

Haresfield and Harescombe

7 miles 11.3km

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Start . . . Beacon Hotel, Haresfield

This is a good walk with fine views but can be very steep in places.

From the Beacon Hotel turn left over railway crossing (obeying lights) turn right along road for 250m cross stile on left, half right across field to right hand corner. Continue in same direction to rear of church, cross churchyard to right of church exit via main gate then immediately through kissing gate on left. Follow left hand hedge bearing right to cross end of field and over stile to road, turn right. Over railway bridge turn left, in 200m cross stile on left, straight across field to stile and sleeper bridge, straight across field in direction of projecting hedge (stile in end) turn slightly left to left hand corner of next field and footbridge, cross diagonally over further field to reach road.

Cross road over stile, through short copse over further stile to follow right hand hedge, cross footbridge at field corner to ascend next field in direction of oak tree (right), through gate bear half right across field towards farm buildings. Through gate and keep to right hand hedge for a short way before bearing left to pass through two gates and farmyard, on right hand of buildings into lane, turn right. At 80m go through gate on left and diagonally across field to stile into lane, cross lane to go through cottage garden, over stile and keeping close to Daniel's Brook on left continue through meadows to stile across brook opposite old barn, ascend bank to lane, (A) turn left to Harescombe Church enter churchyard.

Exit churchyard in top right hand corner via stile (not kissing gate) follow hedge on right to go through gateway, across field to lane, left up lane for 100m turn right through gate and cross field diagonally to exit on left of cottage. Cross lane, over stile and climb field following line of cottage hedge to cross stile at top. Follow hedge on right and over stile into lane, turn left and after 175 m over stile between cottages on right to follow narrow path over stile into field. Cross field bearing slightly left over stile on left to turn sharp right and follow narrow path parallel with track to stile into field. Keeping on this level, cross field and exit over stile into lane, turn left, ascend lane to turn right onto bridlepath. In 70m turn right into cottage garden, bear left between hedges to woodland path and descend to metal road, turn left. Continue along road through gate marked

"Private Drive", at sharp right hand bend, over stile on left, cross field to stile by gate, then keeping at same level find gate in bottom right hand corner, through gate and follow boundary fence to stile onto track. Follow track to metalled road. Turn right at 300m passing Woodbine Cottage. After next telephone pole and before telephone pole No.11, turn left over stile, cross large field keeping to right of trees in centre, over stile and ascend to brow of hill, turn right to keep hedge on left. At end of hedge where it turns left, cross field diagonally left, over fence to follow gully down to track passing near to reservoir (covered) on right.

At track, turn right, through gate (B) and take stile into field on left just past fir wood. Cross field diagonally down to gate and bridge, cross and over stile immediately on right, turn left and follow hedge to bridge in left hand corner. Over bridge to stile in left hand fence, cross field straight ahead, and through gate to cross paddock to road. Turn right then left along road back to Beacon Hotel.

Shorter Walk with no steep ascents or descents.

At point (A) turn right along lane, then left for 60m, right into Hayes farm. Cross stone stile to continue up drive (please respect the farm's property) between barns on right and through gates to ascend field at rear, cross field bearing slightly left and cross further field to far right hand corner, follow right hand hedge of next field to right hand corner, go through gate to wide track and turn right (B).

• Points of interest -

1. Harescombe Church.
2. Haresfield Manor (moat)

• Places to eat -

The Beacon Hotel, Haresfield.

- Parking is possible in the vicinity of the Beacon Hotel.

Follow arrows with yellow dot. Sometimes plastic arrows with black centre dot may be used.

We advise that the relevant OS Pathfinder Map be used in conjunction with this leaflet

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