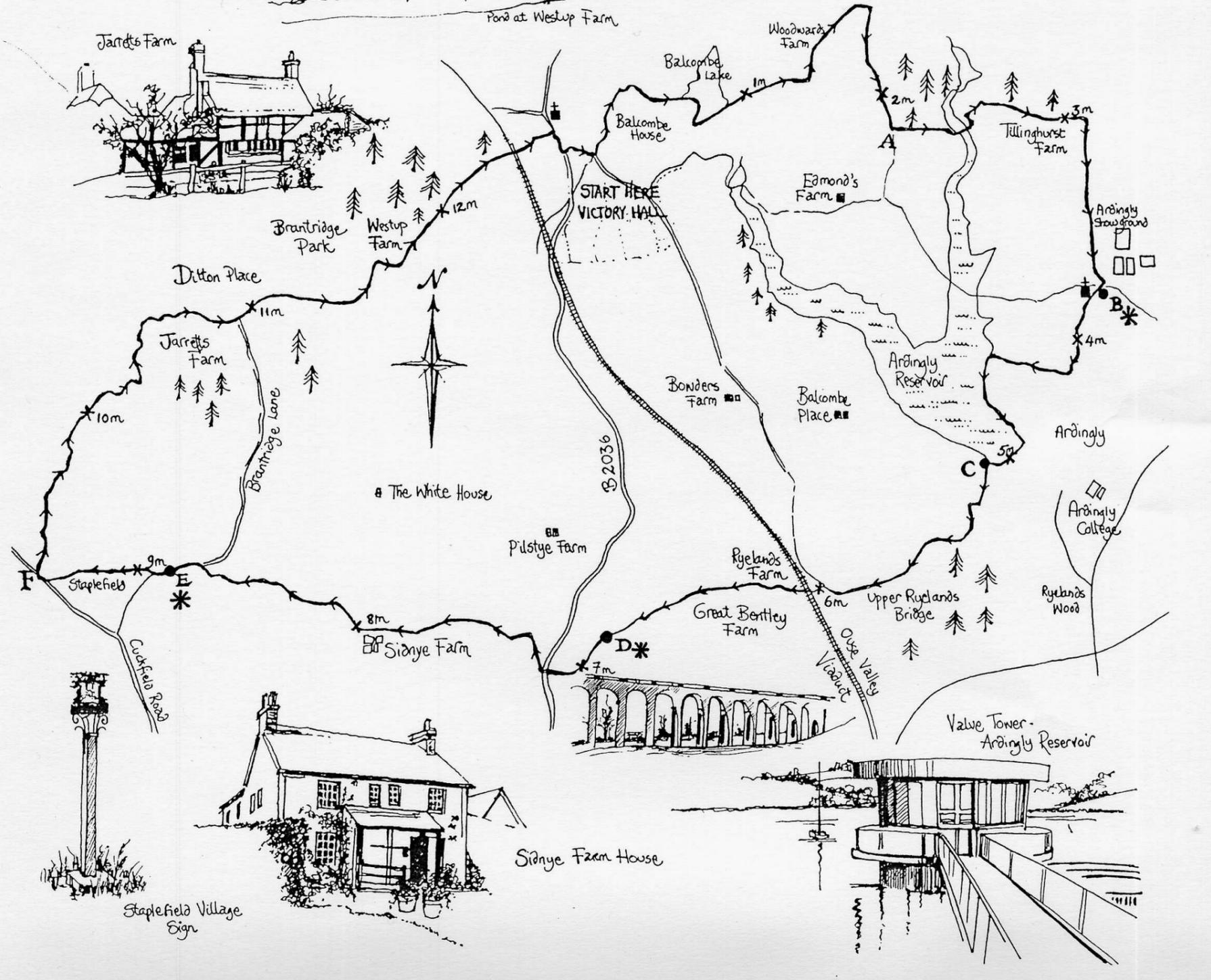


**ILLUSTRATED
ROUTE MAP**

- A Refreshments
- * B Refreshments
- C Toilets
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- F Toilets

