

Explore the Kent countryside
Have fun, stay healthy!

A circular walk from Brockhill Country Park Tolsford Trek


7.8 miles (12.5km) approx. 14,500 steps
Allow 5 hours

About the walk...

This 7.8 mile walk starts with a climb to the top of Tolsford Hill, an impressive natural feature that remains wild and unspoilt. The route boasts magnificent views and travels through chalk grassland where buzzards and skylarks are often seen soaring high above the hills. Journey through the villages of Peene and Saltwood before returning to the country park through a sheltered valley.


Walk Overview

Distance: 7.8 miles (12.5km) allow 5 hours

 **Start/Finish:** Brockhill Country Park

 **Stiles:** 14

 **Gates:** 13

 **Terrain:** Fields and tracks with some on road sections. Some steep slopes

 **Views:** Some good views

 **Toilets:** At Brockhill Country Park

 **Refreshments:** At Brockhill Country Park

For more information about the park, call the Visitor Centre on 01303 266327.

How to get there...

Road Map:

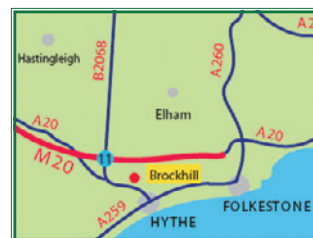
Multimap website
www.multimap.com.
Search for "Saltwood".

By Car: From M20 J11, follow A20 to Saltwood. Turn off on Sandling Road.

Parking: Parking is available at Brockhill Country Park.

Train: Nearest station: Sandling (1 mile).
National Rail Enquiries: 08457 484950

Bus: 10A (Folkestone – Saltwood) hourly, Mon-Sat.
Traveline: 0870 6082608



This circular walk is one of a number of walks produced by Kent County Council. If you liked this walk you can find more on the Explore Kent website at www.kent.gov.uk/explorekent

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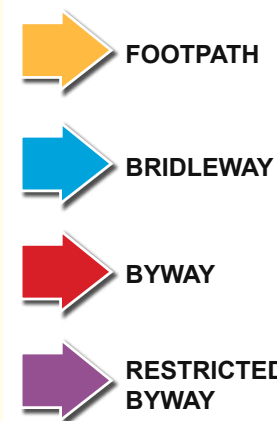
FAMILY FUN!

Walking is not only a healthy activity but it can be fun and informative too. Free activity worksheets for children of all ages to take on the walk can be ordered by emailing explorekent@kent.gov.uk or calling **08458 247600**.



*When you're out walking
in the countryside,
please respect the
Countryside Code.*

- Be safe – plan ahead and follow any arrows or signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people





Also use Ordnance Survey Map: Explorer 138
Brockhill - Tolsford Trek www.kent.gov.uk/explorekent

Route Description

- 1 From the Visitor Centre, cross car park and turn left by a waymarker post to follow a grass path and leave the park by pedestrian exit (by transformer). Turn left onto pavement and after 100m just past the bend, cross road to follow Saxon Shore Way (SSW). **Beware of traffic.**
- 2 Cross a small bridge and continue uphill. On reaching a small clearing turn left to follow path and enter wood. Follow path through wood and bear right to follow a sunken footpath.
- 3 At the stile, with an orchard on your right, turn left to follow the SSW up a slight incline. Then at a junction with a track, turn left and follow to a junction with Hayne Barn on your left.
- 4 **Beware of traffic.** At the junction continue straight up the road and along the SSW. Cross 2 footbridges.
- 5 **Beware of traffic.** Cross over the main road, turn left, follow the verge and then turn right onto the byway. Continue on the byway, up the hill which becomes steeper at the top, passing through 3 gates. At the top continue ahead towards the radio tower. Don't forget to turn around and take in the wonderful views!
- 6 At the radio tower, turn right along the fence line. At the stile, do not cross the stile, turn right towards the double gates, do not pass through the gates, and then right again through the avenue of trees with the fence line on your left.
- 7 Pass through 4 gates and keep following the SSW, the North Downs Way (NDW) and the Elham Valley Way (EVW) through the woods and field edges. There are fantastic views to your right.

- 8 **Beware of traffic.** At the road, turn right and immediately left still following the SSW. After approx 100m, turn left up a short incline, cross the stile and continue down the hill towards the stile in the right hand corner of the field.
- 9 Cross the stile into the woods, cross the bridge follow the path ahead, past the railway bridge on your left. Cross a stile and continue ahead with the fence line on your left.
- 10 On reaching a gate on your left hand side, turn right into the field and head towards the stile in the fence line on your left. Cross this stile into the woods, follow the path to a small bridge and a gate in the fence line. Pass through the gate, continue along the right hand edge of the field and pass through another gate in corner of field.
- 11 Continue along right hand field edge until you reach a track on your right from the woods. Here turn left across the field towards the stile in the fence line. Do not cross the stile, but turn right in front of the stile and head towards the right hand corner of the field.
- 12 Cross the footbridge and the stile and continue straight ahead towards the telegraph pole and electricity lines. Cross the stile in the fence line, continue down the steps, turn right, pass through the gate and turn right along the lane.
- 13 Continue along the lane, past the houses and join the path up the hill towards the main road. At the top turn right onto a grass path. Continue along the path until you reach a gate in the fence on the left. Pass through the gate, cross the road and cross the stiles on the other side.
- 14 Continue to the right of the fence line, up hill towards stile. Cross two stiles and walk along the side of Summerhouse Hill. (Can you spot the elephant?)
This is Ministry of Defence land – Beware of troops training, and do not touch suspicious objects.

Walk your way to a healthier lifestyle



"Walking for one mile burns virtually the same number of calories as jogging for one mile, it just takes a little longer!"

"Walking is FREE and requires no special equipment or clothing – as long as you are comfortable"

"Regular walking helps reduce the risk of heart disease, strokes, diabetes and high blood pressure"

- 15 Continue around Summerhouse Hill and as the path bears right, take the left fork towards the stile in the fence line. Cross 2 stiles and head towards the middle of the fence line of the woods and the stile on the left. On reaching the stile at the edge of the woods, do not cross the stile, turn left down the hill with the woods on your right towards another stile in the corner of the field.
- 16 Cross the stile and keep to the fence line on the right. At the corner point of the wood continue ahead through the middle of the field towards the woods ahead. Continue along the fence line with the woods on your right hand side.
- 17 Pass through a gate in the fence and follow the fence line on your left. Turn left, still following the fence line and head towards the house and the road.
- 18 **Beware of traffic.** Pass through the gate by the house, take care crossing the road and then retrace your steps back towards Brockhill Country Park.

Photo Guide



For guidance only, actual conditions encountered may be different to what is shown depending on weather and time of year.