

Circular walk Ticehurst via Bewl Water and Wallcrouch

This is a moderately hilly walk of 7½ miles. Please note that I define a track as being a part of a path along which farm vehicles may regularly travel. Be advised that whilst all information was correct at the time of writing, circumstances in the countryside change for the better or the worse constantly and so I recommend taking nothing for granted! It is always sensible to take a map of the area just in case you find a path is closed for any reason. Please be sure to leave all gates in the state that you find them, if they are open leave them open, if they are closed please close them behind you.

This walk starts from the Pickforde Lane public car park in Ticehurst, OS Explorer 135, TQ689303.

Turn right out of the car park and then right up the High Street, past the Bell.

At about half way along the row of shops on your right is a passage way, go along here.

At the end, with the fence and hedge on your left, go straight ahead across the field.

After a short while the path then moves into the adjacent field so that the hedge is now on your right.

Follow the track through the coppice at the bottom the field, it bears round to the right and into the fields.

Continue up the field with the hedge on your left.

At the road go straight over along the drive in front of you and continue along the same line on a footpath.

At the junction with a path on the right go straight on along the surfaced road.

At the top of this incline carry on along the road straight ahead.

Keep to this road to the very end, go over, or round, the yellow barrier on the left, and continue on the path around the reservoir.

After just over ¼ mile you will come to a choice of paths, you should go through the gate on the left, ignoring the stile straight ahead.

Continue on this path until you come to a private drive with a cattle grid on the left.

Continue along the footpath in front of you.

You will eventually come to a substantial wooden bridge go across this and follow the path around the reservoir for a little under a mile until you come to two sets of gates.

Go through the gates onto the metalled road ahead and proceed up the road.

Ignoring the road to the left proceed straight ahead up the hill for a little under ½ mile, Just beyond a house on the right that looks as if only the front was ever built, look out for a stile on the right.

Go over the stile and go straight ahead along the boundary of the private garden on the right.

Cross the stile at the end and cross the field beyond to another stile in the far hedge.

Exit this next field onto the road through the 'gate'.

Turn right along the road and continue for just over ½ mile looking out for a footpath on the left.

Go over the stile and proceed up the field, keeping the woodland to the left, the next 'stile' will be found in the top left hand corner of this field.

Follow the same line in the next field, with the woodland still to your immediate left, until you come to the next stile.

Cross the stile and bear round to the left go through a gate and on to another gate and a stile.

Go over the stile and follow the track right through to the road at the end.

Turn left along the road, go past the garden ornaments establishment until you come to Wallcrouch Farm on the right.

Go straight down the drive and through the two gates at the end into the field beyond.

Walk down the field to the group of trees at the bottom, there is a pond here.

Go to the right around the trees and into the field beyond, turn sharp left and continue down the field, keeping the hedge to your left.

Go over one stile and at the very bottom exit into a farmyard.

Proceed straight ahead until you come to the road.

Turn right and after a short while look for a driveway and footpath on the left.

Walk down here past the single storey building on the right, bear to the left and go through the gate ahead of you.

Proceed around the edge of the field to a gate and stile in the opposite hedge.

Turn to the left and go up the field to the point of the treeline ahead of you.

Turn right around the tree on the corner and continue ahead keeping the trees to your left.

Go over the next stile and go straight on with the fence on the left.

The next part of the route has been diverted from the path shown on the map, to avoid the farmyard and properties at Wedd's Farm.

Go over the stile on the left and carry straight on with the hedge to your right.

Go through a gate and follow the path round, past a tennis court and between some buildings on to a track.

Turn left along the track and continue along it for just under ½ mile.

You are looking for an unmarked footpath on the left, it is at the point where the track takes a final double bend and then straightens out heading for the house ahead. It goes to the left of the tree in the corner of the field.

(If you can't find it carry on along the track to the road and turn left up the hill)

Go diagonally across the field heading for the gap in the trees where you can see the field beyond. A stile will be found in the dip.

Turn right and go over the bridge into the field beyond.

Carry on up the hill, with the trees to your left, to the gate and stile at the top.

Go over the stile to the road beyond, turn left and continue all the way to the top of the hill and back into Ticehurst.

If you have the time Ticehurst Church is well worth a visit.