*Dropout/Checkpoint

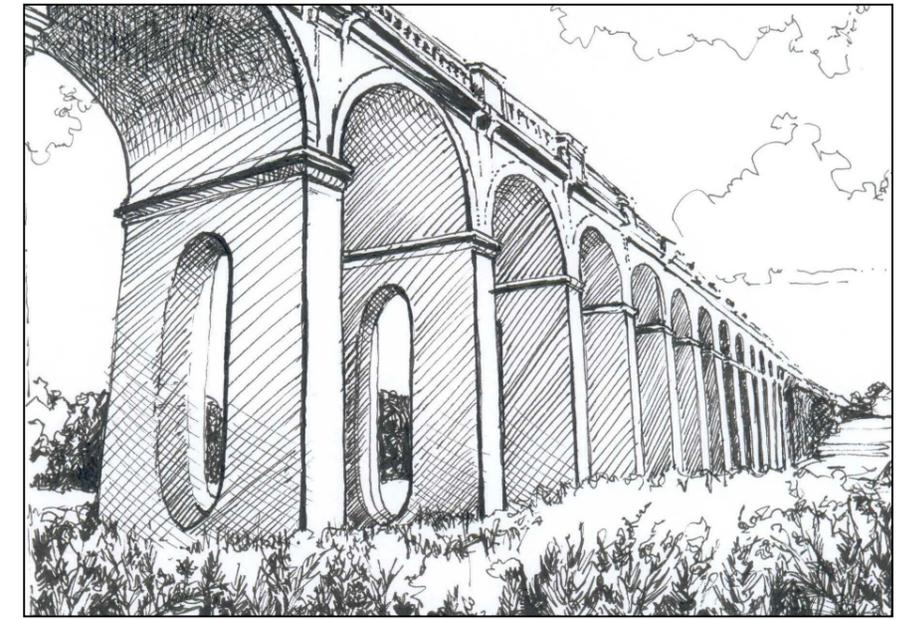


These notes to be read in conjunction with notice boards and direction arrows placed along the route and on signposts.

- 1 Left from Victory Hall car park then turn right at end of road. Go straight over crossroads to pass right of Half Moon pub.
- 2 Passing in front of Balcombe Store, continue on track down to Cricket Field then walk diagonally left across the pitch through a small wooded area into field.
- 3 Follow left hand edge of field to finger post then turn 90° right to follow path down hill to footbridge at bottom
- 4 Over bridge then diagonally left across field to kissing gate at farm drive
- 5 Go left along drive, beside the lake and continue for approx. 500 yards then turn right at fingerpost then over stile in to field
- 6 Follow left edge of field to field gate at end and 1 mile marker. Over stile then straight up field following direction of fingerpost (towards tree with dead top) to top of field.
- 7 At top of field bear right through gate then follow right edge of field uphill to track at top. Keep straight ahead at track then continue on to Paddockhurst Lane
- 8 At lane turn right then immediately left over stile in to field. Follow right hand edge of field down to bottom then turn 90° left to continue along right hand edge of field to swing gate at entrance to wood.
- 9 Follow path in wood as it bears right then continue down steep steps to plank bridge at bottom
- 10 Cross plank bridges then ascend to board walk and on to tall metal swing gate at entrance to Wakehurst Gardens
- 11 Through swing gate and keep straight ahead up grassy path passing the 2 miles marker
- 12 Continue on path up to wooden gate at end of Wakehurst Gardens; through gate then straight ahead up grassy path to farm track at top
- 13 Go straight ahead and follow track passing the Millennium Seed Bank on left then on to Cattle Grid and end of Nature Trail
- 14 Right turn through gate at cattle grid then left in to Wakehurst car park
- 15 In car park turn right and walk straight ahead walk passed the entrance to Wakehurst, past coach parking area, to wooden swing gate in hedge
- 16 Turn left in picnic area and continue straight ahead following directions of Permissive Path. Continue along mown grassy path through 1st swing gate, passed 3 miles marker, through 2nd swing gate and on to 3rd swing gate
- 17 Through gate then right on to tarmac drive; continue on drive for 300 yards then left at finger post in to Showground; follow path along hedge on right, through wood and out to the Showground perimeter road
- 18 Straight ahead on road with Showground on left; after 550 yards follow road sharp left to finger post and 4 miles marker. Turn right through wooden gate then along track to reach road. Turn right at road to Ardingly Church Drop Out Point and Refreshments

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Sunday 14th October
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PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING POINTS BEFORE YOU START

Please keep strictly to the marked route at all times. **Take special care on country lanes and when crossing roads. Close and fasten all gates** (unless directed otherwise). Do not drop litter, guard against any risk of fire and generally observe the Country Code. Please keep dogs on leads when crossing fields where there are farm animals or game birds. The Route has been clearly marked with arrows and mile posts. Should you stray from the correct route, retrace your steps to a point you can identify in this guide. Should you get lost, phone Victory Hall using the emergency number below who will be able to help.

