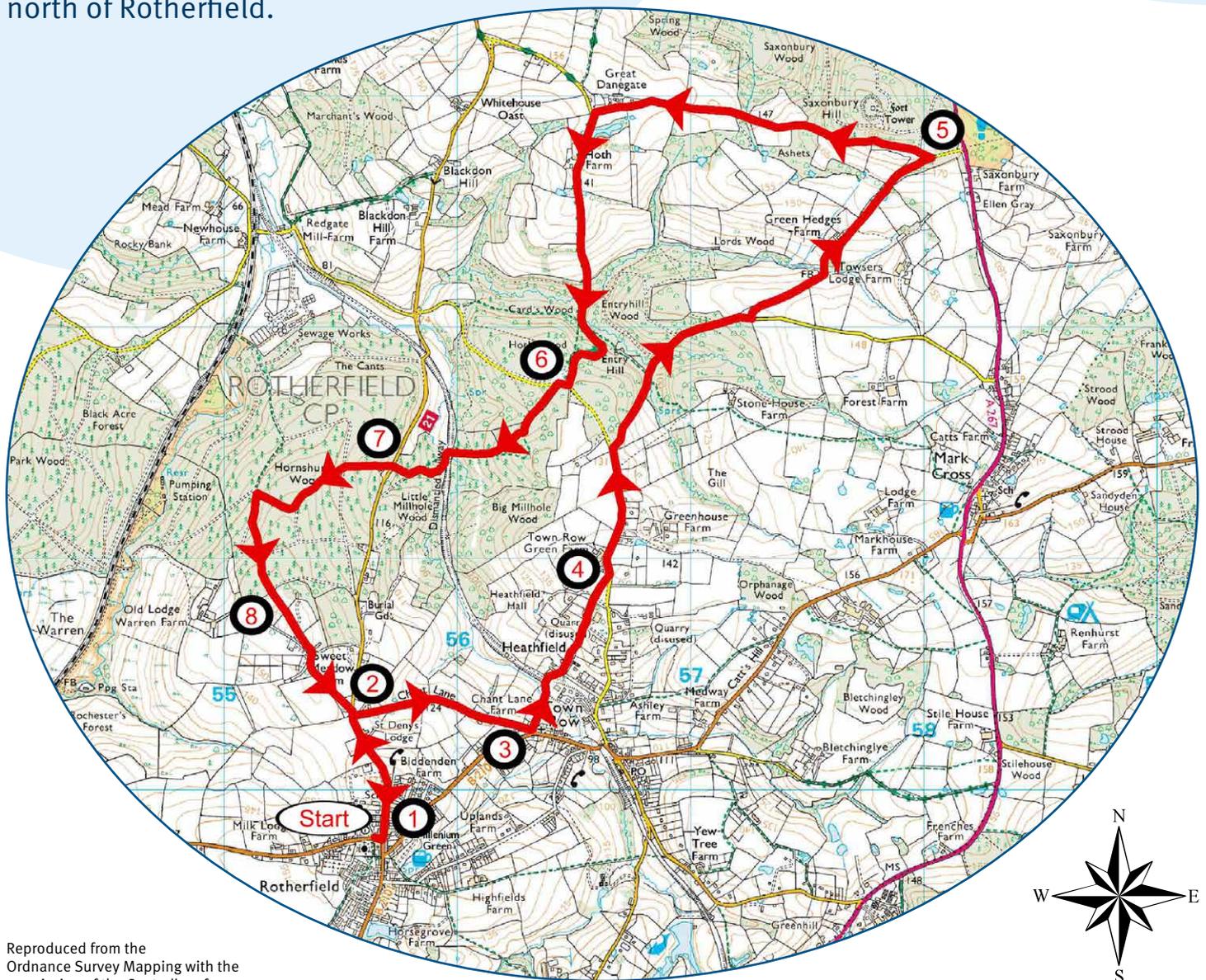




# Saxonbury Hill Walk

A more challenging country walk with hills and stiles, around the area north of Rotherfield.



