

Shepherdswell: Walk 1

Start: Shepherdswell Church, CT15 7LG

Distance: 4.8 miles (7.7 kms)

Map Reference: OS Explorer Map 138 TR261477

What 3 Words: cabs.rewrites.country

Link to start location: [Grid Reference Finder](#) | [OpenStreetMap](#)

Refreshments: The Bell Inn, Shepherdswell or the Two Sawyers, Woolage Green.

Public Transport: Bus no. 89A Dover / Canterbury

When the calendar was published in 2014, this walk was part of a longer figure of 8 route. It therefore can be completed as either one single long walk, or two separate, shorter walks.

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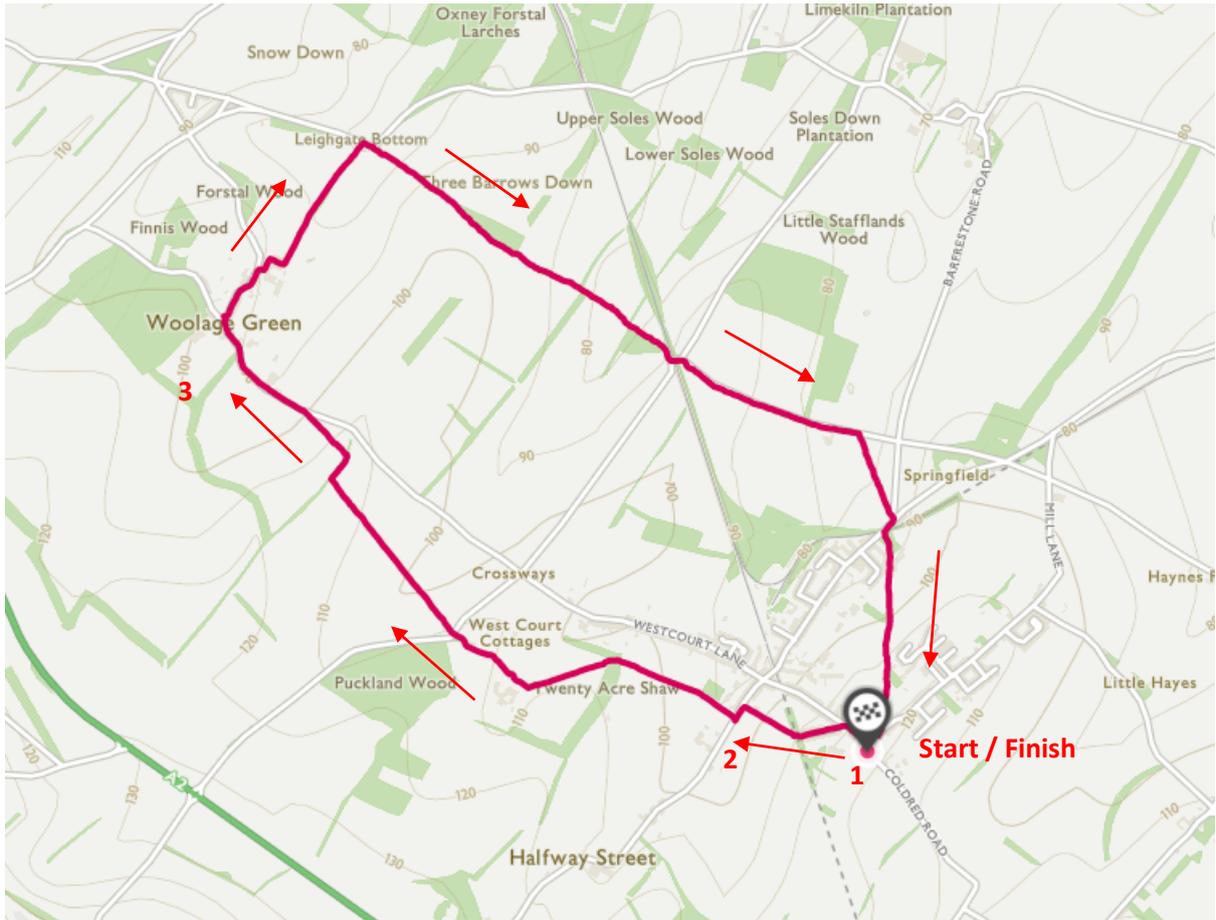
1. With The Bell pub on your **L**, walk down the hill towards the station for approx. 90 yds, and take the track on your **L** (Moorland Road), which passes between houses, and at the bottom go through the line of trees to an open field. Follow the field edge to the right, passing the allotments on the right. Bear left, continuing along the field edge until you reach a barrier and descend the steps. **Take care here as you come out onto busy road.** Cross over the road and through the gap into field and continue in a straight line uphill towards another line of trees, make sure you keep hedge on your **R** just before the top. Go through the trees slightly to **R**, where you will go through a gate, in the distance you will see the white house of West Court farm, walk towards the barn with three windows in roof. As you approach the farm a stile can be seen in a fence, after crossing the stile you will see two more stiles ahead (avoid going into the dip in field as this is an old pond and can be very boggy).
2. Cross the two stiles continue uphill and over stile at top, and on toward the building ahead on the **R** and gate. You will come out onto the bend in road, cross over and there is a long path straight ahead. When you reach the trees turn **R** and after approximately 100 yards there should be a gap on the **L** for you to go through. There is a way marker, but it can be well hidden. Go through the trees and through the gate, continue slightly to **R**, heading for a gate and finger-post and village sign which should come into view.
3. At the road bear **L**, and continue through to Woolage Green, the road bears to the **R** (village green on **L**) until you reach end of village. At the 2nd track (ignoring the first main farm entrance track) on your **R** walk downhill past Woolage Farm, and then turn **L** at bottom, continue until you reach road at Leighgate Bottom. Turn **R** along road for a short distance and in front you will see a track, the North Downs Way (NDW). From this point you will be following the NDW back to

