

THE HORSTED TRAIL (PT224)



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Telephone - 0118 966 6523 E-mail - BTreading@aol.com
- DISTANCE:** 10km
- ENTRY FEE:** £1.00 per walker (Cheques made payable to Thames Valley Walking Club)
- AWARD:** There is currently no award for this walk. (Please indicate on the entry form if you would like an award if one is produced)
- START VENUE:** Car Park in Horsted Keynes, West Sussex (Map 198 GR TQ384282)
- DIRECTIONS:** Take Station Road to centre of Horsted Keynes & turn into Lewes Road (opposite 'The Forge' – Postcode RH17 7AT) following car park sign. Immediately turn left, then right into car park by playing field.
- CAR PARKING:** At start venue.
- FACILITIES:** There are no facilities at the start venue.
- TRANSPORT:** Bus service within 1km of start
- TERRAIN:** Footpaths, bridleways & minor roads. Not suitable for pushchairs.

The organisers are not liable for accidents, thefts and/or damage to property. Every effort will be made by the organisers to make this a safe, enjoyable and memorable event.

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

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PLEASE REMEMBER TO TAKE GREAT CARE ON ALL ROAD SECTIONS OF THIS TRAIL

Leave car park on entrance/exit road & bear left to reach road. Turn right & at cross roads go straight ahead onto tarmac lane passing between concrete bollards. Follow lane downhill to road junction. Go straight ahead on road downhill towards church in distance. Follow lane to reach church. Bear left in front of church on single track road following 'Sussex Border Path'. Pass school on right & continue ahead on lane to reach metal gate. Go ahead, bearing left on footpath to enter woods. Follow track downhill through woods passing lake on right. Continue ahead on track passing a series of ponds on your left. Pass metal gate & at track junction turn left following 'West Sussex Border Path'. Follow track uphill to reach house. Go through stone gateway & turn right on 'West Sussex Border Path' & after approx 50m turn left. Follow tarmac driveway to reach junction with road. Turn left & follow lane for approx. 225m to reach road junction.

Question 1: What is Broadhurst Manor Road also known as?

Turn right & follow lane for approx. 200m & immediately before thatched cottage on left, turn left on footpath ('Sussex Border Path'). Follow right hand edge of field bearing right & then left to reach metal kissing gate by wooden sign post. Go through kissing gate & follow footpath downhill, across wooden footbridge & then uphill to reach field. Go straight ahead following right hand edge of field. At corner of field, turn left & continue to follow right hand edge of field. After approx. 160m turn right on footpath to enter woods. Follow footpath downhill, bearing left to reach footpath sign. Turn right ('Sussex Border

Path') and walk across concrete dam. Go through gate & continue ahead across field towards gate. Just before gate, turn left to exit field through gap onto road. Turn left on road & after approx. 50m turn right by footpath sign onto driveway. Pass "Oak Tree Lodge" on left & continue ahead on grassy footpath with hedge on right & wooden post & rail fence on left. At corner turn left to reach stile. Cross stile & turn left following left hand edge of field to reach gate in corner. Go through gate & continue ahead following left hand edge of field to reach stile in corner. Cross stile & follow left hand edge of next field to reach gate. Cross stile, go straight over lane & cross second stile (next to metal gate). Follow right hand edge of field with railway on right. After approx. 250m & at footpath sign, turn right to cross railway WITH GREAT CARE. Immediately after crossing railway & before stile, turn left on footpath alongside railway. Follow footpath keeping railway on left to reach metal gate.

Question 2: What is the number on the blue water drum on the other side of the railway?

Turn right over stile & go ahead on footpath between trees. Path bears left to reach stile. Cross stile & go ahead following left hand edge of field for approx. 50m before turning left by footpath sign. Cross stile & follow footpath between wooden fences to reach bridge. Turn left over bridge. (N.B. The station to the right is Horstead Keynes station). Go across railway bridge to reach gate. Go through gate & bear right through car park & follow track uphill with railway on right. After approx. 150m & at top of hill, turn left towards kissing gate. Go through kissing gate & follow footpath with fields on left & woods on right ignoring all turnings to reach road. Turn right & follow road WITH GREAT CARE for approx 275m. At road junction, continue ahead & as road turns left, bear right onto footpath. Follow track to reach farm. Bear right & go ahead on footpath between barns. Continue straight ahead on track following left hand edge of field. Go through gate & follow track along right hand edge of next field. Cross stile & continue to follow track to cross railway bridge. Continue ahead following right hand edge of field. At corner of field by footpath sign DO NOT go through gate but turn left following right hand edge of field uphill. Pass farm buildings on right & just after hedge bears right, turn right over stile. After approx. 20m by footpath sign, turn left on track. Follow track downhill, then uphill, then downhill again to reach road. Turn left & go under railway bridge.

Question 3: What is the height restriction under the bridge?

Follow road WITH CARE for approx. 50m before turning right on footpath (N.B. Footpath sign is on left hand side of road). Follow footpath into woods to reach stile. Cross stile & go straight ahead across field following line of wooden posts and large water troughs to reach track. Go straight ahead on track between line of fence posts & follow track uphill towards house. In front of house, bear left passing water trough to reach kissing gate. Go through gate & turn right, following right hand edge of field. At corner, turn left & continue to follow right hand edge of field to reach kissing gate by houses. Go through kissing gate & follow footpath to reach road. Turn left & follow road WITH GREAT CARE for approx. 275m before turning right into Lewes Road. Follow road ignoring all turnings for approx. 450m and just before road junction by "The Forge", turn right to return to car park.

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