

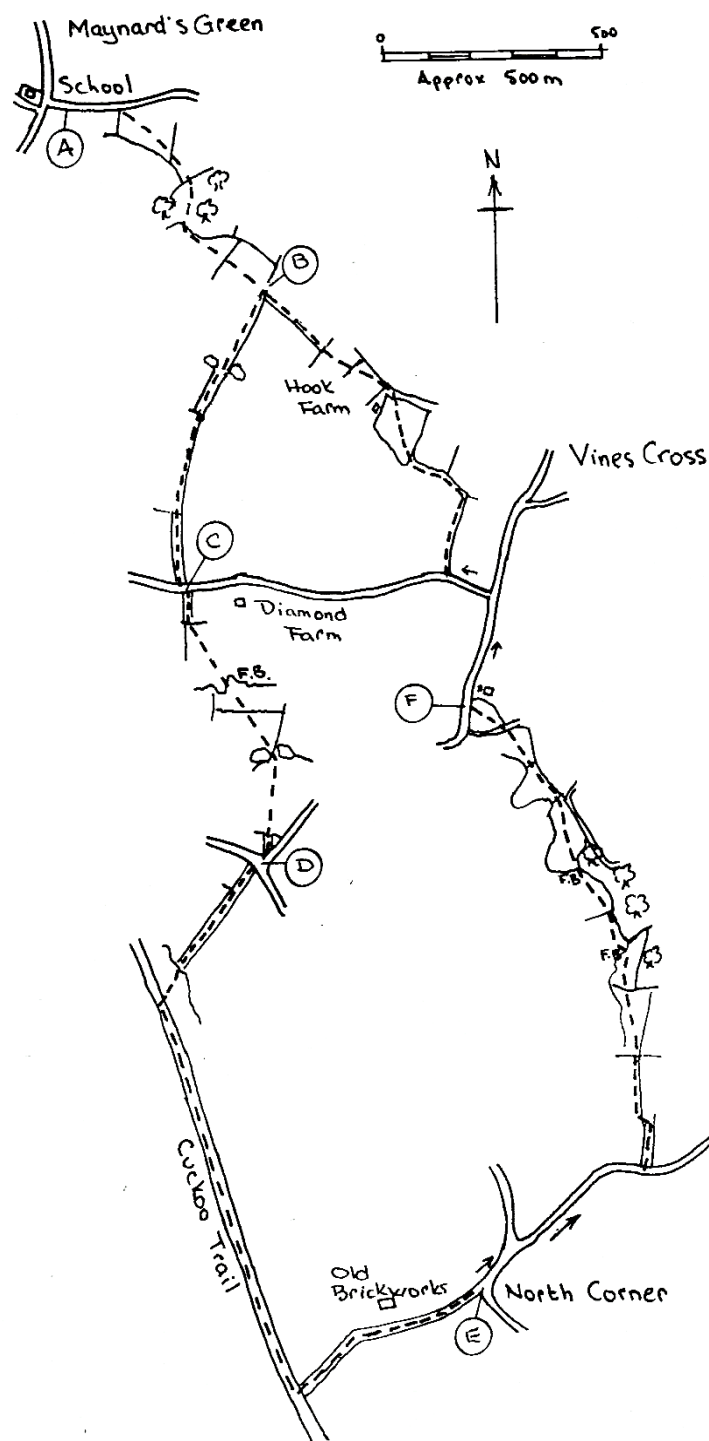
Walk No. 12

MAYNARDS GREEN, VINES CROSS, HORAM (7.5Km)

Starting at Sicklehatch Lane, Maynards Green.

Sicklehatch Lane is on the left of the B2203 almost opposite the school which will be on your right when driving from Heathfield towards Horam through Maynards Green.

Parking for two cars is possible on the roadside verge close to the start of the walk.



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- A. About 200m from the start of Sicklehatch Lane take a stile with gates on the right, marked by a footpath sign. Follow the path at first diagonally across the field and then alongside the ditch and hedge on right to reach a stile. Once over keep close to the hedge on the right to reach the corner and a gate down to the stream. Cross the ESCC bridge: go through the wood to a stile and then into a field. Turn left; first go alongside the hedge and then across the corner of the field to a stile with a plank bridge. Caution. Continue in the direction of travel to reach a stile with a footpath sign.
- B. Do not cross the stile but turn right down the field with the hedge on your left. You will exit onto a track between two ponds. After 40m where the track turns left take the gateway on the right and go into a narrow-enclosed path. Go past the orchard on the left, over a stile (with a nearby seat – “Jenny’s Seat”) and down the left side of the field, now growing grapes. Cross the stile in the corner to access an enclosed path leading out onto the road at Horam.
- C. Cross to the narrow-enclosed path opposite, on to a stile and into the field. Cross the field diagonally left to a Ramblers’ bridge erected in memory of a local rambler Stan Dumbrell. Go diagonally right up-slope to a stile in the hedge. In the next field go diagonally left to the top of the field to find a stile between two ponds. Cross the next field going diagonally left to emerge on to the road between the gardens of the houses.
- D. At the road junction cross the road slightly to your right and go down the path alongside the garage of Willow Cottage, over a stile and down the left field ahead enclosed by a fence. Cross the stream at the bottom and, staying alongside the fence, walk up to the Cuckoo Trail (the cycle, horse riding and walking track created from the disused railway). Turn left. Stay on the Cuckoo Trail for just under 1km to reach metal horse gates on each side of the Trail (just before you would go under the power lines crossing the Trail). Go through the gate on the left and up the track, past the derelict brickworks to reach the road at North Corner.
- E. Turn left on the road, fork right after 100m signposted Rushlake Green. Stay on this lane for 250m down to the bridge and 15m further on take the drive on left marked Oakmead Nursery & Lower Riversdale; beyond a pair of cottages on the left go down diagonally right through a small field under a domestic electricity supply line. To leave the field remove the loose fence rails if fitted, bear right and carry on to a stile. Once over go gently downhill though the corner of a small wood and continue in the direction of travel over the ditch into a small field.

Go through this field diagonally left (100m of boggy grass) to reach a stile and a Ramblers' bridge. Keep right in the field over to a stile and a small bridge. Continue in the same direction to reach another bridge. Proceed left for 300m alongside the stream to a stile. Follow the stream but when it swings left maintain direction to a gate. Then go diagonally left to reach a track. Opposite is a stile and small plank bridge leading into a paddock by a house. Go into the far corner to reach the road.

- F. Turn right and walk 250m to a road junction. Here go left for another 100m on the road. On your right just past large pines is a gate with a path going right. Go up the right side of the path to the corner of the field, where turn left to the next corner; then proceed further down past the trees to a small bridge. Carry on uphill to the right of the house and buildings to the farm track. Turn left past the house into the field behind. Go on to a gate in the hedge and then on to a gate and stile in the next hedge. Follow the field hedge with the hedge on your left. At the top gate go straight to a stile which you will recognise as being on your starting route. Go slightly right to reach the stile leading into the small wood; bear left on to the small plank bridge and the ESCC bridge (take care here because there are a number of paths in the wood). At the top of the bank go through the gate and across the left-hand side of the field. Go over the next stile and walk diagonally right to reach your start point by the cottage.