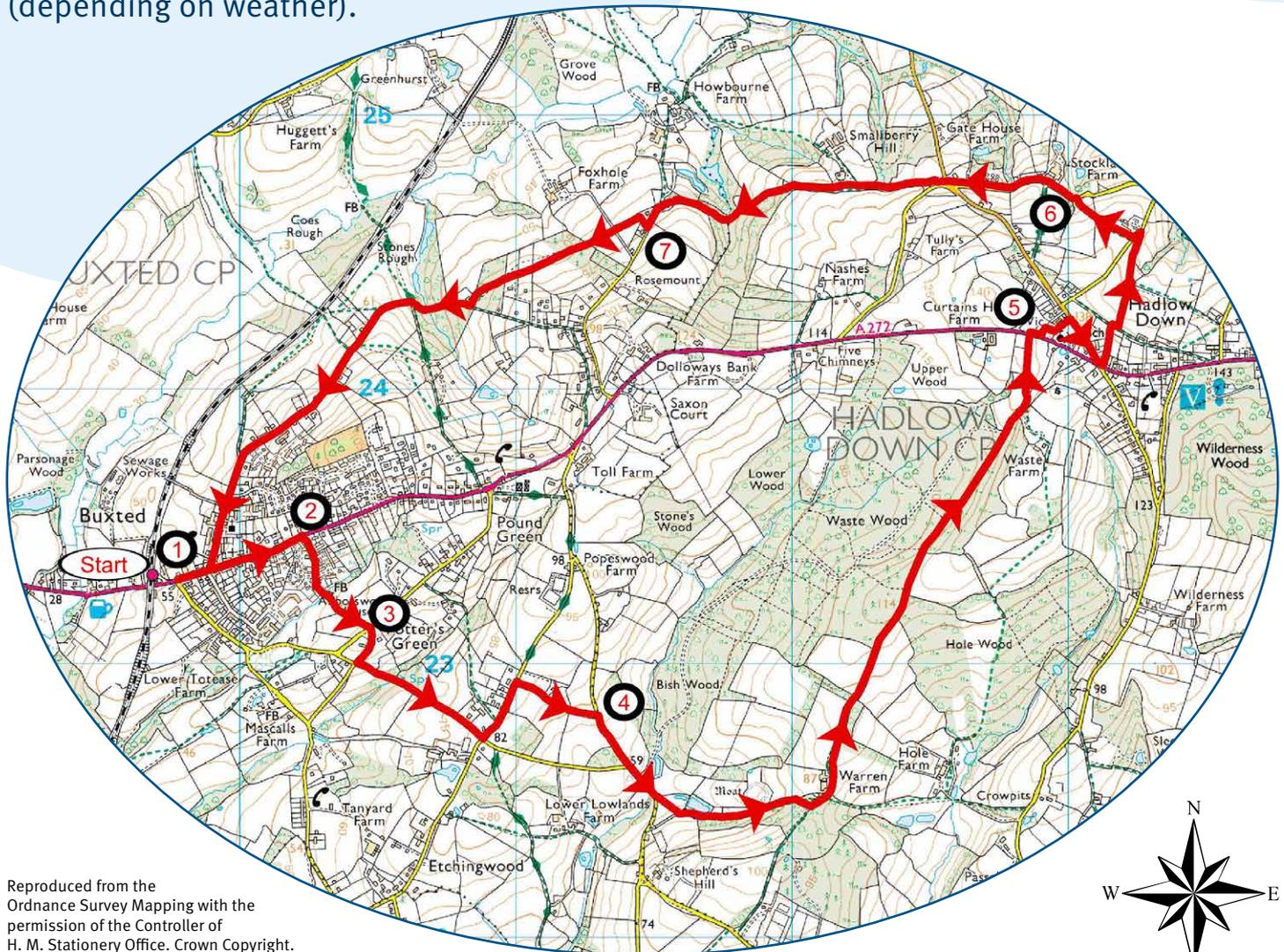




Hadlow Down Walk

Typical country walk along lanes and some fields, with some hills and stiles. Paths can be muddy (depending on weather).



