

Walks

Walk 1 (Yellow route on map) Distance 5 ¼ miles, Time 2 ¼ hours

This walk takes you south of the village and then west to Groombridge, through the grounds of the Groombridge Place and Burrswood estates, returning through Newpark Wood and across fields back to the Recreation Ground.

Spring is a good time for this walk when the daffodils on the Groombridge Place estate are in full bloom. The Spa Valley Railway steam trains are frequently operating along the valley and are an attractive sight that can sometimes be seen on the way to Groombridge.

Groombridge Place is an atmospheric 17th century moated manor house that is featured in the 2005 film version of the Jane Austen classic, *Pride and Prejudice*, and used as the location for the home of the Bennet family. The gardens of the estate are normally open to the public for a large part of the year. They are currently closed due to Covid restrictions. Developments should be monitored on the website www.groombridgeplace.com

Burrswood is an early 19th century Estate where the Burrswood Christian Hospital was founded by healing visionary Dorothy Kerin in 1948 amidst peaceful and tranquil grounds. The estate was sold in 2020 to a private equity company and full details of its future are not currently known.

1. The walk starts at the car park of Langton Green Recreation Ground situated on the Langton – Speldhurst Road.
2. Turn right out of car park exit, along main road to cross -roads by Hare pub and cross straight over into Broom Lane.
3. Take immediate first left into Holmewood Ridge to cross-roads in approx 650 yards and turn right along Barrow Lane down to end of tarmac and into downhill woodland footpath.
4. At junction with footpath sign-posted Tunbridge Wells Circular Walk turn right through gate
5. In 170 yards cross straight over Broom Lane and over style to right of Tunbridge Wells Waste Water Treatment Plant entrance
6. Follow path for 1 mile over style near cottages to Groombridge Place estate with canal in field on right.
7. Go through gate near house and moat and continue along railings to front of house passing lake on left. At end of lake cross path through metal gate and cross field to church, through gate onto Groombridge – Langton Green Road.
8. Straight across road with Crown pub on right (ideal stopping place for some refreshments if required) and through entrance of Burrswood estate.
9. Continue over half mile along drive to far end of main building turning right through upper car park and along exit road to sharp right hand bend

10. Go through gate at bend and take right hand path through avenue of trees for 300 yards to main road.
11. Cross straight over road, passing to right of cottage and through Newpark wood for over half mile to end of wood with views across fields on left to large white house (Fernchase Manor).
12. Through gate for 400 yards to footpath junction. Take left path and then right through wide metal gate near house, cross field and style at main road on junction of East Grinstead and Fordcombe roads.
13. Go straight across road junction to style opposite and cross field to corner of trees and continue to right of wire fence to style at footpath junction.
14. Go straight on at junction over second style for 150 yards passing high hedge on right and over style and cross field to metal style onto Ashurst Place access road.
15. Go straight across road over style and turn right at corner of school football pitch.
16. Go through metal style passing childrens' playground and sports pavilion to Recreation Ground car park.

Feel free to begin or end your walk at the family-friendly Langton Pavilion Cafe. Refreshments of all kinds from fresh coffees, homemade cakes, lunches and soft drinks.

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