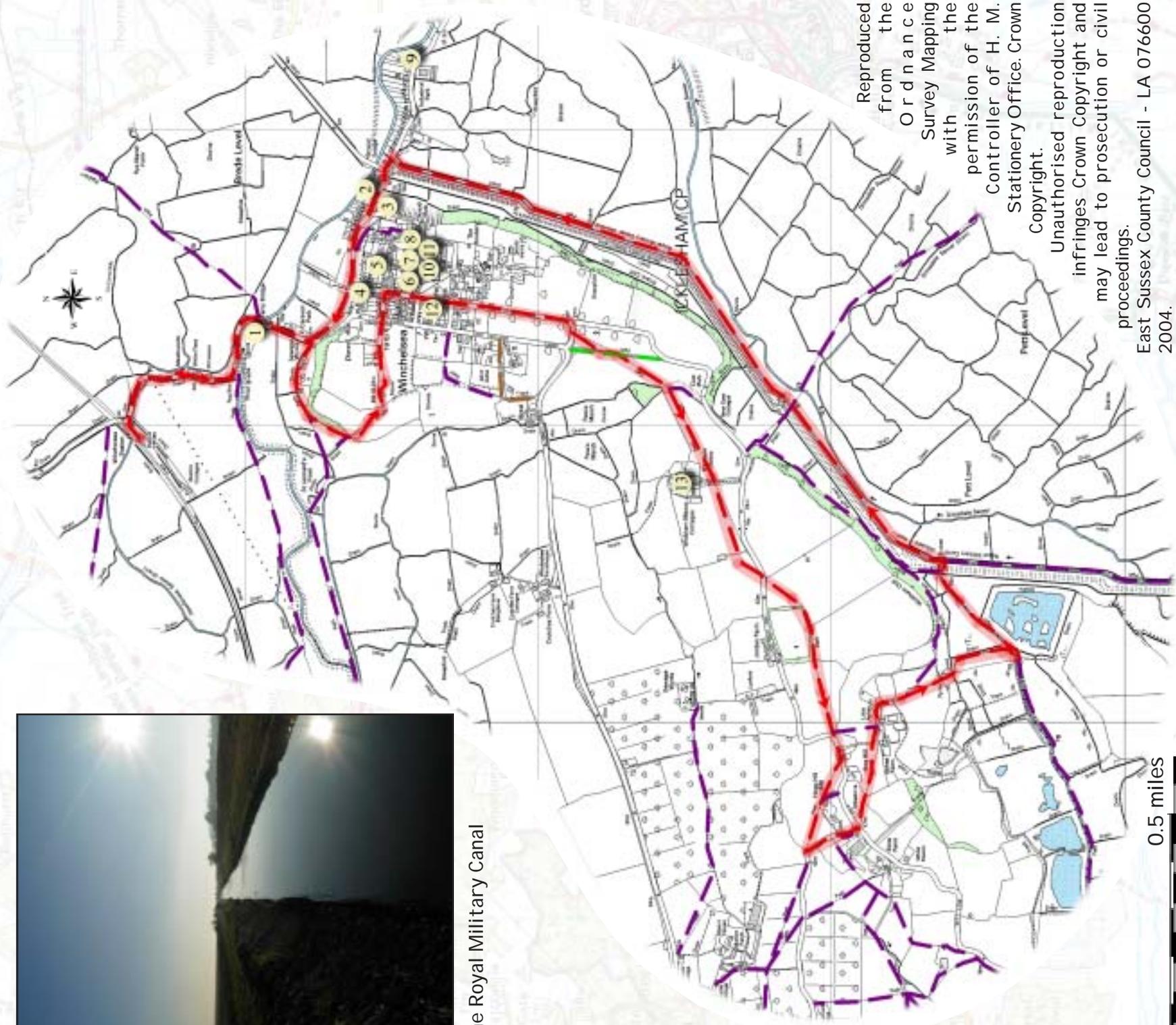
Winchelsea Walk



The Royal Military Canal

Map Legend

-  Refreshments & Local Services
(see over for details)
-  Route
-  Other Public Footpaths
-  Other Bridleways
-  Byways Open to all Traffic



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Starting from Winchelsea Station, turn right and follow the road for approximately 900 metres (990 yds.) to the junction with the A259. At the main road, turn immediately right using the roadside verge, and then right again onto the signed footpath. Follow the surfaced track passing the Southern Water entrance, and continue to follow the fenceline to reach a stile and then footbridge.

After crossing the bridge, turn left and follow the field edge path. Ignoring the two footpaths to the right, continue to follow the path climbing the hill towards Winchelsea. At the top of the hill bear left to follow the path to the gate and then onto the lane. Follow the lane into Winchelsea, crossing the main A259, to join Mill Road. Turn right at the next junction into Hiham Green, and follow this road through Winchelsea.

From the centre of Winchelsea, continue to follow the road to reach a sharp right hand turn. Follow the road round the bend, then cross to the stile on the opposite side. Follow the signposted path, crossing the bridleway, and then across the next field heading to the left of the small path of woodland, to reach a stile beside a field gate. Continue to follow the waymarked path heading for a stile immediately to the left of the barn ahead. Cross the drive of Wickham Manor Farm and continue along the waymarked path across the next two fields to reach the lane.

Cross the lane and, using the handgate, follow the footpath towards the end of the line of trees. Bear right and follow the tree line, at the end of which, cross the stile and using the well defined path, cross the field in the direction of the windmill. On reaching the lane turn left and follow for a short distance, passing the cottage, before turning right to follow the footpath over the hill, passing the windmill, to reach Workhouse Lane.



Wickham Rock Lane above New Gate



View along the Royal Military Canal

Turn left onto the lane and follow to the road junction. Cross the junction and follow the path around the field edge. Continue on the waymarked route behind Ashes Farm to join a track heading down to the Pannel Valley Nature Reserve. The well defined path heads through the Nature Reserve to reach a footbridge. After crossing the bridge turn left and follow the path beside the Pannel Sewer to a gate, immediately before which, the entrance to a bird hide can be found on your right.

After the bird hide, continue along the path crossing two more footbridges. After the second bridge, turn left to follow the path along the banks of the Royal Military Canal for approximately 2.5 kms (1.5 miles) to reach the road.

Built as a Napoleonic Defence, the Royal Military Canal runs for a distance of 30 miles between Hythe and Cliff End, Pett, enclosing the area of Romney Marsh and Dungeness, an area of land thought vulnerable to French invasion. The straight lines of the canal, with occasional double defence bends, are clearly visible on this section of the route.

To complete this walk, turn left at the road and then left again at the junction with the A259. Follow this road for a distance of approximately 650 metres (710 yds.) turning right at the junction into Station Road. Retrace the route back to the starting point at Winchelsea Station.