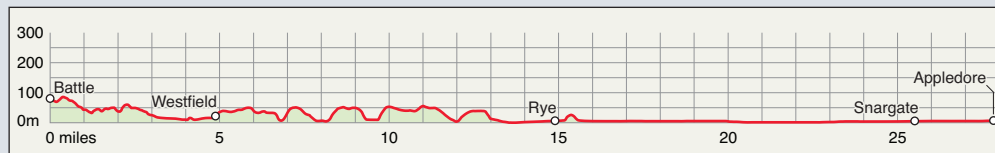


## PRACTICAL INFORMATION



- **Terrain** Grass and woodland paths, sustained climb and sharp descent on Battle to Rye section; completely flat on Rye to Appledore section
- **Difficulty** Moderate to challenging
- **Directions & GPS\*** 002.pdf, 002.gpx, 002.kml at <https://trailblazer-guides.com/press>  
\* See p10-11 for more information on downloads

### ROUTE OVERVIEW

**27.6 miles (44.5km)**

Taking in parts of the 1066 Country Walk and the Saxon Shore Way, the steep climb up to Icklesham is well worth the effort for the fabulous views.

### Battle to Rye

**15.3 miles (24.7km)**

- **Time** 5hrs 30mins actual walking time
  - **Total ascent** 540m/1771ft
  - **Map** OS Explorer 124 *Hastings & Bexhill*; 125 *Romney Marsh, Rye & Winchelsea*
- The route out of Battle follows the 1066 Country Walk, with its red roundels, over gently undulating Sussex woods and farmland for **5 miles** to Westfield. The way climbs steeply as you approach the top of the downs at Icklesham, reached after **5 miles**, followed by another gentle stretch, with views out to sea, for **2.3 miles** to Winchelsea. After Winchelsea comes a steep descent to the marshes, where you leave the route of the 1066 Country Walk and strike out for **3 miles** to reach Rye.

### Rye to Appledore

**12.3 miles (19.8km)**

- **Time** 4hrs 15mins actual walking time
  - **Total ascent** 142m/466ft
  - **Map** OS Explorer 125 *Romney Marsh, Rye & Winchelsea*
- Make sure you have plenty of food and water with you on this section. It's over low-lying, and very flat, Romney Marsh. From Rye you pick up the route of the Saxon Shore Way along the River Rother, and then the Royal Military Canal, before crossing farmland to the first of four lovely Romney Marsh churches, at Fairfield, reached after **5.9 miles**. Brookland is a further **1.9 miles**, followed by Brenzett in **1.8 miles** and Snargate in **1.4 miles**. The railway station at Appledore is another **1.3 miles**.

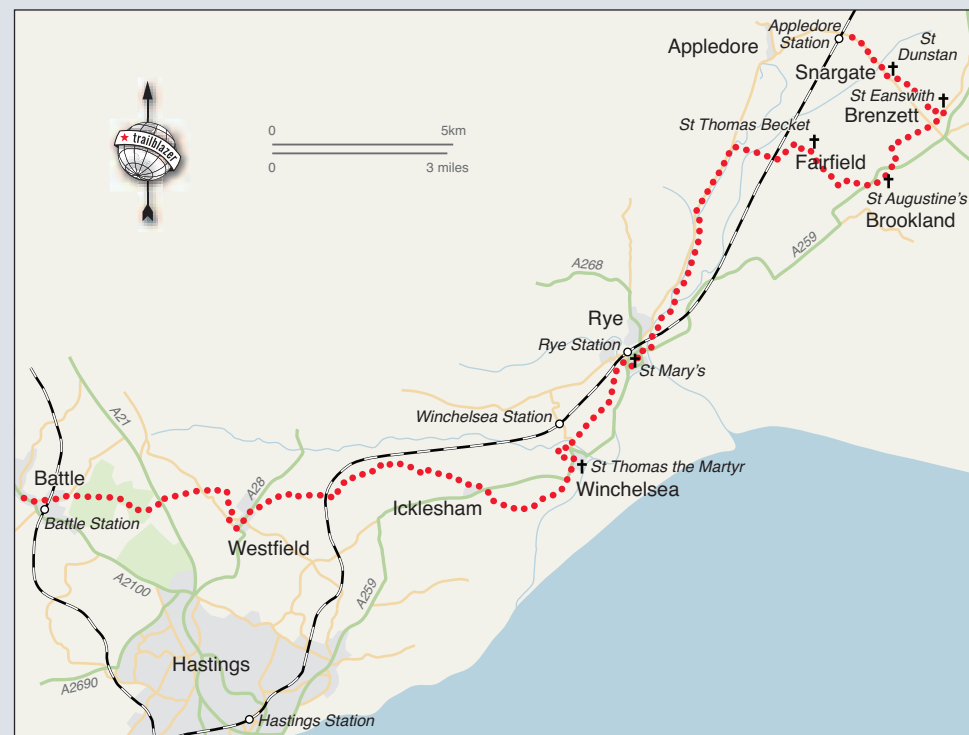
### Day walk options

If you only have one day, start the walk from Rye.

