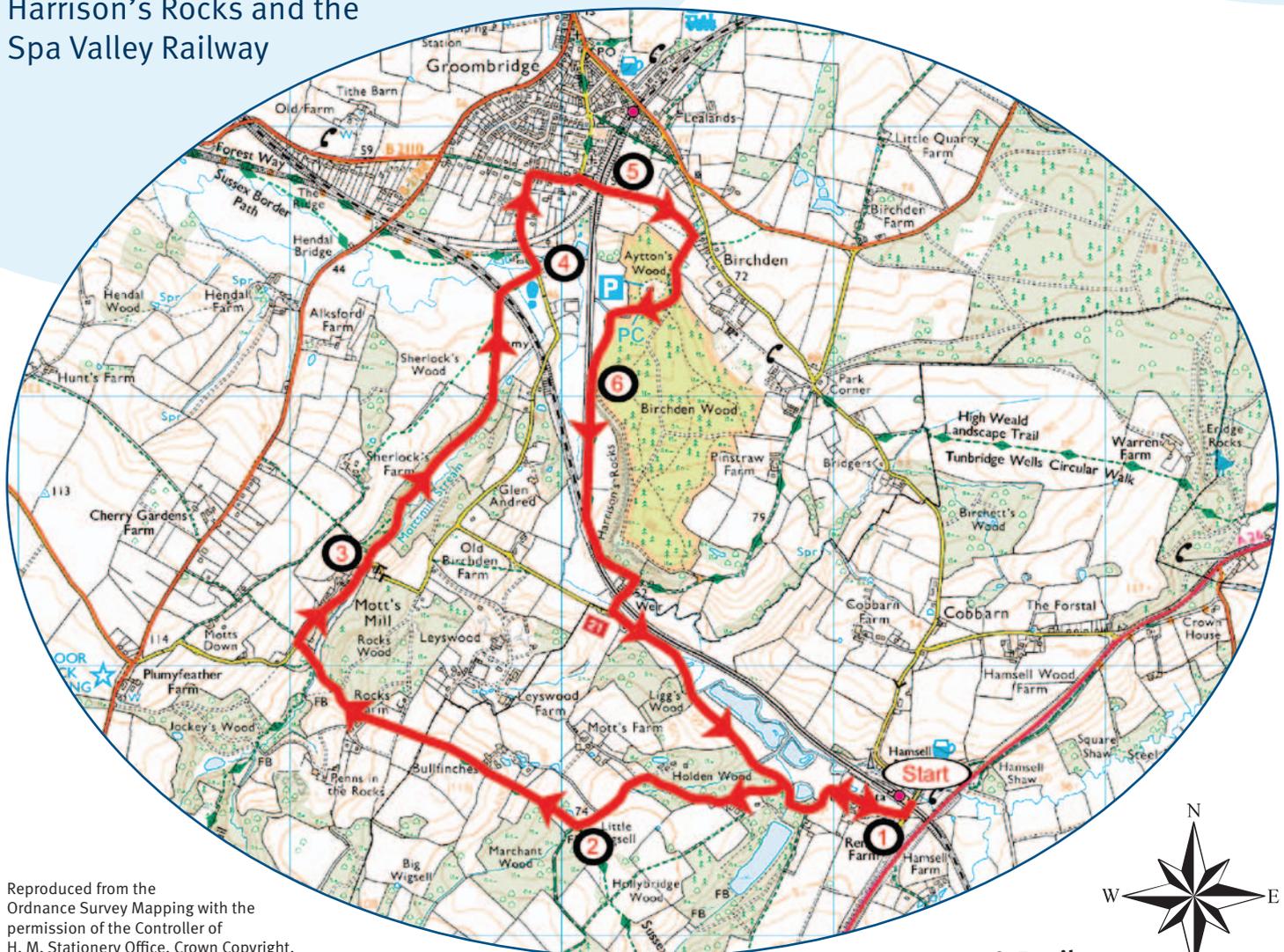




Eridge Walk

A country walk with some hilly sections, starting at Eridge Station, passing near Harrison's Rocks and the Spa Valley Railway



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Local Information

The sandstone outcrops forming Harrison's Rocks were formed by a sedimentary process during the Cretaceous Period, about 135 million years ago. Popular with climbers, and managed by the British Mountaineering Council, the rocks are also open to walkers (please see notice boards by pedestrian entrance for access information).

