



Self-Guided Walks

Walking around Weir Wood reservoir

Welcome to the High Weald National Landscape, an unspoilt medieval landscape. This walk takes you all around Weir Wood reservoir where you may be lucky to spot a variety of wild fowl in places. You can also see what remains of a once grand 17th century country house.

Distance and duration	A 7 mile walk, taking about 3½ hours to complete
Level of ability expected	Moderate
Start point & post code	The nature reserve car park at Weir Wood reservoir off Legsheath Lane. RH19 4HP
OS grid refrence What3Words location	TQ384341 https://what3words.com/career.cans.river
Additional information	Click here to download a GPX file of the route

I-Spy Something to look out for on your walk



Two

Exit the car park into Legsheath Lane and turn left.

Continue along the lane for about 15–20 minutes, passing a commercial enterprise in a farmyard setting on the right and then two detached properties on the left.

Some way further on the road bears quite sharply to the right and an entrance way to semi-detached 60's style housing will be found on the left. As you face these houses a gate will be found in the hedgerow on the right.

Go through the gate(s) into the field.

Make your way to the very bottom corner of the field.

Go through the gate and through an old metal kissing gate into the wood beyond.

Follow the path through the wood, passing a large pond on the right.

Look out for a signpost on the left of the path indicating a footpath on the right.

Go through a metal gate here and into the field beyond.

Head for the gap in the tree line ahead of you and then continue straight ahead along the same line.

Go through a metal five bar gate and climb over a wooden five bar gate directly beyond.

Walk across the field to the edge of the small copse and then bear slightly right and head for the tree line.

At the trees turn to your left ($\frac{3}{4}$ of a full about-turn) and head for the gap between the two large trees in front of you.

Go through the gate(s) into the field beyond.

Make for the large tree above the rise in the ground ahead.

Go down the slope, under the tree to a stile in the fence opposite.

Go through the gate onto a farm track.

Turn left along the track, which continues for a little over $\frac{1}{2}$ mile past a series of buildings.

After about 15 minutes and just after South Park Farm, the track takes a quite sharp right turn, look out for a footpath going into the undergrowth on the left at this point.

Follow the path through the wood and alongside a close boarded wooden fence, the path exits onto a surfaced private road.

Cross the road and go through the metal pinch gates at the top of the slope.

Continue through the field beyond with the hedgerow immediately to your left.

At the bottom of the field turn right and go through the gate ahead of you.

Follow the path through the trees until you reach a metal gate.



The High Weald - An outstandingly beautiful medieval landscape

Three

Go through the gate and turn left over the old stone bridge.

Follow the track, which bears left around the grounds of Brambletye House, On the right, through the trees, you may see the remains of the 17th century building. Some facts about this building can be found on this webpage <https://forestrow.co/brambletye-house/>

When you emerge on the lane you may like to take a moment to view the ruins by turning right and going along the lane for about 100 yards. Then return to your exit point and proceed in the opposite direction along the lane.

Follow the lane until the surfaced section eventually comes to an end and continue along the track and up the field in front of you.

Go past a footpath on the left, but do not take it, continue along the path you are on until you reach a gate.

Go through the gate and in the field ahead make for the gap between the trees at the top of the field.

The footpath you need is to be found just to the left of this gap in the trees. Go through the gap and follow the path.

This path turns to the right when it meets a close boarded fence, follow the fence round until the path opens on to a wide track, follow the track in the same direction until you reach some farm buildings on the left.

Take the footpath on the left just before the farm buildings.

You will come to a substantial bridge over a stream; bear left over the bridge into the field beyond.

The path goes through the middle of the field and then heads right towards tree line to the right of you.

Eventually you will arrive at a metal gate, go through this into the field beyond.

Again, keep to the edge with the trees on the right, go through the small metal gate in the corner of the field.

Go diagonally left across this next field heading for the top right-hand corner, where you will find a wooden gate.

Go through the gate, turn left and then right around the pond and then sharp left and straight on through the farmyard. (July 2026, the path has been signposted to go right at the farmyard by the owner, this is not a user-friendly route. It is suggested that you continue to follow the legal route of the path through the farmyard).

Exit the yard through a metal gate onto a track beyond.

The track becomes a path; you will pass an electricity pylon on your left and shortly after make a T-junction with a path going around the reservoir.

Turn right along this path, a chain link fence which denotes the perimeter of the reservoir will be on your left.

Four

Keep to this path for a little under 1½ miles (about 45 minutes), until it eventually emerges onto the remains of a road that used to exist before the reservoir was constructed. Turn right along this road.

You will eventually reach a busy road on some tight bends, take care here as the traffic is unsighted in both directions, acute hearing is very useful.

Turn left and walk down the hill, after about ten minutes you will come to a turning on the left this is Legsheath Lane.

Another ten minutes will bring you back to the car park on the left.

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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