- **By public transport** Railway stations in Battle, Winchelsea, Rye & Appledore.
- **Taxi option** Canterbury Taxis (☎ 01227 444444, [canterburytaxi.co.uk](http://canterburytaxi.co.uk))

### Where to eat or stay along the way

- **Battle** Stay at the *Abbey Hotel* (☎ 01424-772755, [abbeyhotelbattle.co.uk](http://abbeyhotelbattle.co.uk), 84 High St).



- **Westfield Eat** at the *New Inn* (☎ 01424-752800, [newinnwestfield.com](http://newinnwestfield.com); food Sat noon-3pm, Main Rd) or later, when you reach **Icklesham**, eat at the *Queen's Head* (☎ 01424-814552, [queenshead.com](http://queenshead.com); food noon-8pm, to 9pm Fri & Sat).
- **Rye Stay** at *The Standard Inn* (☎ 01797-225231, [thestandardinnrye.co.uk](http://thestandardinnrye.co.uk), The Mint) or *Haydens* (☎ 01797-224501, [haydensinrye.co.uk](http://haydensinrye.co.uk), 108 High St). **Drink** at the *Waterworks Micropub* (☎ 01797-224110, [ryewaterworks.co.uk](http://ryewaterworks.co.uk); noon-10pm, Tower St) and choose from a dozen local ales or ciders. **Eat** at *Webbe's at the Fish Café* (☎ 01797-222210, [webbesrestaurants.co.uk](http://webbesrestaurants.co.uk); 6pm-9.30pm, Tower St) where booking is essential.
- **Snargate Drink** to mark the last leg of your walk at the *Red Lion* ([theromneymarsh.net/redlion](http://theromneymarsh.net/redlion); noon-4pm, 7pm-10.30pm, a perfect time-warp pub).

### PILGRIMAGE HIGHLIGHTS

- **Visit Battle Abbey** ([english-heritage.org.uk](http://english-heritage.org.uk); 10am-4pm) where William the Conqueror's victory, church-building and pilgrimage all come together.
- Enjoy a fine variety of landscapes, from woodland walking to **sea views**.
- Explore the pilgrim town of Winchelsea, and its church of **St Thomas** ([winchelseachurch.co.uk](http://winchelseachurch.co.uk); 10am-4pm, German St).
- Climb the tower at **St Mary's, Rye** ([ryeparishchurch.org.uk](http://ryeparishchurch.org.uk); 9.15am-5.15pm, winter to 4.15pm, Church Sq) for the spectacular views over Romney Marsh.

			<b>Walk 2: Battle to Appledore</b>
<b>Distance from start</b>	<b>Distance from last direction</b>	<b>OS refs</b>	<b>Direction</b>
0	0	TQ 74840 15803	From Battle Abbey turn right into Upper Lake and continue to the junction.
360yds/330m	360yds/330m	TQ 75178 15723	Take the left fork into Marley Lane and continue across the railway lane. When the houses on the right give way to fields, look out for a footpath on the right signposted 1066 Country Walk.
0.8mile/1.3km	0.6mile/970m	TQ 75178 15723	Take footpath right into Great Wood, signposted 1066 Country Walk.
1.7miles/2.7km	0.9mile/1.4km	TQ 77479 15939	After the third footpath junction, the path forks. Take the right branch of path to stay on the 1066 Country Walk.
2miles/3.3km	660yds/600m	TQ 77898 15626	Emerge from woods to cross golf course, signposted 1066 Country Walk.
2.3miles/3.7km	440yds/400m	TQ 78463 15627	At Norton's Farm, follow the farm track, signposted 1066 Country Walk, that leads to the A21 (Kent St).
2.6miles/4.3km	660yds/600m	TQ 78765 15798	When you reach the A21 turn left and walk along until just past the turning into Sedlescombe Golf Club.
2.7miles/4.4km	110yds/100m	TQ 78705 15879	Cross over the A21 and take the footpath straight ahead, signposted 1066 Country Walk. Signposting on this section of the walk is less comprehensive.
2.8miles/4.6km	220yds/200m		Stile taking path into wood is obscured and path overgrown. Follow edge of field and bear left when track enters wood.
2.9miles/4.7km	110yds/100m		Pick up signposted 1066 Country Walk again.
3miles/4.9km	220yds/200m	TQ 79165 16016	Cross over track leading to Great Buckhurst Farm and pass to the north of it, continuing until you reach Wheel Lane just after a pond on the right. <b>WARNING:</b> Take care to identify path correctly, 1066 Country Walk signs are faded.
3.5miles/5.6km	770yds/700m	TQ 79926 16195	Turn right on Wheel Ln, close to Spraysbridge Farm. After 50m, turn left off the lane, signposted 1066 Country Walk.

