



Self-Guided **Walks**

Ticehurst and Bewl Water circular walk

Welcome to the High Weald National Landscape, an unspoilt medieval landscape. Prior to the early 1970's the Bewl valley was very typical of what the High Weald has to offer, but now it is epitomised by 800 acres of water and has become a beautiful landscape in it's own right.

Distance and duration	A 6 mile walk, taking about 3 hours to complete
Level of ability expected	Moderate
Start point & post code	Pickforde Lane car park, Ticehurst. TN5 7DJ
OS grid refrence What3Words location	TQ690302 https://what3words.com/owls.spices.overpaid
Additional information	The car park is free. There is a pub and a cafe in the village Click here to download a GPX file of the route

I-Spy Something to look out for on your walk



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Turn right out of the car park and continue to the main road.

Turn right and continue up the main road, going past The Bell and a row of shops on your right.

Cross over the junction with the road to Three Leg Cross and go past the single-story white weather boarded cottage.

Take the next turning on the right.

Carry on along this road for some little way, passing the rear of Ticehurst House Hospital on the left.

Lookout for a stretch of high brick wall on the left, with a 'Keep Out' notice on it, opposite this you will find a stile in the hedge on the right.

Go over the stile and carry on straight down the field to a stile in the bottom right-hand corner.

Go over the stile and continue until you reach a parking area and some outbuildings.

Continue straight across this area and the path will be found alongside the building and a beech hedge.

This brings you to another stile, cross this into the field beyond and continue straight on, keeping the hedgerow to the right.

A stile in the corner of the field exits onto a road.

Turn right on the road and continue downhill.

Follow the road in the same direction, passing two side roads on the right, the second turning has a grass triangle with trees at its junction.

You will see a couple of 'dead end' signs at one point, just carry on through.

Pass through a couple of gates in reasonably quick succession, after the second gate the track bears to the right up a slight incline.

Go up the slope round to the right and through another gate.

The path now continues around the edge of Bewl Water reservoir, keep to the path.

Eventually you will come to a very substantial wide wooden bridge, go over the bridge and turn left and continue along the path.

You will go through a fence with a misaligned opening and a bit further on over a stile.

Continue to follow the path around the reservoir until you come to a stile alongside a wooden five bar gate.

There is a choice of routes at this point; you need to carry straight on ignoring the gate on the right.

Once again keep to the path and follow its route around the reservoir.

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Eventually you emerge on the remains of one of the roads that existed before the reservoir was built.

Turn right and go over the low barrier and then turn sharp left into a parking area.

Go through the gate here and back onto the path around the reservoir.

After some while you will come upon a footpath on the right, this path is almost always muddy.**

Make your way along this path until it makes a T-junction with another path, turn left at this point and continue down the slope and up the other side.

***In order to avoid the mud, particularly during the winter, an alternative route is as follows. Keep straight on, don't go towards the car park. Follow the road up hill. At the sign for 'Overy's Farm' take the footpath to the left. Keep straight ahead. The path narrows in places.*

The path exits onto a drive alongside a beech hedge on the right, carry straight on to the road beyond.

Go straight across and down the field ahead of you to the far end of the hedge on the right.

Turn right along here and then bear left and continue up the hill.

As you come out of the woods go straight up through the field ahead, keeping the hedge to your left.

At the top of the hill the path continues in the same line but with the hedge now on your right.

Eventually the path passes through a narrow passage way between buildings and comes out on the main road in Ticehurst.

Turn left and make your way back to the car park.

At all times please follow the Countryside Code



Respect everyone

- be considerate to those living in, working in and enjoying the countryside
- leave gates and property as you find them
- do not block access to gateways or driveways when parking
- be nice, say hello, share the space
- follow local signs and keep to marked paths unless wider access is available

Protect the environment

- take your litter home – leave no trace of your visit
- do not light fires and only have barbeques where signs say you can
- always keep dogs under control and in sight
- dog poo – bag it and bin it – any public waste bin will do
- care for nature – do not cause damage or disturbance

Enjoy the outdoors

- check your route and local conditions
- plan your adventure – know what to expect and what you can do
- enjoy your visit, have fun, make a memory

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