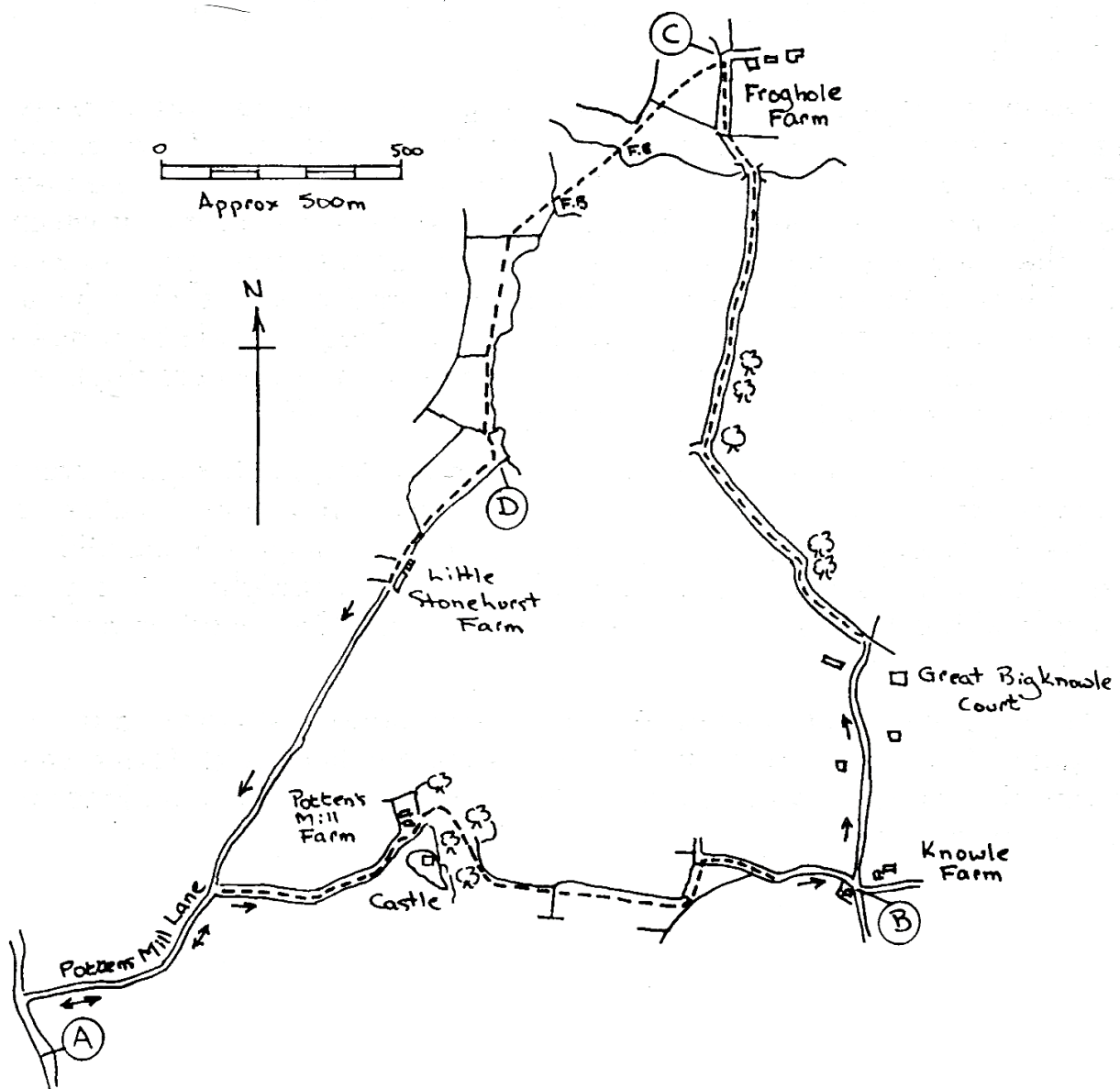


Walk No. 13

BROAD OAK (6.5Km)



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This is a 6.5Km (4 miles) circular walk, taking about two and a half hours which takes you through woods and fields to the north of Broad Oak.

Take the A265 Heathfield to Hurst Green Road, at Broad Oak take the Scotsford Road heading north, this soon becomes the east part of Street End Lane. The walk starts at the junction of Pottens Mill Lane with Street End Lane. There is room for one car to park in a layby just south of the junction. If more car spaces are required there is another layby a little further south of the one described which can take 2 cars.

Please note this is mainly easy walking but the woodland section of part A of the walk can be muddy when wet and the bridleway in section B may be overgrown, also, there is uneven ground in parts of that section. There are no stiles, and it is a dog friendly walk.

- A. Commence the walk by turning into Pottens Mill Lane and stay on this metalled surface until you reach the public bridleway sign at the junction marked for "Braylsham Castle" and "Pottens Mill Farm". Turn right here and continue to reach the Pottens Mill Farm entrance; here take the right fork skirting the house. Bearing right go downhill. At a pond on the left bear left between trees and up a gradient into woodland. Go over the bridge ahead to walk uphill to a rider's gate. At a footpath signpost stay with the bridleway and at the next signpost go out of the woodland into a field. Continue uphill keeping to the left of the field. After having climbed this long uphill section go left and left again past sheds on the left to reach a gate. Then bear right on an access track and stay on this uphill. On meeting a surfaced road go ahead to reach crossroads.
- B. Go left on to the no through road and go downhill, passing amongst others, Amber Cottage and Great Big Knowle Farm. Then at the entrance to Great Big Knowle Court take the left fork for 20m; here take a bridleway gate on the left. Stay on this bridleway for 500m, at which point the bridleway goes right and a farm track goes straight on. Go with the bridleway downhill (this can get quite overgrown) through a bridle gate and over the river (River Rother). Go straight ahead and the farm (Froghole) will be ranged ahead of you. Walk up the left side of the large barn and where the track goes right take a footpath marked on a gate on the left.
- C. Go diagonally left to a gate. Then go slightly diagonally right to cross a bridge erected by Ramblers in 1997. Now maintain direction to go over another Ramblers bridge. Now go diagonally left to the gate in the middle of a hedge on the left. (Do not take the stile ahead). Walk straight on to a gate and stile with a footpath sign beside a large oak tree. Go ahead across the next field to a gate with a footpath marker.
- D. Here go uphill right towards the farm, Little Stonehurst Farm, to a stile and footpath gate. Go ahead on the track through the buildings and then through an electric powered gate. Staying with the direction of travel, walk on into Pottens Mill Lane to reach the junction with Scotsford Road where you started.