3.9miles/6.3km	770yds/700m	TQ 80178 16201	At a T-junction of paths, turn right to walk close to a stream, and passing a pond on your right.
4.3miles/7km	770yds/700m	TQ 80578 16239	Just after the pond turn right, leaving route of 1066 Country Walk, to follow a footpath running past industrial buildings which rejoins Wheel Ln.
4.4miles/7.2km	220yds/200m	TQ 80654 15469	Turn left into Wheel Ln.
4.5miles/7.3km	110yds/100m	TQ 80704 15433	After 100m bear left at fork into Vicarage Ln and continue to the church.
4.9miles/7.8km	550yds/500m	TQ 80980 15209	St John the Baptist church, Westfield. To continue turn left onto the A28, passing through Westfield to the crossroads.
5miles/8.1km	220yds/200m		The New Inn, a suggested lunch stop, is at the crossroads on the left. To continue, keep going straight on along the A28 and after passing Westfield School, look out for a 1066 Country Walk signpost on the right, just before Westfield Surgery.
8.4km/5.2miles	220yds/200m	TQ 81370 15742	Leave the main road, turning right onto footpath, signposted 1066 Country Walk and continue along, crossing lane to Downoak Farm.
9km/5.6miles	440yds/400m	TQ 81763 15957	Just past Downoak Farm, take path to right of lane, signposted 1066 Country Walk and continue past two fields and across the third.
9.6km/5.9miles	330yds/300m	TQ 82312 16135	Bear right, to pass to the left of woodland, then pick up track to Pattleton's Farm.
6.2mile/10km	110yds/100m	TQ 82622 16134	At Pattleton's Farm, bear right through farmyard then take the footpath off to the left, across fields and a small stream, to the railway line.
6.6miles/10.7km	770yds/700m	TQ 83442 16167	<b>CAUTION</b> cross railway tracks and continue straight on until you reach a track at Ashenden.
6.8miles/11km	330yds/300m	TQ 83735 16172	At Ashenden, turn left along track, which soon meets Fourteen Acre Ln. Turn left onto lane and continue past Doleham Hill, following the lane as it bends round to the right, up to a concreted farm track on left.
7.3miles/11.7km	770yds/700m	TQ 84132 16592	Turn left up concreted farm track to Lower Lidham Hill Farm.

7.5miles/12.1km	440yds/400m	TQ 84373 16736	Immediately after passing through the yard at Lower Lidham Hill Farm, take footpath, signposted 1066 Country Walk, and continue across fields.
7.9miles/12.7km	660yds/600m	TQ 84906 17116	Turn right, signposted 1066 Country Walk, along a valley.
8miles/13km	330yds/300m	TQ 85118 17034	Turn left, signposted 1066 Country Walk, to climb uphill towards Lower Snailham until you reach a farm track. Turn right onto the track and continue along between fields then through trees until you reach the track for Brook Farm on the left.
8.8miles/14.2km	0.7mile/1.2km	TQ 86242 16853	Turn left on track for Brook Farm.
8.9miles/14.4km	220yds/200m		At Brook Farm, bear left and walk through farm yard.
9.3miles/15.1km	770yd/700m		Ignore the path going right, and keep straight on.
9.4miles/15.2km	110yds/100m		Follow grassy route straight uphill towards Icklesham.
9.7miles/15.6km	440yds/400m	TQ 87451 16646	Reach lane at Icklesham and continue along past houses on your right to the Queen's Head pub, another possible lunch stop.
9.9miles/16km	440yds/400m	TQ 87820 16619	Reach the Queen's Head, Icklesham. To continue, carry on down the lane towards the A259.
10miles/16.1km	110yds/100m		Go straight across the A259 and straight ahead between the houses on Workhouse Ln to the footpath on the left.
10.1miles/16.2km	110yds/100m	TQ 87908 16422	Turn left, signposted 1066 Country Walk
10.2miles/16.4km	220yds/200m	TQ 88028 16452	Where the footpath turns sharp right, turn left for All Saints and St Nicholas, Icklesham. To continue, return to the footpath.
10.4miles/16.7km	330yds/300m	TQ 88180 16260	Just after Manor Farm, turn right, signposted 1066 Country Walk.
10.5miles/17km	330yds/300m	TQ 88175 16224	A few metres after joining the lane, take the path to your left, signposted 1066 Country Walk, keeping windmill to your right. Continue across fields to Wickham Rock Ln.
10.8miles/17.4km	440yds/400m	TQ 88874 15966	Turn left into lane, then take path signposted 1066 Country Walk across more fields to again encounter Wickham Rock Ln.

