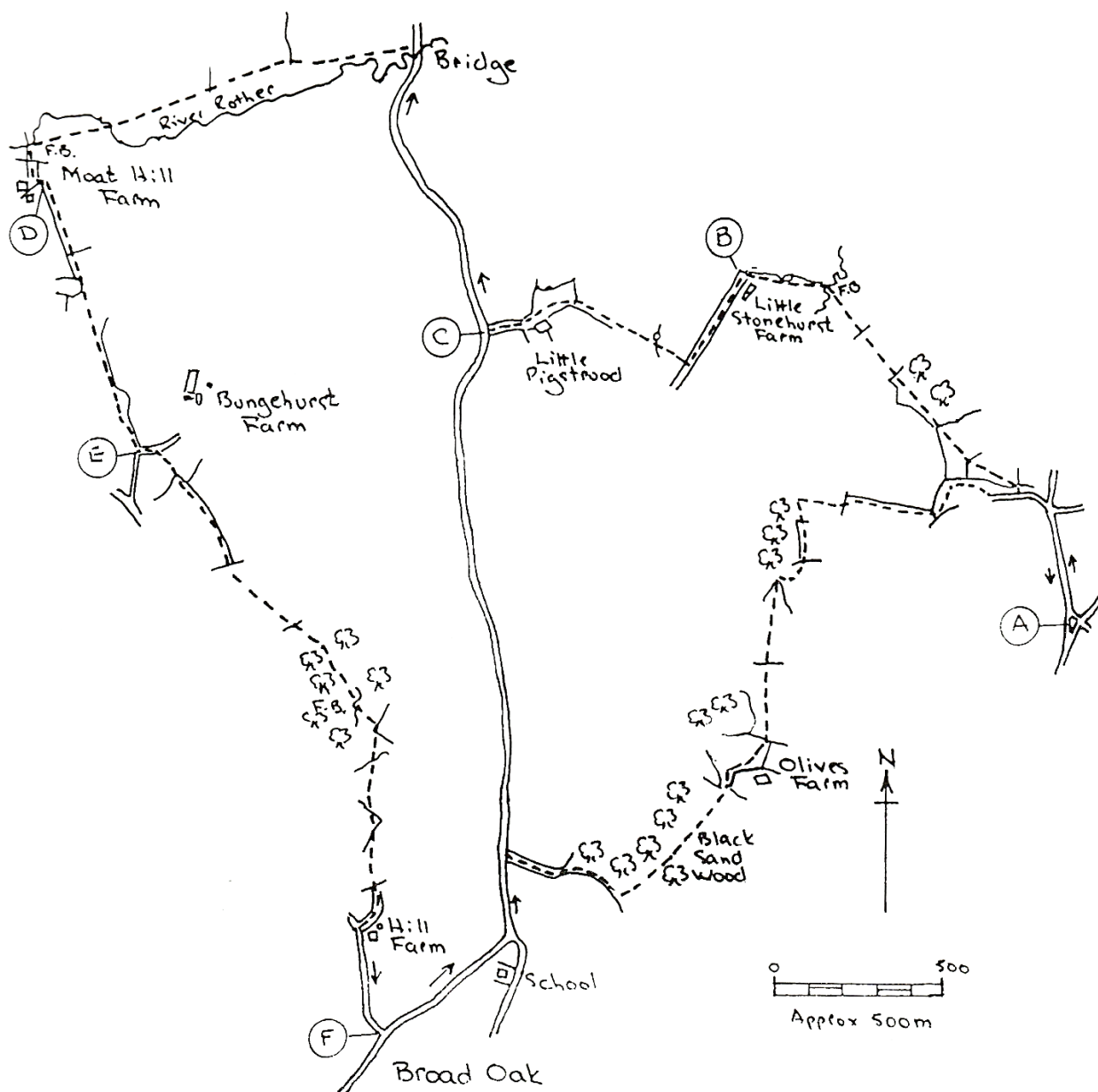


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## Walk No. 19

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Park & start from the grassy triangle of Paines Corner, Broad Oak, having turned left into Swife Lane off the A265 if going from Broad Oak towards Burwash Common.