Shepherdswell. Keep on this track until you reach the railway bridge, go **L** over bridge and then **R** into Long Lane. Continue past Long Lane Farm and take path to **R**, go through a kissing gate and out onto road, turn **R** over a level crossing and immediately take path on **L** through a wooden gate. Continue in same direction through gate and between horse paddock, 2 more farm gates with pedestrian access and up to top of hill to gate, continue between the houses onto road. Turn **R** here and you are back at the Church and village green.

This walk was originally conceived by Gordon Sencicle for the 25th Anniversary of White Cliffs Ramblers in 2014.

The description was checked and updated by Anne and Tony Bristow in March 2021. The gpx file that accompanies this walk was generated by Tony Bristow from the original walk description. Whilst every effort has been made to check the accuracy of this description, this cannot be guaranteed, especially over time. For example, in this case a footpath across a field near the start had been diverted to follow the field edge. You should therefore always carry an up-to-date map with you.

All sporting and leisure activities have inherent hazards associated with them and rambling is no exception. Although safety is a paramount concern, accidents will occasionally occur. It is important, therefore, that when entering into the activity, each individual appreciates that they have a responsibility to identify the hazards associated with it and take all reasonable steps to eliminate or minimise the potential for an accident to happen.



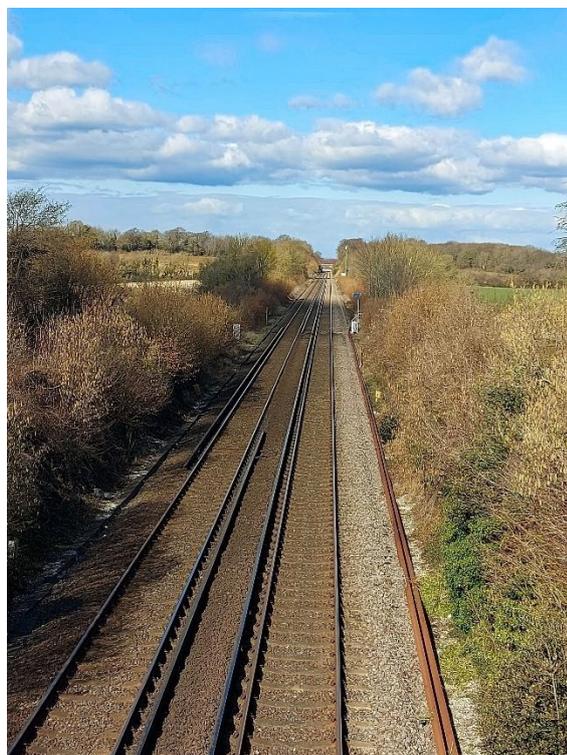
This map is based on a gpx file and utilising Ordnance Survey Open Data mapping.



Barn at West Court Farm see point 1.



*Hidden way marker post
and gate - see point 2.*



Photographs: Tony Bristow, March 2021