11.4miles/18.1km	770yds/700m	TQ 89496 16242	Go straight across lane, turn right in field on far side, passing to the right of Wickham Manor, dipping into a valley, then climbing up towards Winchelsea until you reach a lane called Monk's Walk.
11.9miles/19.2km	0.7mile/1.1km	TQ 90315 16882	Turn right into Monk's Walk, then bear left to follow it into Winchelsea.
12.3miles/19.8km	660yds/600m	TQ 90499 17360	Arrive at St Thomas, Winchelsea. To continue, leave churchyard by path leading past the New Inn and take Hiham Green.
12.4miles/20km	220yds/200m	TQ 90447 17525	Turn left into Mill Rd, then cross A259 and continue up lane.
12.5miles/20.2km	220yds/200m	TQ 90203 17540	At the lane end, follow path as it bears right and descends hillside, signposted 1066 Country Walk
13miles/21km	880yds/800m	TQ 90280 17778	Reaching A259, turn left along Station Rd and continue along to Ferry Bridge over the River Brede.
13.1miles/21.1km	110yds/100m	TQ 90369 17956	At Ferry Bridge, cross the river then take the footpath leaving the lane on your right. At this point you leave the 1066 Country Walk. The path crosses fields and several small streams with footbridges, then picks up a track on the outskirts of Rye that leads to the A259.
14.9miles/24km	1.8miles/2.9km	TQ 91738 20198	Reach A259, Winchelsea Rd, and turn left to enter Rye. Continue to the roundabout then go right, keeping the River Brede to your right.
15miles/24.1km	110yds/100m		Turn left on The Deals and keep straight for Mermaid St
15.1miles/24.2km	110yds/100m		Turn right into Traders Passage to reach Watchbell St.
15.2miles/24.5km	330yds/300m		Arrive at St Anthony, Rye. Continue along Watchbell St to Church Sq, and St Mary's, taking the path through the churchyard to your left.
15.3miles/24.6km	110yds/100m	TQ 92168 20303	Arrive at St Mary, Rye. To continue along the route of the walk, turn left into Lion St in front of the main entrance to St Mary's. In 75m, at the High St, turn right. After 70m turn left off High St to descend Conduit St. In 120m, at the bottom of Conduit St, turn right into Landgate and follow it as it bears left. When you reach the Queen's Head, on your right, look out