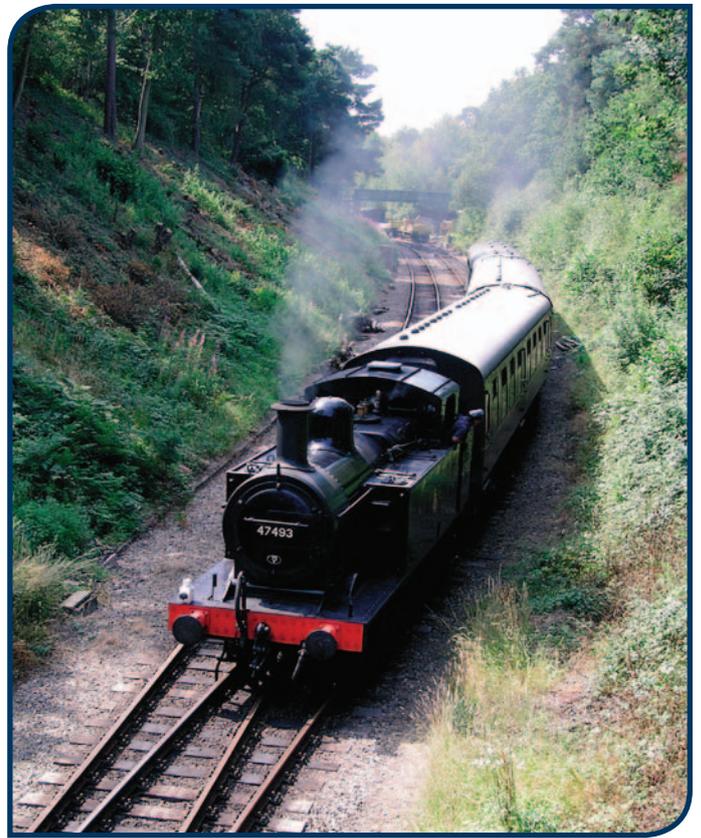
Essential Information

Distance: 5.5 miles/9km
Walk grade: Average
Maps: OS Explorer 135
 OS Landranger 188

Start/Finish: Eridge Railway Station
Post Code: TN3 9LE
Grid Ref: TQ 543345

Route Description

- 1) Starting from Eridge Station, turn right, and then right again, after a short distance, into Forge Road. Follow the lane for a distance of approximately 560 metres (600 yards), before turning left onto the Bridleway signposted along the surfaced drive. Follow the waymarked bridleway, passing the entrances to Motts Farm and Bullfinches, and continue along the unsurfaced section of bridleway.
- 2) At the path junction, turn right to cross the footbridge, and follow the waymarked cross field path to reach a stile beside a tennis court. Cross the next field to the stile in front of the cottage, and then continue along the waymarked, field edge, path. Continue to follow the path across the next three fields before descending through a small strip of woodland. Head downhill, following the footpath as it skirts the edge of Rocks Wood and on reaching the field corner, cross the footbridge and take the right hand fork at the path junction. Follow the route, climbing steeply, to reach the road. Turn right to follow the narrow lane as it descends through the hamlet of Motts Mill. At the bottom of the hill, and just before reaching the road crossing of Mottsmill Stream, turn left and cross the gravel driveway of Valley Cottage. The route then continues along the footpath passing to the left of the garage.
- 3) Follow the path through the woodland, along the course of Mottsmill Stream. Continue straight ahead at the path junction to reach a handgate leading into a field. Follow the path through the long narrow field, with the woodland to your left and the stream to your right. At the far end of the field, cross the stile and bear left to the next stile. Continue across the field ahead, in the direction waymarked to reach a bridge under the railway line. Follow the waymarked route beyond the railway bridge to the road.
- 4) Turn left and follow the road into Groombridge for a distance of approximately 560 metres (600 yards), to reach the village school. Turn right to follow the path beside the school as indicated by the waymark post.



The Spa Valley Railway runs between Eridge and Royal Tunbridge Wells, using a section of the old Eridge to Tunbridge Wells link. The preserved railway operates steam and heritage diesel locomotives.

The route then crosses a railway bridge over the Spa Valley Railway.

- 5) Beyond the railway bridge, follow the fenced, field edge path to a surfaced driveway. Turn right and follow the drive, before turning left onto the waymarked, woodland path. At the bottom of the hill, continue along the waymarked path ahead, bearing left before reaching the railway line. The path now continues to run parallel to the railway, passing the pedestrian entrance to Harrison's Rocks.
- 6) Continue to follow the path alongside the railway line to reach a handgate. The path now descends gently through a small area of woodland before passing Birchden Forge. Turn right at the waymarked junction in front of the Oast House, and follow the driveway to the road. Take great care when crossing the mainline railway. Turn left and follow Forge Road back towards Eridge Station. At the end of the road turn left to reach the station and the end of the walk.