

Walk Number H1

HOTHFIELD



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Distance – Approx. 6½ miles

Time to Complete – Allow up to 4 Hours

Dog Friendly Walk

Parking on Road

Hothfield is situated about 6 miles from Broadhembry Camp site just west of Ashford.

This is a pleasant walk that takes you through woods, across fields, and over rivers. Although quite long this walk should be enjoyed by anyone who just wants to get a bit of peace and quiet for a while. There are some slight hills to climb but these are often not even noticed until you look back on your self. Some of the paths can be a bit muddy so good footwear is recommended.

Should you want to take a picnic with you then there are a number of spots where this can be done.

During the walk there is an optional diversion to Hothfield Lake where you can view the waterfall.

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From the Post Office turn right and continue up the road to the T Junction. Walk down the road for about 9 minutes and turn left at Byway onto the Stour Valley Walk.



Cross over the river and continue for about 15 minutes until you come to the road. Turn left and continue until you come to Bear Lane then turn right.



Walk down Bear Lane for a few yards and take footpath on your left through the hedge. Turn right over the stile and continue to next stile. Cross stile and continue forward until you come to the woods. Keep woods to your right until you come to another stile. Cross this stile and follow path through the woods.

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At the end of the path cross stile and cross field towards the road. Left at road and look out for footpath on your right. Take this footpath and continue straight ahead between the pavilion and the sport field. Cross next stile.



Cross next field and cross the next stile. Cross the next stile by the river and continue to next stile. Cross this and follow the line of the telegraph poles to next stile.



Cross next stile and follow path keeping trees to your left. Cross Bridge and turn right. Continue to next gate and go through. This might be a good time for your picnic. Sit by the river and admire the countryside.

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Follow path up hill and pass through four gates. Continue keeping the houses to your right. bear left after houses.



Take path to your left to follow the Green Sands Way. Follow path through two gates across field. Continue into wood keeping the road to your right. At the end of the path join the road at the T junction.



To view Hothfield lake and waterfall continue across the road and look for footpath on your right. Take this path up to the lake and onto the waterfall.



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Return to the T junction by road and go through gate on your right. Continue across field and cross bridge. Bear left after the bridge and continue to next stile. Cross stile and head towards the houses looking for the gate in the far left hand corner of the field. Turn right onto the road to return to your start point.

Note: - Please follow the country code and ensure all gates are left closed and that dogs are kept on leads where farm animals are around.

When walking it is the walkers' responsibility to ensure they stay on public rights of way.