			for a narrow alley passing beneath the building. Take the alley to descend steps and emerge in Bedford Pl, the A268. Turn right on Bedford Pl and walk a few metres to the mini roundabout where the A268 and A259 meet.
15.6miles/25.2km	660yds/600m	TQ 92274 20627	Turn left onto A259, crossing over to take the footbridge beside the road over the River Rother.
15.8miles/25.4km	220yds/200m	TQ 92525 20669	Immediately after crossing over the river, turn left, crossing the road and picking up the footpath on the far bank of the River Rother. This stretch of the route follows the Saxon Shore Way.
16.6miles/26.7km	0.8mile/1.3km		Pass lock, and continue along riverside path until you reach Iden Lock, where the River Rother and the Royal Military Canal meet.
18.4miles/29.6km	1.8miles/2.9km	TQ 93660 24433	Turn left, take footbridge over canal, then turn right onto Military Rd, walking in road for a short stretch.
18.7miles/30.1km	550yds/500m		Take footpath on your right. The route now follows the Royal Military Canal. Continue along the canal path until you reach Stone Bridge.
19.2miles/30.9km	880yds/800m	TQ 94632 26488	Take footpath on right over Stone Bridge and bear slight left to continue across two fields, crossing a footbridge over a stream, to the railway line.
20.5miles/33.1km	220yds/200m	TQ 95766 26178	<b>CAUTION:</b> Cross railway line and bear left to pick up farm track, passing to the left of Becket's Court towards Becket Barn Farm.
21miles/33.9km	880yds/800m	TQ 96364 26604	Turn right at the lane. The key for St Thomas Becket church, Fairfield is hanging outside Becket Barn Farm.
21.2miles/34.1km	550yds/500m	TQ 96512 26462	Take the footpath left over the marshes to St Thomas's
21.3miles/34.4km	330yds/300m	TQ 96677 26491	Arrive at St Thomas Becket church. To continue, pick up the footpath again and cross four more footbridges to the lane.
21.4miles/34.5km	110yds/100m	TQ 96894 26345	At the lane, go slight left as you cross over and pick up the path on the other side. Pass to the right of Old Farm and continue across fields to the lane junction.
22miles/35.5km	0.6mile/1km	TQ 97483 25638	At the lane junction close to Poplar Hall, continue straight ahead and follow the lane round to the right, with the houses on your left, up to Harvey Farm.

22.2miles/35.8km	330yds/300m	TQ 97678 25433	Just after Harvey Farm turn left onto Salter's Ln and continue along to Elm Cottage.
22.5miles/36.3km	550yds/500m	TQ 97908 25673	Just after Elm Cottage take footpath on right.
22.6miles/36.4km	110yds/100m		At the end of a line of trees, turn left then turn right across the footbridge and track diagonally left across field, aiming for the far end of another line of trees sticking out into the field. Continue diagonally left to the corner of the next field until you reach the A259.
22.8miles/36.8km	440yds/400m	TQ 98410 25497	Cross A259 to the left of Hamilton Farm and pick up path leading left. When you reach the lane opposite Brookland village hall bear right to St Augustine's church.
23.2miles/37.4km	660yds/600m	TQ 98944 25808	Arrive at St Augustine's church, Brookland. To continue turn right onto High St through the village.
23.4miles/37.7km	330yds/300m	TQ 99189 26005	At the far end of the village, take footpath on left, leading diagonally right across a field towards the A259.
23.5miles/37.8km	110yds/100m		Cross A259 and pick up path on opposite side across a field to Oldhouse Ln.
23.6miles/37.9km	110yds/100m	TQ 99173 26163	Turn right to follow Oldhouse Ln.
23.8miles/38.3km	440yds/400m		Follow Oldhouse Ln when it turns sharp left and becomes Carter Ln, continuing up to the T-junction.
24.1miles/38.8km	550yds/500m	TQ 99332 26767	Turn right at T-junction onto King St. <b>CAUTION: there is an unmanned level crossing shortly after you join King St.</b> After the level crossing continue straight on to the roundabout in Brenzett.
24.8miles/39.9km	0.7mile/1.1km	TR 00285 27268	Arriving at Brenzett, continue straight on across the B2080 to pick up the lane on the far side.
25miles/40.3km	550yds/500m	TR 00579 27672	Shortly after Church Ln, turn left onto Jubilee path to St Eanswith's church.
25.1miles/40.4km	110yds/100m	TR 00501 27729	Arrive at St Eanswith's church, Brenzett. To continue, walk on through the churchyard and cross a stile to pick up a path bearing left along field margin to another stile, taking you to Church Ln.

25.2miles/40.5km	110yds/100m	TR 00387 27659	Turn right on Church Ln.
25.6miles/41.3km	880yds/800m	TQ 99908 28049	When Church Ln turns sharp right, take track on left which snakes between gulleys and through fields towards St Dunstan's, Snargate.
26.3miles/42.4km	0.7mile/1.1km	TQ 99071 28643	Arrive at St Dunstan's church. To continue, on leaving St Dunstan's churchyard, turn right on the lane.
26.4miles/42.5km	110yds/100m	TQ 99039 28566	Reach the B2080. The Red Lion, Snargate, is directly opposite. To continue, take the B2080 (turning right if coming from the church, left if leaving the pub) which will take you all the way to Appledore station.
27.6miles/44.5km	1.2miles/2km	TQ 97589 29780	Arrive at Appledore Station.