**A.** From Paines Corner, Walk down the lane taking left fork going north. At the crossroads turn left. Go right besides Pedlars Cottage to go left through the gate on the left, into a field. Proceed diagonally to bottom left hand corner to go through a small metal gate. Turn right downhill to a stile and a footbridge. Cross these and continue downhill to enter a wooded area (ignore the gate on the left). This track can be wet at times but you can divert slightly via the wood on your right. At the end find a stile and gap leading into a field. Go straight across, and through a gap in the hedge, then carry on to a footbridge. When over cross a stile then turn left over a stile and footbridge into a field. Turn right uphill to the left-hand edge of the trees, then aim for a gate to the left of Little Stonehurst Farmhouse.

**B.** Beyond the gate turn left along the track. Opposite Nursements Farm go right into a field walking straight across to find a passage through bushes to a stile. In the next field go slightly right downhill just to the right of the powerlines, to cross a stream via a footbridge. Climb uphill with a hedge on your left to a stile in a field boundary at the top. Then go to the right of Little Pigstrood Farm buildings, through the farmgate immediately left to gain access to a farm track via a small gate. Proceed to the lane. Turn right into Street End Lane.

**C.** For the **shorter** walk turn left and walk up the lane to Holme Chase, re-joining the text at F. If you are doing the **full** walk turn right here going downhill to Scotsford Bridge.

After crossing the bridge go over a stile on the left and go to the far end of a long narrow meadow. Cross the stile on your right and then go left over a footbridge and stile. Maintain direction in the next field with the stream on your left (the infant Rother). Cross another footbridge and stile and maintain direction. At the end of that field cross the concrete farm bridge using farm gate to leave field. Cross the field diagonally to another footbridge with stiles. Carry on through the next field when meeting a crossing path turn left and cross through broken gate and bridge. Proceed to the left side of Moat Farm garden.

**D.** Just before the end of the enclosed path take a stile on your left, cross into a field. Soon turn right through a gateway and proceed up the right side of the field. Go through a gate at the top, maintaining direction to aim for the left-hand side of a woodland. Go over a stile here and carry on, on the same line through the wood to emerge through a gate at the corner of a field. Keep straight on with the hedge on your left to exit through a gateway on the left onto main drive.

**E.** Turn left down the drive toward Bungehurst then right across the grass to a stile. Cross a narrow field to a stile and down beside the wood to a stile into a rough meadow. Follow the left-hand side to a gap into a copse of young trees. Go past a house, cross Roundwood's drive and maintain direction to take a gate. Go diagonally left across this field to a stile in a crossing fence a short way up from the bottom of the field. Keep on the same line to a stile into a wood.

Cross a plank bridge, go up some steps and carry on through the wood ignoring left and right forks until you turn left at a marker to go downhill to a bridge.

Now go uphill to a stile into a field. Keep close to the wood on the right to reach a stile and bridge in the right-hand corner. In the next field keep roughly parallel with the wood on your right to find a stile onto a drive. Go right and then left through a gate follow the drive to a T junction where you turn left for 400yd into Street End Lane.

**F.** At the bottom of the hill on a slight bend, go right along a wide track. Here Holme Chase is on your left and the short walk walkers will join us here. Keep on this track ignoring side tracks and gates until on the far side of the wood, there is a gate across the main track. Here turn left through a field gate.

In the field follow the right-hand boundary for a short distance then bear left across to the left-hand edge of the field. A gate in a cross hedge on the crest of the field will come into view, aim for that and then carry on down the next field to reach a wood. Go through a gate on the side and shortly turn right down to a footbridge.

After crossing climb uphill to a small gate opening where once through turn left to another footbridge. Now keep just inside the wooded area with a fence on your left. Cross over the fence on the left and keep on the previous line through scrub to reach a junction with a bridle track, as this is a bridleway it can be very muddy at times. Turn right here and walk uphill, through a gate into a field and then continuing uphill to the top left hand corner.

Go left through a gap and then shortly turn left down past buildings to an opening on to a farm track. Turn right uphill and follow out to the lane and Pedlars Cottage. Here retrace your footsteps to Paines Corner.