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## Local Information

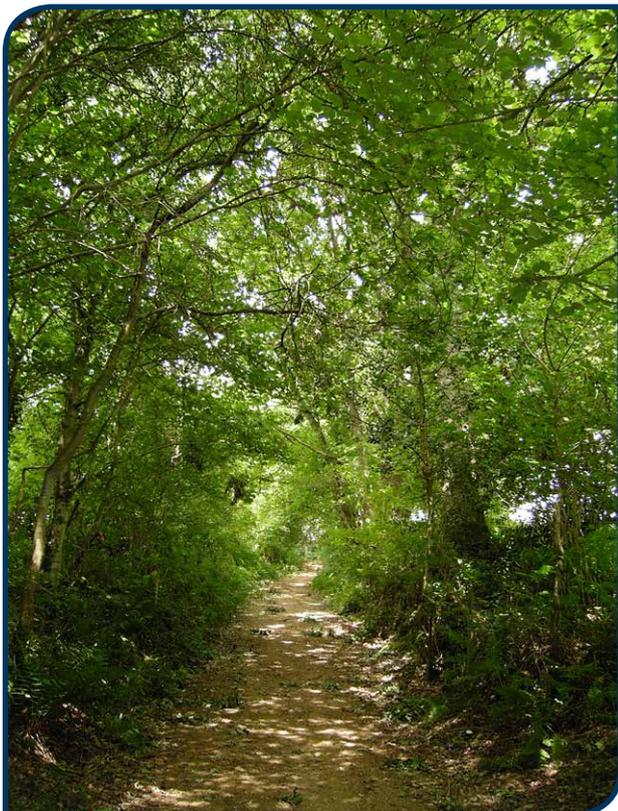
This walk takes you along the lane at Danegate, which passes to the south of the late Bronze Age/early Iron Age Hillfort of Saxonbury Hill. In the centre of the Hillfort stands a tower, built in the early Nineteenth century as a folly, the top of which is said to be the highest point in Sussex.

## Essential Information

**Distance:** 7 miles/11km  
**Walk grade:** Difficult  
**Maps:** OS Explorer 135  
 OS Landranger 188  
**Start/Finish:** Rotherfield High Street  
**Post Code:** TN6 3LX  
**Grid Ref:** TQ 556298

# Route Description

- 1) Starting from the centre of Rotherfield Village, head along North Street from beside Rotherfield Stores. Follow the road, passing the Village Hall, for a total distance of approximately 570 metres (625 yds.), before turning right onto the signposted Byway.
- 2) Follow the Byway for approximately 800 metres (875 yds.) to reach a row of cottages on the left. At the end of the row of cottages, and immediately before reaching the road, turn left onto the signposted footpath.
- 3) Follow the path downhill to cross the footbridge, before following the path along the fenceline. After the hand gate, cross the line of the old railway, and then continue to follow the waymarked footpath, heading uphill, crossing a number of stiles. On reaching the tarmacked drive, cross, and continue to follow the footpath to reach the road on the far side of the triangle of grass.
- 4) Turn left and follow the road to the first junction. Turn right at the junction and follow this lane for approximately 900 metres (980 yds.), before turning left onto the signposted Byway. Follow the route downhill to cross a bridge and then uphill past the farm, to join the driveway. Continue to follow the drive, and at the end, turn left onto the road.
- 5) Follow the road, with Saxonbury Hill to your right, for a distance of approximately 1 mile (1.5 km), before turning left onto the Byway, just after passing Great Danegate. Follow the Byway past the farm and then head downhill to reach a ford and footbridge. Continue to follow the Byway uphill again, crossing a small area of heathland, before reaching the road.
- 6) Turn right onto the road and then, after a short distance, turn left onto the signposted footpath into Big Millhole Wood. Follow the well defined path, continuing straight ahead at the first path junction. Continue through the staggered barriers after a short distance, and then on, following the surfaced path. Continue straight across the path junction after the next set of staggered barriers to follow the path downhill to the old railway line. Follow the route under the railway bridge and then across a large footbridge. Continue to follow the route straight uphill, through the woodland, along the waymarked path. Turn right at the next path junction, as signposted and continue to follow the waymarked path to reach the road.
- 7) Cross the road and follow the signposted path into Hornshurst Wood. Cross the track at the staggered barriers and follow the signposted footpath. The narrow path continues, as waymarked, crossing another track before turning right onto a further track as signposted. At the next path junction turn left and follow the track straight ahead. Just before reaching the bend in this track, turn left onto the signposted footpath. Follow the path uphill as signposted. Cross the next track, before continuing in the direction indicated by a further signpost.
- 8) At the woodland edge, continue to follow the fenced path straight ahead, as signposted to reach a stile. Cross the field as waymarked to a second stile, and then on to a third stile, half way along the field boundary. Bear left after the stile, and follow the track as signposted to reach the road. Turn right to follow the road back to the centre of Rotherfield and the end of the walk.



View along a Byway