

Walks

Walk No 3 (approx. 1.5 hrs)

This is a circular walk from Langton Green recreation ground through Danemore Park Estate and Bullingstone Wood to Speldhurst, returning via Shadwell Woods. The walk passes through attractive woodland and is very pleasant in late spring when the bluebells are in bloom.

In Shadwell Woods part of the walk is along the old drovers route that was a section of the London – Newhaven pack-horse road.

1. The walk starts at the car park of Langton Green recreation ground situated on the Langton – Speldhurst Road.
2. Exit the back of the car park passing the rear of the pavilion and left of the childrens playground through stile in fence.
3. Turn right at corner of school football field in front of Ashurst Place and follow footpath through several stiles, across three fields and straight over access road to Shirley Hall, until footpath finishes at Leggs Lane.
4. Turn right along Leggs Lane for 180 yards crossing road and over stile on left into footpath FP 75. Cross over ditch keeping to left side of field and over stile into another field. Keep to right hand side, passing large oak tree and over stile at access road to Danemore Park.
5. Go straight over access road and over style keeping to right side of field for approx 300 yards to stile into Burnt Wood following Tunbridge Wells Circular High Weald Walk.
6. Cross stream and up steep bank, turning right at footpath junction into Bullingstone Lane with Holly Cottage immediately on your right. Turn right along lane for 100 yards.
7. On left side of lane, immediately beyond the house named Old Farmhouse, take fenced footpath to Speldhurst for 400 yards and over stile.
8. Continue towards houses straight ahead and through stile, turning right in 50 yards by wood panel fence into Ferbies Close. Keep right at junction with Roopers and walk along Ferbies road to the Langton – Speldhurst road.

9. Turn left for 150 yards and then right into footpath 77 towards Shadwell Wood, passing Summerfield House where footpath curves to the right and then left. Over a stile the narrow hedge lined path continues downhill to a stile at the bottom to metal footbridge over stream into wood.
10. Proceed uphill to junction with bridleway 110, keeping right and ignoring footpath 80 on right. The bridleway was once part of the pack –horse route from London to Newhaven.
11. After a short distance downhill turn right into footpath 79 for 0.25 mile over a couple of boardwalks, ignoring junctions right and left with footpath 78, to end of Shadwell wood.
12. Go over stile and wood bridge across field (stables can be seen on the left), over stile onto Farnham Lane. Turn right for approx 280 yards ignoring first turning right (junction with Burnt House Lane) which is unmarked.
13. 30 yards beyond junction go over stile on right onto footpath 84, down to bridge over stream and up the hill keeping to right of field. At the top of hill go through field gate and straight across next field, to gap in hedge turning diagonally right to stile on Langton – Speldhurst road.
14. Turn left passing East Quintain and West Quintain cottages and cross road into Leggs Lane for 170 yards and crossing stile on left at footpath 83. Continue along footpath to Langton Speldhurst road turning right to recreation ground car park.