*On the way round you will find refreshment points where you will be offered squashes etc. There are **two** drop-out points at approximately 4 and 9 miles where you can leave the Walk if you do not wish to cover the full distance. If you finish at a drop-out point, tell a marshal (even if you plan to make your own way back) and await transport back to Victory Hall.*

In case of an emergency, contact the organisers at Victory Hall on XXXXX

Please do not leave the Walk without checking out at Victory Hall, as we need to know you are safe

For information about the work of the Hospice and details of how you might be able to help, please contact St. Catherine's Hospice, Malthouse Road, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 6BH. Telephone: 01293 447333

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Our thanks to Wakehurst Place for their kind permission for us to set up the Nature Trail drop out point and refreshments in their car park

- 19 Turn left at Ardingly Church then continue down Church Lane to Town House Farm at end of lane
- 20 Turn left at cross paths in Farm to walk down the right hand side of 2 cottages. Continue down hill straight across 1st field, down left hand edge of 2nd field to stile at bottom
- 21 Over stile then left to follow path through wood and over dam to the Black Hut Cafe for toilets soft drinks and ice creams
- 22 Continue straight ahead up grassy bank then follow path as it bears left and on to kissing gate. Follow left edge of field passing 5 miles marker. At end of field 90° right to continue along left edge to gap in hedge
- 23 Turn left and keep to left edge of field downhill to footbridge at bottom; cross bridge then diagonally right to 2nd footbridge
- 24 After 2nd bridge follow grassy path round to the right then continue straight ahead for ½ mile along left bank of River Ouse to road at Upper Ryelands Bridge
- 25 Turn right and walk along **right-hand** side of road to cross road at metal swing gate then straight across field to Viaduct.
- 26 Pass through 2nd arch of viaduct and on to metal kissing gate and six miles marker
- 27 Through gate and on for 30 yards to second kissing gate. Cross field diagonally right to reach kissing gate at top. Through gate to turn left on track then right to pass between farm buildings at Ryelands Farmhouse
- 28 After Farmhouse pass through kissing gate on left then diagonally right across field to twin stiles hidden in trees and over the two stiles.
- 29 After stiles diagonally left down hill left to stile by gate at bottom of field. Over stile then bear right to follow path across field to bridge over the River Ouse
- 30 Half right after bridge to follow raised grassy path along left edge of field. At end of field up stone steps to gate in hedge and out on to Great Bentley Farm drive
- 31 Turn right and follow drive to Great Bentley Farm Drop Out Point and Refreshments then continue along drive to B2036 road, passing the 7 miles marker
- 32 Cross road diagonally left to Cherry Lane then turn right and follow lane for 250 yards up to Sidnye Farm drive; turn left and follow drive to Sidnye Farm passing straight ahead through farmyard to Farmhouse
- 33 Right at Farmhouse to metal swing gate; through gate then down fenced grassy path to wooden swing gate and the 8 miles marker; after gate, continue down grassy path to bridge over River Ouse at bottom
- 34 After bridge turn left and continue through woods for 500 yards, at first alongside River Ouse, to emerge in to field; turn right to follow right edge of field to wooden fence on right
- 35 Where fence begins turn right through gap into garden then left in front of house, through five bar gate (usually open) and follow drive out to Brantridge Lane
- 36 Turn left and follow lane up to Upper Staplefield Common Drop Out Point and Refreshments: continue on along lane, passing the 9 miles marker and Staplefield Church, to Staplefield Common
- 37 Remaining on pavement, turn right and continue for 85 yards to turn right by telephone kiosk into Tanyard Lane

- 38 Follow Tanyard Lane for about ½ mile, keeping straight ahead at bottom of dip, then continue on up passing the 10 miles marker to turn right on concrete track at 'T' junction
- 39 After 100 yards turn right up steps and follow path along left edge of field, through gate and on for 65 yards to turn left through metal field gate
- 40 Cross field diagonally right to wooden gate and broken stile. Follow path in woods for 150 yards then turn 90° right and follow path down to footbridge across stream
- 41 Cross bridge then left uphill for 200 yards to metal swing gate at end of wood; continue uphill long right edge of field for 200 yards to metal swing gate at top; through gate then ahead up track to Ditton Place on left
- 42 Turn right by wooden double garage and follow driveway out to Brantridge Lane
- 43 Straight across lane to gap in hedge opposite. Continue ahead following direction of fingerposts to turn left then right downhill to footbridge over brook at bottom
- 44 Down steps, over bridge and up steps on other side to follow path uphill to wide forestry track running from left to right; turn left at 11 miles marker then immediately right up steep hill to stile at top.
- 45 Follow left edge of field past pond on left by stile in to 2nd field; continue along left edge of field passing 2nd pond on left then follow path as it bears left up to stile by gate
- 46 Over stile then follow path through small copse and out on to farm track; follow track to Westup Farm turning left in farmyard to pass in front of farmhouse
- 47 Follow drive pass pond on left then left through wooden gate, straight cross field and down to stile; over stile and through copse to re-join farm drive
- 48 Continue down drive, passing 12 miles marker, over railway bridge and on up to main road with Balcombe School on left
- 49 Straight across road at School to narrow track opposite then up to road at top; follow pavement right and continue up to crossroads in Balcombe Village
- 50 At crossroad follow pavement right then cross road to pass in front of Victory Hall then on to car park and end of Walk

CONGRATULATIONS – YOU'VE DONE IT!

Just across the road for a quiet drink and a snack