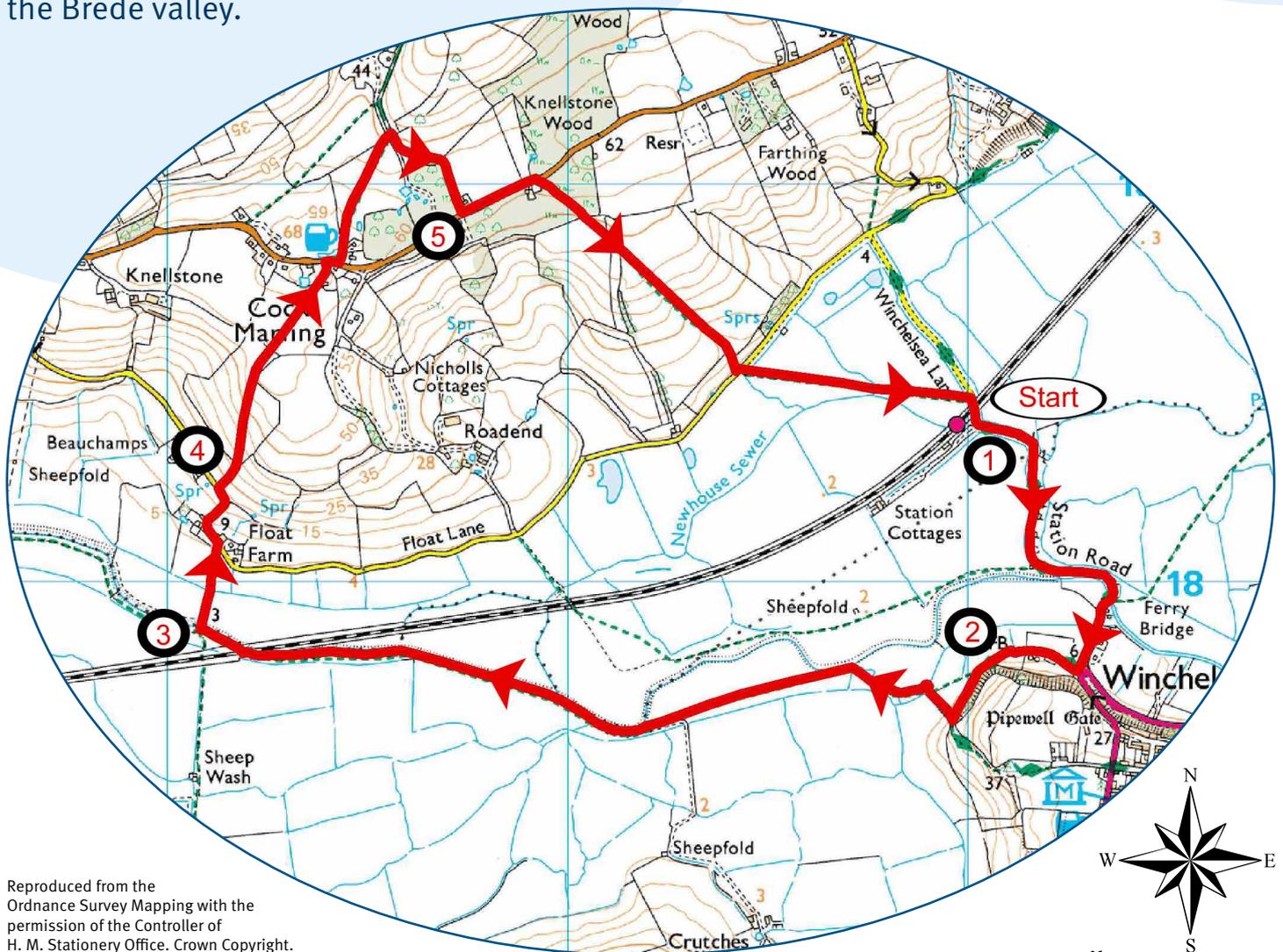




Cock Marling Walk

A country walk starting from Winchelsea station, climbing to a ridge overlooking the Brede valley.



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Local Information

Cock Marling is a small hamlet within the Parish of Udimore. Local legend says that the place that the church was to be built was not suitable, as it was marshy ground near the river. Every night building stones were moved to the current church location, and when watched one night, a host of angels were seen carrying the stones, chanting 'o'er the mere' which got changed to Uddimere and then Udimore.

Essential Information

Distance: 4 miles/6.5kms
Walk grade: Average
Maps: OS Explorer 125
 OS Landranger 189
Start/Finish: Winchelsea Railway Station
Post Code: TN36 4JX
Grid Ref: TQ 900184

Route Description

- 1) 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.
- 2) After crossing the bridge, turn left and follow the field edge path. Ignore the first footpath turning on the right, continuing along the field edge as the path starts to climb the hill towards Winchelsea, at which point there are good views across Brede Level. At the second footpath junction turn right and follow the path to a hand gate beside a bridge. Alternatively, it is possible to continue to follow the footpath straight ahead from the footpath junction, for a short distance into the historic centre of Winchelsea. A range of refreshments and local services can be enjoyed before returning to the main walk. To continue the walk, cross the bridge and follow the signed footpath to reach another handgate beside a field gate. The path now crosses a field, in a straight line, heading towards the south west field corner. Cross the stile in the field corner and join the track running beside the River Brede to reach the Pumping Station. Cross the stile beside the field gate, and continue to follow the riverside footpath to reach the railway crossing.
- 3) After the railway, follow the riverside path for a short distance to a footbridge. Turn right crossing the bridge and follow the path to the road. Turning left onto the road, follow for approximately 170 metres (185 yds.) passing Float Farm Oast, before turning right onto the next signposted footpath.
- 4) Follow the sunken path along the field edge and then across the middle of the next field. At the top of the hill, where the sunken path finishes, continue along the well marked footpath to reach the main road. Cross the road and follow the waymarked path, passing the first cottage, then bearing left to reach a stile. After the stile, follow the path across the field in the direction waymarked to reach a surfaced driveway. Cross the driveway and then turn immediately right onto a parallel track and follow the signposted bridleway back to the main road.
- 5) Turn left onto Udimore Road, and using the roadside verge, follow for approximately 205 metres (225 yds.) before turning right immediately after the cottages to follow the footpath through workhouse wood. Cross the stile at the edge of the wood into a field, and follow the waymarked path across the field corner to another stile. Continue to follow the line of the waymarked path heading down hill to reach two more stiles and then the lane. Cross the lane and continue to follow the cross-field path in the direction waymarked, heading back towards Winchelsea station. On reaching the road, turn right to return to the station, and the end of the walk.



View along the River Brede