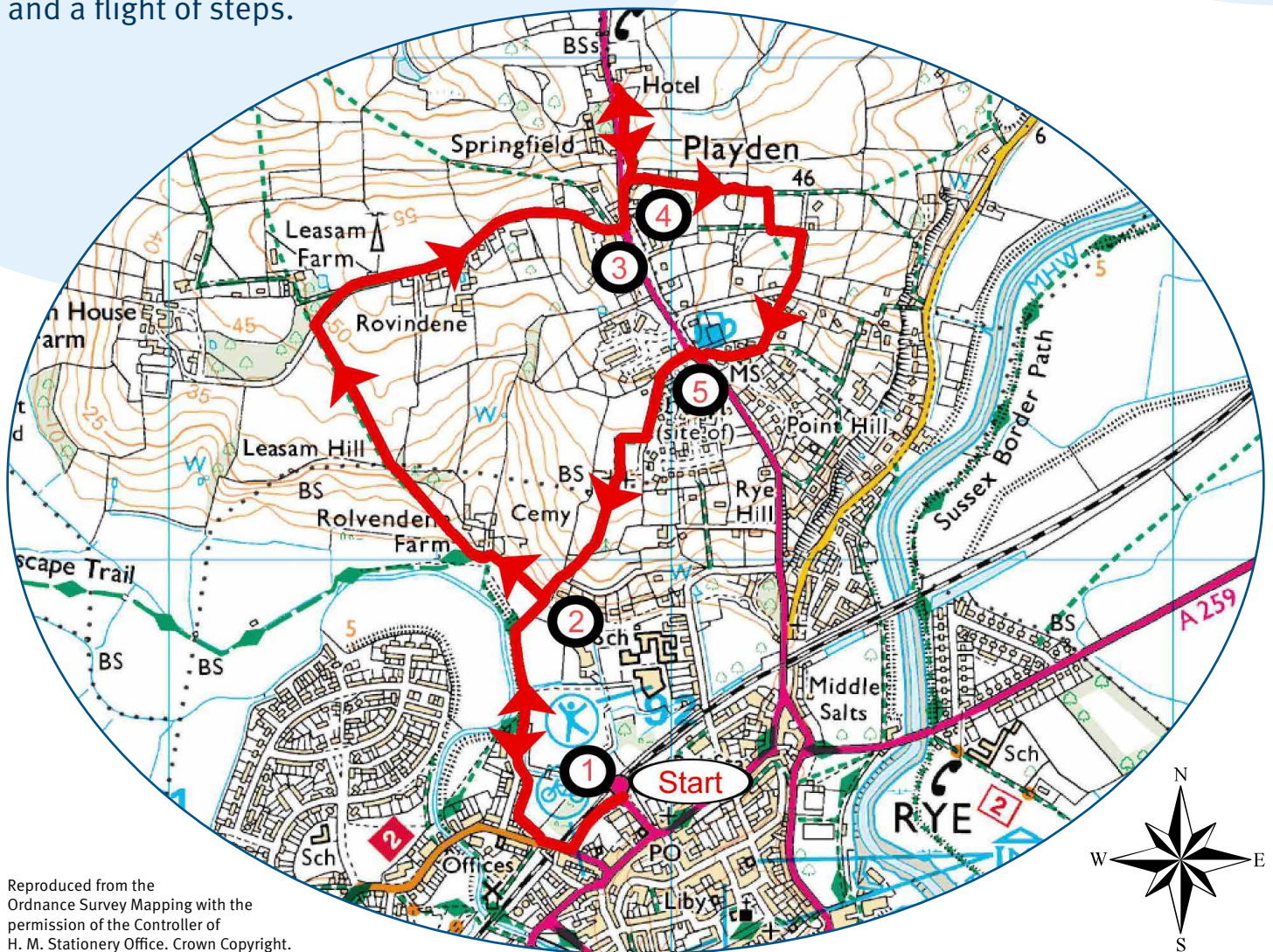


Playden Walk

A generally easy walk, with few stiles, but some hilly sections and a flight of steps.



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Local Information

Located 1 mile north of Rye, Playden's main occupation was fishing, with the fish being salted in the settlement once known as Saltcote. The only reminder of the old industry is in the name of Saltcote Street.

Essential Information

Distance: 3 miles/5km
Walk grade: Easy
Maps: OS Explorer 125
 OS Landranger 189
Start/Finish: Rye Railway Station
Post Code: TN31 7AB
Grid Ref: TQ 919205

Route Description

- 1) Starting from outside Rye railway station, turn right to follow the road running parallel with the railway line. At the road junction, turn right along Ferry Road. Cross the railway, and after a short distance, turn right onto the signposted footpath running behind the pub. Follow the path to the rear of, and then alongside Tillingham Avenue, and then continue straight ahead at the end of the road to follow the surfaced footpath along the banks of the River Tillingham. Turn right to continue following the tarmaced path around the boundary of the allotment gardens, ignoring the footpath to the left.
- 2) On reaching the road, at the end of Love Lane, turn left through the kissing gate, and follow the path along the driveway to Rolvendene Farm. Follow the path beside the garden of the farmhouse, ignoring the footpath to the left, then bear right at the next signposted junction to head uphill beside the farmhouse to a gate. Beyond the gate continue uphill following the field edge path, with the boundary to your right. After crossing the stile, continue along the edge of the next field to reach Leasam Lane. Turn right and follow the lane for approximately 700 metres (765 yds.) to its junction with the main A268.
- 3) Turn left and follow the main road for a short distance before reaching the signposted footpath on the right, running along Rectory Lane. From this point it is possible to take a small detour to the Playden Oasts, a public house housed within a twin roundel oast house. This is a short distance further along the main road from Rectory Lane.
- 4) To continue the walk, follow the route along Rectory Lane, for a distance of approximately 275 metres (300 yds.), before turning right onto the signposted footpath. Cross the field to a hand gate, leading onto a driveway. Turn left and follow the drive for a short distance to the point at which it turns sharp left. From here the route turns right, through a hand gate, to follow the path to New England Lane. Cross the lane and continue along the path opposite to reach another driveway. Turn right and follow the drive back to the main road.
- 5) Cross the main A268 and follow the signposted path along the drive to the cemetery. Follow the route of the main drive, past the cottage, before turning right at the footpath junction. Follow the path along the hedge, turning left at the end of the hedge, and then continue through the cemetery, towards the large Yew tree between the two chapel buildings. On reaching the gravel driveway at the Yew tree, follow this to the edge of the cemetery to reach a kissing gate. Continue to follow the route along the edge of the next field, with the boundary to your left. After a short distance the path descends a flight of steps, to return to the driveway leading to Rolvendene Farm. Turn left through the gate at the bottom of the steps, and then right through the kissing gate at the end of the driveway. From here, retrace your steps back to Rye railway station and the end of the walk.



View across the
Tillingham Valley