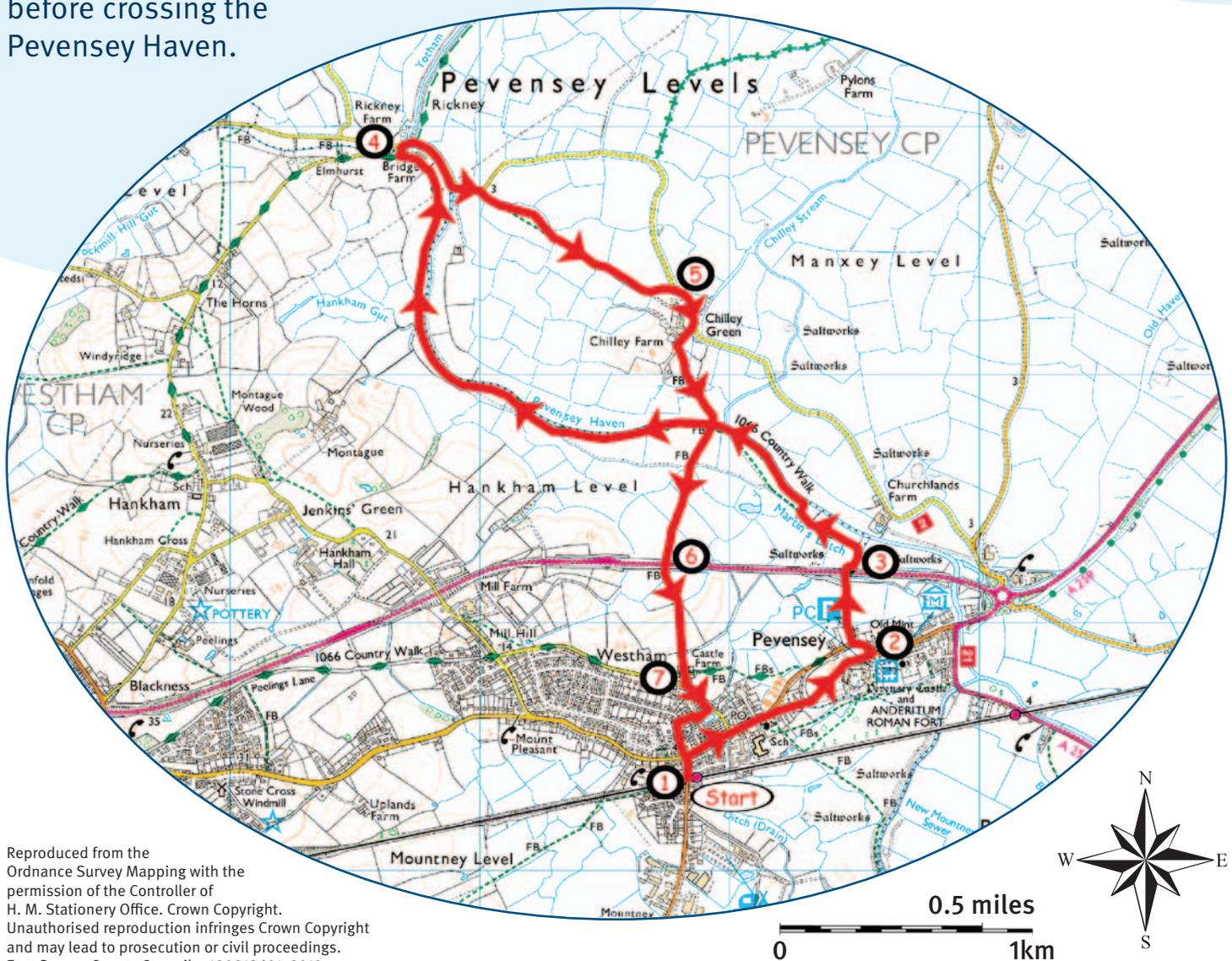




Pevensey Castle Walk

An easy, generally level walk, passing through the Outer Bailey of Pevensey Castle, before crossing the Pevensey Haven.



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Local Information

Dating from the Roman period, the original fortress of Pevensey Castle was used as the basis of a Norman Castle. Minor repairs were carried out to the outer bailey walls, whilst a new inner bailey was built at the eastern end. Many periods of development are visible at Pevensey, including gun emplacements and pill boxes which were built as part of World War II defences.

Essential Information

Distance: 5 miles/8km
Walk grade: Easy
Maps: OS Explorer 124
 OS Landranger 199

Start/Finish: Pevensey and Westham
 Railway Station
Post Code: BN24 5NF
Grid Ref: TQ 639044

Route Description

- 1) Starting from Westham railway station, turn right onto Eastbourne Road and follow for the short distance to the road junction. Turn right and follow the High Street to the Church, after which, bear right at the road junction. Continue to follow the road until it turns sharp left. At this point go through the hand gate and straight ahead into the castle. The route runs through the outer bailey of Pevensey Castle, coming out onto Pevensey High Street.
- 2) After leaving the castle grounds, cross the road and turn left to follow the roadside pavement for a short distance, before turning right onto the bridleway marked 1066 Country Walk. Follow this path to the main A259, and cross with care. Continue to follow the well defined, fenced path, around the field edges on the north side of the A259.
- 3) Beyond the next gate the path divides. Turn right to continue following the bridleway around the field edge, keeping to the banks of the Pevensey Haven. Continue to follow the route along the banks of the Pevensey Haven for approximately 1.5 miles (2.5 km), keeping to the waymarked bridleway and 1066 Country Walk. Before reaching the lane, the route passes to the left of a pylon, and then along a narrower track beside Watersmeet Bridge Farm.
- 4) Turn right onto the lane and then right again at the road junction. Follow the lane for approximately 420 metres (385 yards) to the next footpath on the right. Follow the waymarked path, bearing left along the field edge to reach a footbridge. Bear right to follow the path along the edges of the next two fields before joining an unsurfaced track. Bear left and follow the track to the lane.
- 5) Turn right onto the lane and follow for a short distance to Chilley Farm, turning right into the farm along the signposted footpath, following the route to the end of the concrete section of drive. Turn left onto the path signposted from the field gate and then across the field to a footbridge. Cross the next field to a second footbridge, and then straight across another field to a large footbridge crossing the Pevensey Haven.



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- After crossing the bridge, continue straight ahead across the levels in the direction waymarked, heading towards a field gate and stile. Continue on the waymarked path to reach a stile and steps leading back onto the A259.
- 6) Cross the road with care, and then after a stile and footbridge, follow the waymarked path across the field. Cross the sleeper bridge and stile, and follow the route in the direction indicated, heading towards the farm buildings. Follow the path through the farmyard and then turn left onto Peelings Lane.
 - 7) Follow the lane for a short distance before turning right into Mortain Road. Follow the road past the village pond, and at the end turn right and immediately left. Follow this road to its junction with Pevensey Park Road and turn left. Continue to the end of the road, before crossing the High Street and following Eastbourne Road back the short distance to the railway station, and the start of the walk.