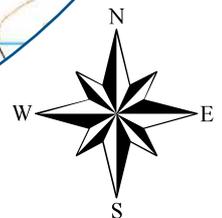
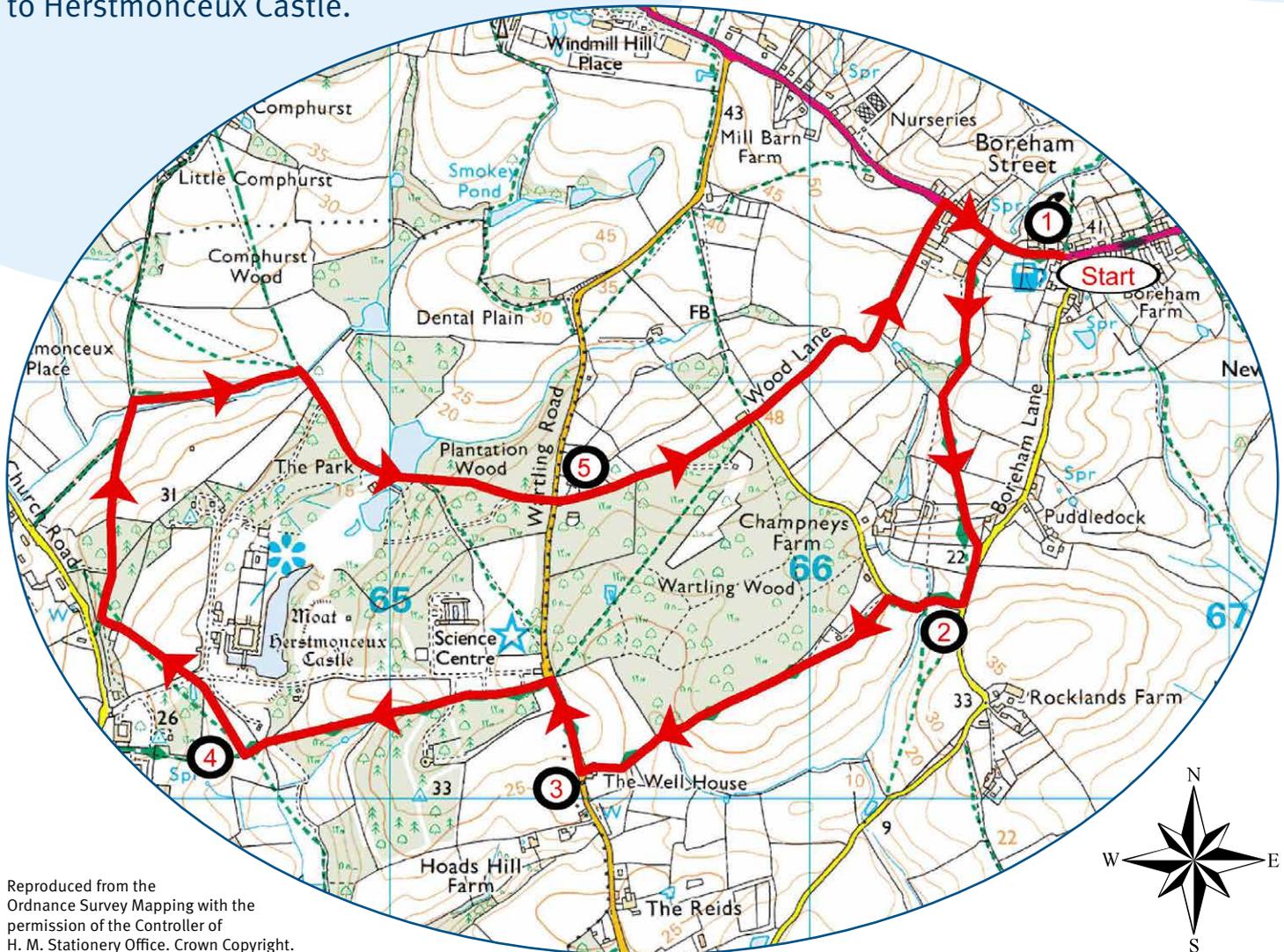




# Herstmonceux Walk

A generally easy walk along country lanes and across fields with some stiles, passing close to Herstmonceux Castle.



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## Local Information

The moated Herstmonceux Castle is one of the earliest important brick buildings in the country, having been constructed in the mid fifteenth century by Sir Roger Fiennes. After falling into ruin, it was restored in the early twentieth century, and in 1946, became the home of the Royal Greenwich Observatory, who stayed for 40 years. Now owned by the Queen's University of Canada, the House and Gardens can be visited between April and October, whilst the Science Centre is open though much of the year.

## Essential Information

**Distance:** 4 miles/6.5kms  
**Walk grade:** Easy  
**Maps:** OS Explorer 124  
 OS Landranger 199  
**Start/Finish:** Boreham Street  
**Post Code:** BN27 4SQ  
**Grid Ref:** TQ 665113

# Route Description

- 1) Starting from the village of Boreham Street, follow the main road towards Herstmonceux. Turn left onto the first signposted footpath, to follow the route along the enclosed path between a fence and hedge. Beyond the enclosed section of path, continue to follow the route through the next field, heading towards the gap between the trees. Continue to follow the route ahead along the field edge, keeping the woodland to your right to reach a stile. Follow the route across a number of paddocks, keeping to the well waymarked route, and crossing a number of stiles. A large part of this walk, including this section, follows the route of the 1066 Country Walk which runs between Pevensey and Rye.
- 2) On reaching the road at Jenners Lane, turn right, and follow the lane for a short distance, before turning left onto the signposted footpath. Once through the gate, turn immediately right to follow the field edge path running parallel with Jenners Lane. Turn left on reaching the corner of the field, and continue along the field edge path keeping the hedge and then the woodland to your right. Turn right at the waymark post to follow the path into the woodland, and then turn immediately left on the waymarked route along the woodland edge to reach a stile. Continue along the field edge beyond to cross another stile before reaching the main Wartling Road.
- 3) Cross the main road, taking care, before turning right to walk along the roadside verge for approximately 240 metres (265 yds.) before turning left onto the signposted bridleway, still following the 1066 County Walk. This section of the route is along a down hill bridleway running past the Science Centre, based in buildings that previously formed part of the Royal Greenwich Observatory. At the bottom of the hill, the enclosed bridleway opens onto a field in front of Herstmonceux Castle.
- 4) Turn right at the signposted path junction, to follow the route diagonally across the field, with the castle to your right. From the stile and fenced section of path in the field corner, cross the access road, and follow the path up hill diagonally across the next field, heading away from the castle, towards an area of woodland. Cross the stile into the wood, and continue ahead for a short distance to reach a signposted path junction. Turn right to follow the bridleway through the woodland, and then along the well defined track across the field beyond. From this point there are good views of Herstmonceux Place to the left. Ignore the first signposted junction to the left, continuing to the next path junction. Turn right, through the gate, and cross the field in the direction signposted to another gate. Turn right to reach a further gate, beyond which the route follows the enclosed bridleway. Follow the bridleway for a distance of approximately 750 metres (820 yds.), ignoring the footpath junction to the right.
- 5) On reaching the main Wartling Road, cross over to join Wood Lane opposite. Follow the lane for a total distance of approximately 1 1/4 kilometres (3/4 mile), ignoring Jenners Lane to the right. Turn right at the end of the road and follow the main road back to Boreham Street and the end of the walk.



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