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Local Information

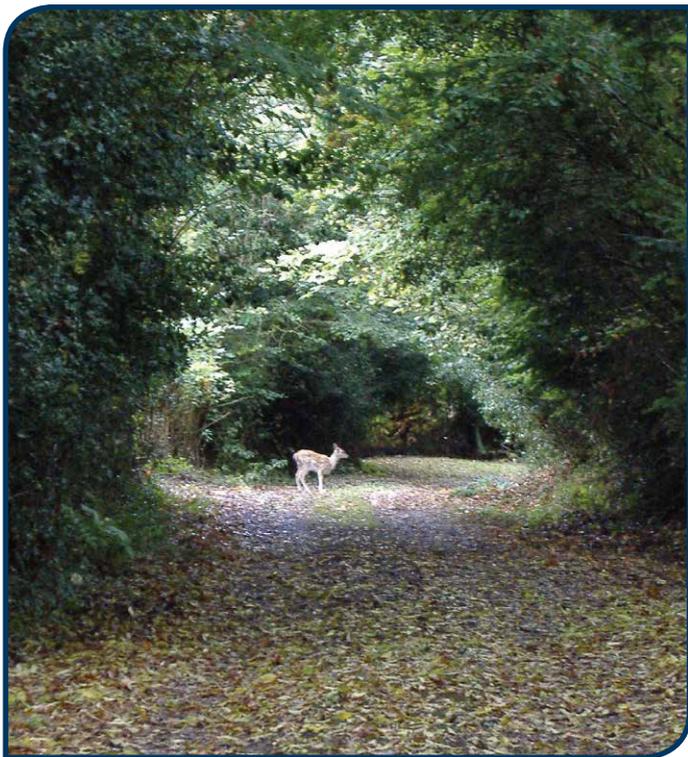
The Wealden Iron Industry, and in particular cannon making started at a farm lying to the north between Hadlow Down and Buxted. The first cannon in East Sussex was cast in 1543 at the furnace on the stream at Hoggets Farm. A short rhyme has immortalised this first casting by Ralf Hogge (Huggett) :- ‘Master Hugget and his man John; they did cast the first cannon’.

Essential Information

Distance: 6.5 miles/10.5km
Walk grade: Average
Maps: OS Explorer 135
 OS Landranger 199
Start/Finish: Buxted Railway Station
Post Code: TN22 4LA
Grid Ref: TQ 497233

Route Description

- 1) Starting from Buxted Railway Station, turn left on leaving the car park, and head up hill through Buxted village centre. On reaching the village shop, cross the road and continue in the same direction.
- 2) Shortly after passing the right hand turning to Britts Farm Road, turn right onto the signposted footpath running behind the gardens. The route crosses Britts Farm Road and continues to follow the road ahead, before bearing left beside number 16 as indicated by the footpath sign. Continue to follow the route down the steps and across the footbridge, and then up hill along the well defined path. On reaching the main field, follow the field edge path, with the hedge to your left, to reach a road junction.
- 3) Cross the lane to follow the road straight ahead for a short distance, before turning left at the next road junction. Follow Nann Tucks Lane for approximately 530 metres (580 yds.) before turning left at the next road junction, signposted to Hadlow Down. On reaching the last house on the left, turn right onto the signposted footpath and follow the field edge path, keeping the hedge to your left. Continue straight across the open section of field, heading towards a stile in the hedgeline, and then follow the edge of the next field, with the hedge to your left, to reach a lane.
- 4) Turn right and follow the road for approximately 370 metres (400 yds.), turning left onto the signposted footpath, after crossing the stream. Follow the path straight across the middle of the field, as indicated, heading towards a stile. Follow the waymarked path beside the hedge, and then along the track through the woodland. On reaching Warren Farm, follow the waymarked route, turning left onto the bridleway. Continue to follow the well defined bridleway for a total distance of 13/4 kilometres (approximately 1 mile) to reach the main road in Hadlow Down.
- 5) Turn right and follow the road for a short distance, before turning left through the kissing gate to join the signposted footpath through the church yard. Follow the surfaced, signposted path around the church yard, through the large iron gates, and along the driveway to School Lane. Turn right and follow the road to its junction with the main A272. Turn left, and then almost immediately, turn left again to join the signposted footpath. Turn right at the end of this section of path, and then almost immediately left. Continue to follow the waymarked route ahead to reach Waghorns Lane. Cross the road and follow the signposted path opposite. The route now crosses two more fields before descending a set of steps to join Stockland Lane.
- 6) Turn left and follow the lane to the next road junction, at which point cross straight over to follow the road signposted towards Buxted, before turning right along the driveway to Smallberry Hill. Follow the driveway for approximately 260 metres (285 yds.) before turning left at the next signposted path junction. Follow the route through the woodland, heading down hill to a footbridge. Continue along the path up hill, and keeping the fence to your left, follow the route to reach a stile beside Howbourne Lane.
- 7) Turn left, and after a short distance, turn right onto the path through a gate. Follow route ahead, with the hedge to your left, and turn left over the stile, cross the field, and then the driveway to Foxhole Farm. Continue to follow the waymarked route, crossing a number of fields, before turning right on reaching a track. Follow the path down hill through the woodland, and then continue up hill to reach a lane. Continue straight along Church Lane, and then ahead, as this changes into Church Road. Follow the road, passing St. Marys Church, back towards the centre of Buxted. At the junction with the main road, turn right, and follow down hill towards Buxted station and the end of the walk.



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