

Walk Number W1

WYE



Explorer Map 137

Distance – 4.5 miles

Times to complete – Aprox 2.5 hours

Dog Friendly Walk

Parking – plenty of on road parking

This walk starts from the church in Wye and follows the North Downs way and the Stour Valley Walk taking in some stunning views of the country side.

This walk shows off Kent at it's best. It starts in the village of Wye which sits on the Great Stour and takes a circular route up onto the North Downs above the Wye Crown before returning through some really beautiful countryside.

Wye is probably best known for the crown that's carved into the chalk hillside. This was done by students from the nearby college to commemorate the coronation of King Edward VIII in 1902.

The walk is quite hilly at times and there are two steep gradients to climb. The remainder of the walk is flat or gentle sloping ground.

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The walk starts by entering the church yard. Before entering take time to look at the blue plate on the outside church wall. This depicts the spot where two men were burnt at the stake in 1557 for their faith. Enter the church yard and take the footpath to the left. Go through gate and turn right.



Follow path to road and cross it. Continue past college and houses to metal gate. Pass through gate and continue along footpath. Keep following path as it climbs towards the woods. This might be a good place to take a break as the next section through the woods is very steep. Continue through the woods.



At the end of the path turn right onto the North Down Way. Look for footpath on your right at the point where the woods end. Turn right and continue along path. At the end of the path go through the gate and continue to next gate and turn left staying on the North Down Way.

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Continue along path and stop at the top of the Wye Crown to take in the view looking west across the Kentish country side. Having rested continue along path until you come to a kissing gate. Pass through this and turn immediately left and go through gate.

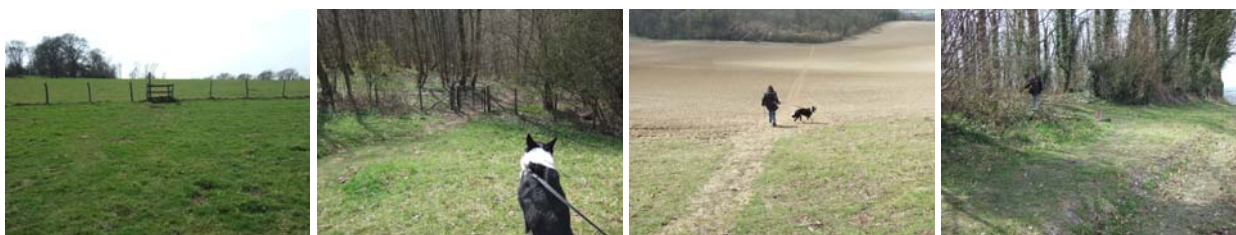


Continue until you come to metal gate. Go through this and turn right. Keep trees to your right. At gate go through and bear to the right. At the end of the path turn left and follow path enjoying some more scenery.



Go through metal gate and continue along ignoring the footpath at the farm. A few yards on you will come to a junction by a large tree. The path splits into three. Take the left hand path and continue to next gate.

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Cross the field to the next stile and cross it. Head across field to trees. Go through the kissing gates and cross the field. At tree line turn right and look for footpath on your left. Take this path through the woods.



Continue through the woods until you come to some steps down to the road. Cross the road and climb the steps on the opposite side and continue down the path. At the end go through the gate or gap in the fence. Cross the road and continue on the footpath. Ignore the Wibberley Way path and take the left path.

Go over the stile and cross the field.

At the end of the field turn right and return to the church.

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.