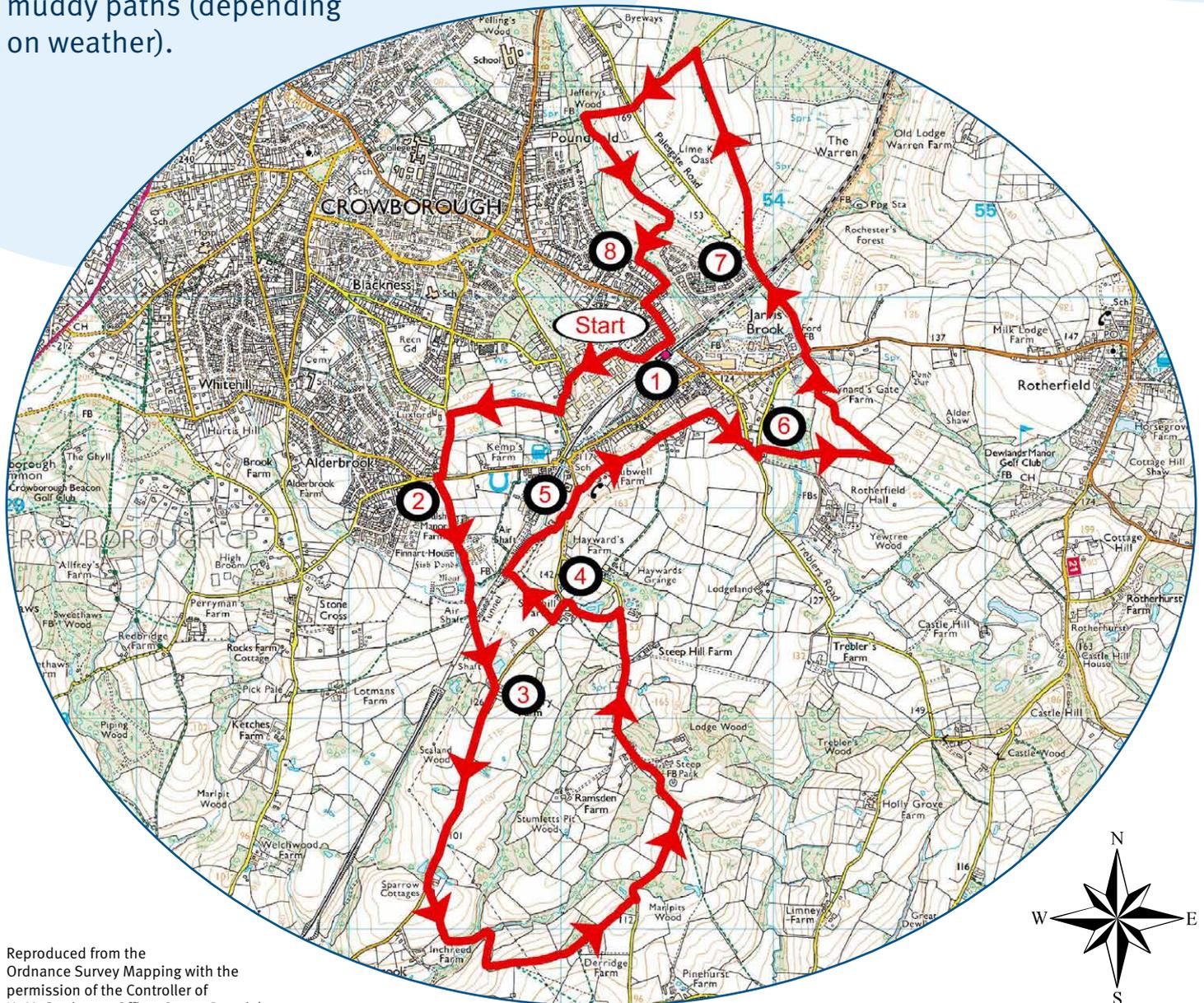




Crowborough Walk

Typical country walk through fields and woodland with hills, some stiles and muddy paths (depending on weather).



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Local Information

This walk takes across one Deep Ghyll, and near the end of the walk, the route goes through Crowborough Ghyll, managed by Crowborough Town Council. Ghylls are an important habitat with their steep sided valleys creating a microclimate supporting rare flora including ferns, mosses and liverworts.

Essential Information

Distance: 8.5 miles/14km
Walk grade: Average
Maps: OS Explorer 135
 OS Landranger 188
Start/Finish: Crowborough Railway Station
Post Code: TN6 2JR
Grid Ref: TQ 535297

Route Description

- 1) Starting from the station at Jarvis Brook, turn left to follow Farningham Road. Immediately after passing Riverside Gardens, turn right to follow the surfaced footpath beside the stream. Continue on this path to the road, before turning left to follow the road for a short distance, and then turn right onto the signposted byway. Follow the track to reach Luxford Road, turning left and following the road to the junction with Walshes Road.
- 2) Cross Walshes Road and continue in the same direction, on the signposted footpath opposite, following the driveway to Walsh Manor. On reaching the main entrance to the manor, take the right hand fork (signposted to Nightingales). Continue to follow the drive to the right of the buildings, and along the track to Nightingales. Continue to follow the route beyond to reach Hadlow Down Road.
- 3) Turn right and follow the road for a distance of approximately 1 kilometre (2/3 mile) before turning left onto the signposted byway. The route now continues for the length of the byway, almost 1.5 kilometres (1 mile) to its junction with Steep Road. Turn left to follow the road for a further 1.5 kilometres (1 mile) before turning left onto the next signposted byway. After this short section of byway, turn left back onto Hadlow Down Road.
- 4) Follow the road for a short distance before turning right onto the signposted footpath. Follow the field edge path, and from the gate in the field corner, continue across the next field to a stile. Instead of crossing the stile, turn right and follow the path along the field edge, with the field boundary and stream to your left. Before reaching the corner of the field, bear right heading uphill towards a stile. Continue along the edge of the next field as waymarked, and after a small area of woodland, turn left onto the road.
- 5) Follow the road for a short distance before turning right onto the byway leading to Tubwell Farm. Follow for approximately 730 metres (800 yds.) before turning right beside Leyland Manor. Continue along this route to reach a concrete driveway, and bear left to follow this to the lane. Turn right, and then left at the road junction, and after a short distance, turn right onto the signposted footpath.
- 6) Follow the enclosed path crossing the deep ghyll and onwards passing some lakes. At the end of the fenced section, continue uphill with the field boundary to your right. Near the top of the hill, bear left as signposted, to reach a path junction. Turn left and follow the bridleway for a distance of approximately 700 metres (750 yds.) heading downhill to reach the main road. Cross the road, taking care, and follow Palesgate Lane opposite. After crossing the footbridge beside the ford, continue for a further 400 metres (440 yds.) before bearing right onto the signposted byway.
- 7) Follow the byway for a total distance of 1 kilometre (2/3 mile) and turn left at the end onto the narrow lane. Follow the lane to the next road junction, and cross the road onto the signposted footpath opposite. Continue along the route, heading downhill through a series of kissing gates, before turning left at the next path junction. Follow the well defined path, and after crossing the stile into the woodland, follow the waymarked route ahead. At the next main path junction, turn right to head downhill. Turn left at the bottom to follow the watercourse, before turning right to cross the footbridge. After the bridge, turn left and follow the route ahead to reach the road.
- 8) Turn right and follow the road to its junction with Crowborough Hill, turn left down the hill to the pedestrian crossing. After the crossing, continue downhill before turning right into Station Approach to reach the station and the end of the walk.



Crossing a deep High Weald Ghyll