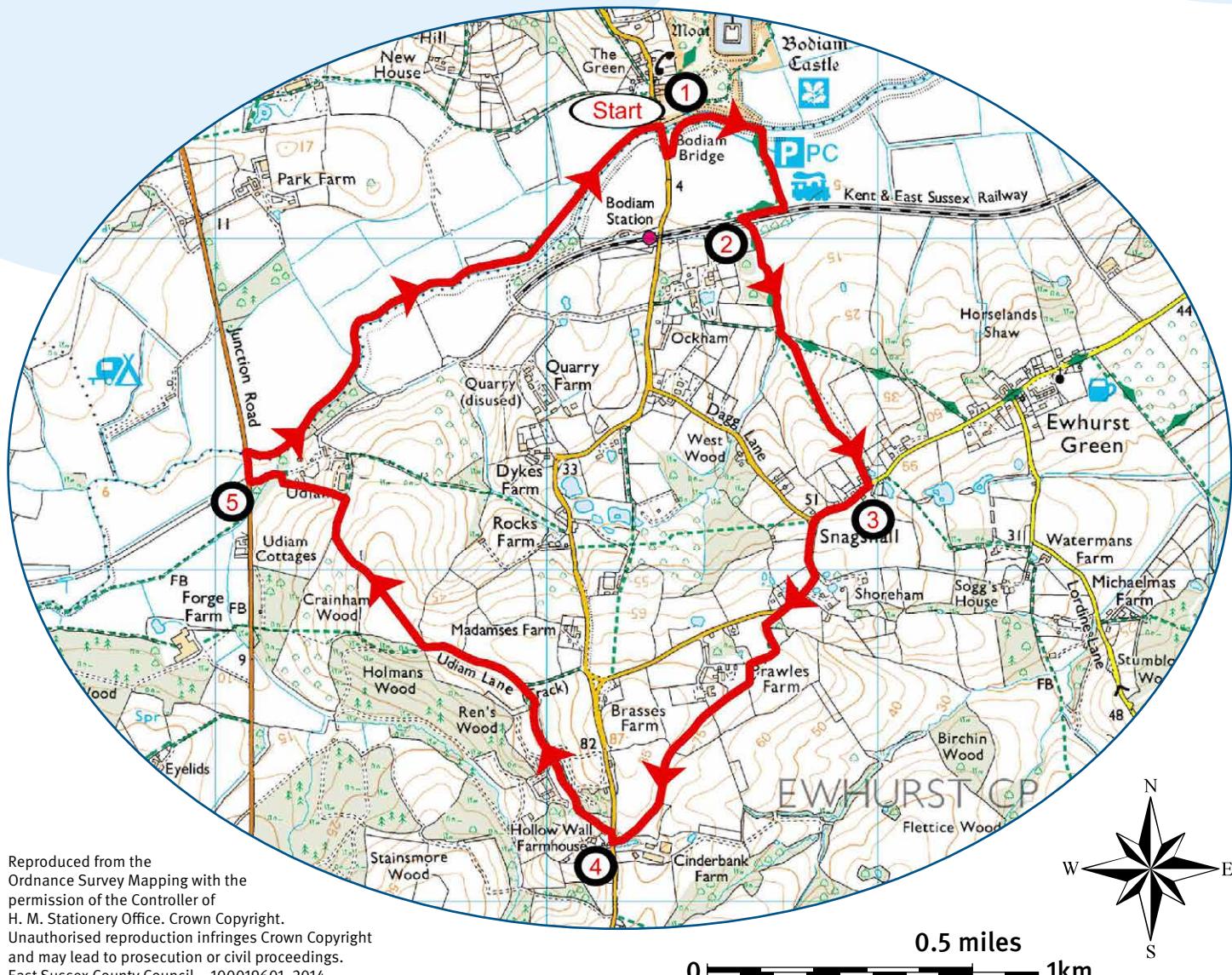




Bodiam Castle Walk

A generally easy walk with some stiles and some muddy paths (depending on weather).



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Local Information

This walk starts at the National Trust car park for the Medieval Bodiam Castle (parking charges apply for non-members). A very short walk takes you to the castle itself (a National Trust property for which entry charges apply), and also nearby is Bodiam Station, on the Kent & East Sussex Railway, which operates steam and heritage diesel trains.

Essential Information

- Distance:** 5 miles/8 kms
Walk grade: Easy
Maps: OS Explorer 136
OS Landranger 199
Start/Finish: Bodiam Castle National Trust Car Park (Charges apply)
Post Code: TN32 5UB
Grid Ref: TQ 783254

Route Description

- 1) Starting from the Castle car park, turn left alongside the road, and follow towards the river. After crossing the bridge, turn left over the stile onto the signposted footpath. Follow the path around to the left, as waymarked, and then turn right onto the embankment. Follow the route along the top of the bank, with the river to your left. On reaching the field corner, turn right immediately before the field gate, to continue following the field edge path, with the boundary to your left. Continue around the field to reach a stile. Cross the stile and then follow the route over the railway line.
- 2) After crossing the stile on the other side of the railway, turn left over another stile, and then turn immediately right to follow the path between the barn and the hedge, and then along the edge of the next field, with the hedge to your right. After crossing another stile continue uphill along the field edge path, now keeping the hedge on your left. Turn left on reaching a field gate to go into the neighbouring field, before turning immediately right and continue uphill, with the field boundary now on your right to reach a stile. Continue to follow the route along the track ahead to reach the road.
- 3) Turn right to follow the road for a distance of approximately 550 metres (600 yds.) before turning left onto the signposted footpath. Cross the field in the direction indicated, turning left as waymarked to reach a stile next to the field gate. Turn right to continue to follow the route to the rear of Prawles Farm and then onwards following the waymarked path crossing a number of fields and stiles, to reach the road.
- 4) Turn right and after a short distance, turn left through the field gate onto the signposted path. Follow the track downhill, and then continue to follow the route along the edge of the next few fields, keeping the hedge to your right, to reach a stile that leads you into a sunken track. Turn left and follow the enclosed route to the next path junction. Turn right across the stile and follow the waymarked path diagonally across the field, and continue along the waymarked route, bearing right onto the track, and on to reach the rear of the workshops. Turn left at the signposted path junction and continue to follow the route along the field heading downhill, with the buildings to your right. Turn right at the footpath signpost, and after short distance, turn left onto the driveway. Follow the drive to reach the main road.
- 5) Turn right to follow the road for a distance of 100 metres (110 yds.). Take care on the fast section of road. After crossing the road bridge over the River Rother, turn right onto the signposted footpath. The route now follows the bank top path along the river for a distance of approximately 1.5km (1 mile) to reach the road in Bodiam. Turn left and follow the road for a short distance back to the Castle car park and the end of the walk.



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