



# Woods Corner Walk

Country walk through woodland, passing follies built by John 'Mad Jack' Fuller, Squire of Brightling, 1757-1834.



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## Local Information

This walk passes through an area of countryside with many follies built by John 'Mad Jack' Fuller, Squire of Brightling, 1757-1834. Reputedly built in one night to win a drunken wager that Fuller could see Dallington Church from his lawn, the Sugar Loaf replicates the spire of the church, and is passed on this route.

## Essential Information

**Distance:** 3.5 miles/5.5kms  
**Walk grade:** Average  
**Maps:** OS Explorer 124  
 OS Landranger 199  
**Start/Finish:** The Swan Inn  
**Post Code:** TN21 9LB  
**Grid Ref:** TQ 666194

# Route Description

- 1) Starting from the Swan Inn at Woods Corner, turn off the main road into South Lane, signposted to Bodle Street Green. Follow this lane for a total of approximately 690 metres (760 yds.), before turning right onto the signposted footpath.
- 2) Follow the field edge path straight ahead from the stile, crossing into the adjacent field at the handgate, and continuing in the same direction. After the next handgate in the field corner, cross the field in the direction waymarked. Descend the steep slope through the woodland shaw, and then climb up again into the next field. Bear left to follow the path around the edge of the field and then follow the enclosed path, passing Dallington Church, to reach the road.
- 3) Turn right, and then immediately left, to follow the narrow lane to its junction with the main road. Turn right, and then after a short distance, turn left onto the signposted footpath after the entrance to Brooklands. Follow the footpath, turning right at the path junction to follow the track to a cottage. Continue straight ahead beyond the cottage onto the woodland path. Follow the well defined path along the edge of the woodland, and then across the next two fields as waymarked. Continue along the gated path, passing the stables to reach a lane and path junction.
- 4) Take the path along the concrete driveway, and after turning left to cross a bridge, the footpath bears right away from the drive as signposted. Follow the waymarked path through the woodland, and then straight across the next field to reach a surfaced driveway. Bear right and follow the drive to the road.
- 5) Turn right and follow the road for a short distance, turning right again at the junction. At the Forestry Commission entrance to the Deer Park, follow the defined path along the inside of the park wall which runs parallel to the road. This is part of the wall built by Jack Fuller around his Brightling Park Estate, providing work for local people. Follow the path beside the wall for a distance of approximately 520 metres (570 yds.), and after walking around the pond at the end, leave the woodland by the old gateway.
- 6) From the roadside verge, follow the signposted route to the Sugar Loaf, passing the entrance to a reclamation yard, and then bearing right, uphill, along an enclosed path to a field gate. From the gate the footpath continues straight across the field to reach the main road, however at the time of writing an alternative, licenced route was available. Turn right at the field gate and follow the field edge to reach the Sugar Loaf. A footpath then continues to reach the main road. At the main road, turn right, and follow back to the Swan Inn and the end of the walk.



Cottages in Dallington