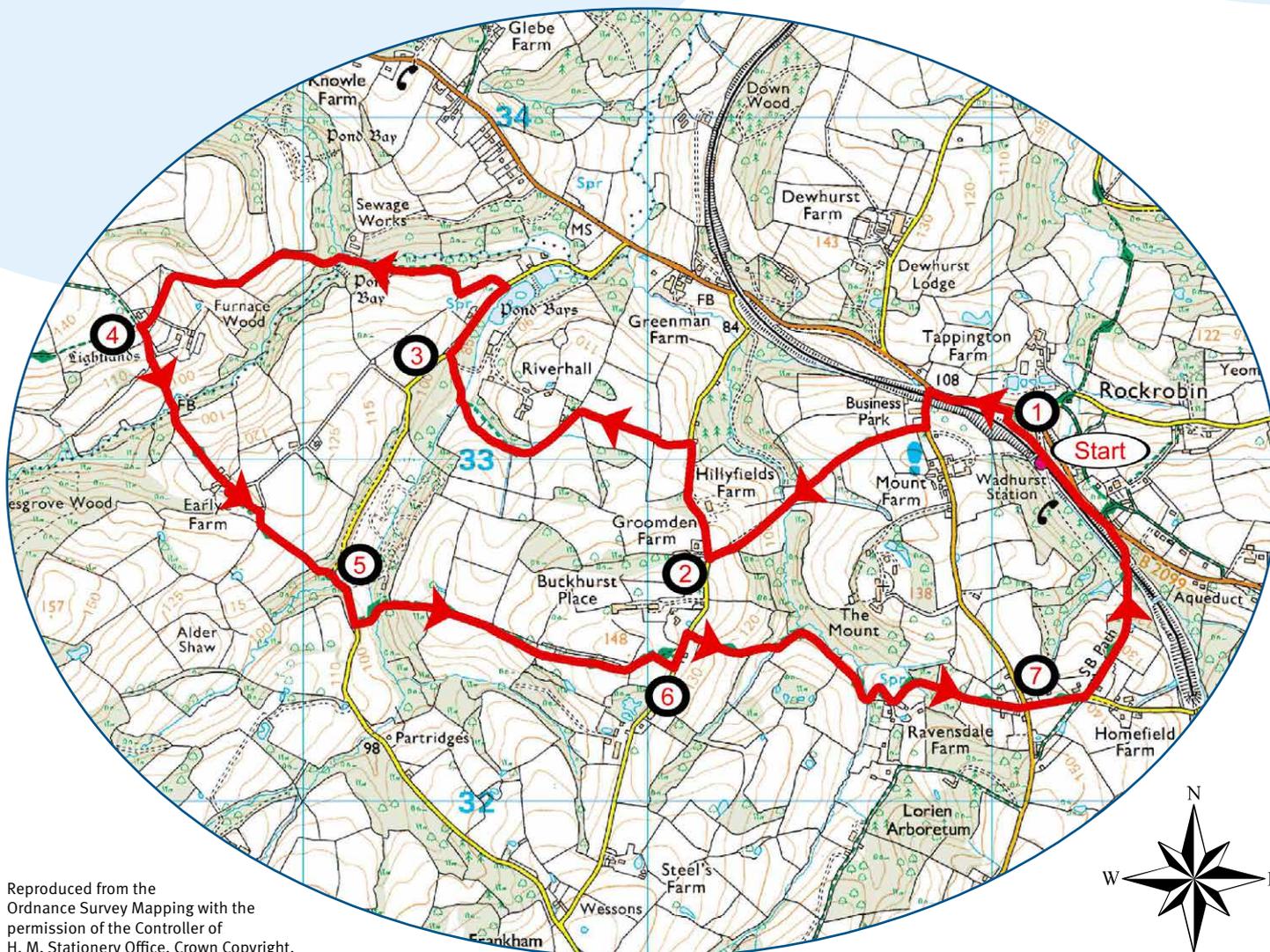




Buckhurst Walk

A hilly walk through woodland and farmland, passing Buckhurst Manor.



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Local Information

Built in 1544, Lightlands is on the site of King John's Hunting Lodge, which it replaced after being burnt down.

Essential Information

Distance: 5.5 miles/9kms
Walk grade: Difficult
Maps: OS Explorer 136
 OS Landranger 188
Start/Finish: Wadhurst Railway Station
Post Code: TN5 6RZ
Grid Ref: TQ 621330

Route Description

- 1) Starting from Wadhurst Railway Station, turn left onto Station Road and follow for a short distance before turning left into Faircrouch Lane. Turn right onto the signposted footpath immediately after passing the waste recycling centre. From the handgate, cross the first field in the direction waymarked, and then continue along the edge of the next field. Before reaching the bottom of the field, cross into the adjacent field at the gate, and continue on the same line to the woodland shaw at the bottom of the hill. Climb the hill beyond, following the fenceline, to reach Buckhurst Lane.
- 2) Turn right and follow the lane for approximately 360 metres (390 yds.) before turning left onto the signposted footpath. Follow the path along the edges of the next two fields. Bear left after the second field to follow the waymarked path around the woodland, passing an old tennis court, to reach a footbridge. Follow the woodland path from the bridge, turning left onto the track to reach Partridges Lane.
- 3) Turn right and follow the lane for approximately 260 metres (280 yds.) before turning left onto the signposted footpath. Follow the route around the woodland edge, along the sunken track, and then along the well defined path through Furnace Wood. On reaching the stream, follow the bank to a footbridge. Continue to follow the woodland path to reach a gate, beyond which the route continues around the field edge, with the woodland initially to your right. After passing a small barn, continue to follow the field edge path and then the sunken track to reach a surfaced driveway. Follow the drive for a short distance, turning left as signposted beside the main entrance gates to Lightlands.
- 4) Follow the main drive for a short distance before bearing right to follow the waymarked path down into the valley and across the stream. Climb the path through the woodland, before crossing the field to Earlye Farm. Follow the waymarked path through the farm yard, past the Oast House, and then along the field edge beyond. Continue along the route through the small area of woodland to reach Partridges Lane.
- 5) Turn right along the lane and follow for a short distance before turning left onto the signposted footpath. Cross the footbridge and follow the path uphill. Turn right into the field at the top of the steps and follow along the field edge keeping the fenceline on your right. Cross into the adjacent field as waymarked and continue along the field edge, with the hedge now on your left. Continue to follow the route through the next two fields to reach Buckhurst Lane.
- 6) Turn left to follow the lane for a short distance before turning right onto the signposted path opposite Buckhurst Manor. Follow the field edge path downhill with the fence on your right. Enter the woodland via the hand gate and follow the waymarked path to a footbridge. Turn left after the bridge, along the field edge, and then continue to follow the waymarked path, crossing the stream, and on to reach Ravensdale Farm. Turn left on reaching the driveway and follow to Faircrouch Lane.
- 7) Cross the road to continue the route along Tapsells Lane, turning left onto the footpath leading to Tapsells Farm. Follow the waymarked path to the left of the barn, and then through the woodland, and across the field to reach the railway. Cross the main railway line with care, and follow the fenced footpath beyond, to reach Station Road. Turn left and follow the road for a short distance to Wadhurst Railway Station and the end of the walk.



View from the route
near Lightlands