

THE PIG-at Bridge Place - Walk 1

Elham Valley Way & North Downs Way

Approx. 5.6 miles (135 minutes)



This walk will take you down the Elham Valley Way through the villages of Bishopsbourne and Kingston. You then cross over the A2 and come back along the North Downs Way. The walk is very flat and is generally dry under foot. You pass by the Mermaid Inn and Black Robin pub. When you reach the cross at Bishopsbourne church a short detour to the left will bring you to a tea room.

As you exit the main gate of the hotel, turn left by a large pine tree and take path through woods parallel to the road. When the path comes out onto the road, cross over to the footpath sign.

In the field take the right-hand path keeping the road to your right. Stay on this path until you reach a kissing gate. Walk through and after 10 metres take a left-hand path through wooded area to road. Turn left and follow road for 200 metres, passing Bourne Park, to footpath sign on right. Enter through the kissing gate and bear left to fence corner. Head past large round concrete drain cover on left and walk towards the white house in the distance, with one gate and two footbridges on the way.

Go through wooden gate to left of church wall. After exiting churchyard, take road straight ahead signposted Kingston. (You can do a short detour here to the left and go to the tea rooms.) Continue along road past the village hall and The Mermaid Inn until a sharp left bend at Bishopsbourne sign. Take road on right passing Charlton Lodge. Carry on to road bend, then take bridleway number 274 on left. Walk to footbridge, then through two gates and continue straight on.

At road, turn left and after 100 metres, turn right up Church Lane to the church. Next to the church wall is a footpath sign with number 270. Take left hand fork, keeping Littlecourt to your right.

At next gate, take left fork to another gate to open field. Take path to left, to corner of field, through kissing gate and turn right on road, then left at T-junction. Walk past The Black Robin pub and CAREFULLY cross road and walk up Black Robin Lane.

Approaching the A2, take the tarmac path on the right 5 metres before A2. In 100 metres, after last house, take small uphill tarmac path, then cross over the A2 using the footbridge and turn left on tarmac path.

At the end of path turn right and join a minor tarmac/concrete road. Walk for 300 metres until you reach a gap in the hedge with a gate on your left, signposted the North Downs Way. Follow this path for around 1½ miles, crossing 2 roads.

You then come to a road bridge on the left, walk over the A2 using this bridge. Walk to the end of the road, go to the post box and CAREFULLY cross the road towards a path in the woods.

Take the right-hand path through the woods until you come to an open area. Go through gate and head straight on following direction on yellow footpath sign. Head down the hill. At the bottom you come to the gate close to where you started.

Retrace your steps back to THE PIG-at Bridge Place.



Bridge

Higham Park

Bourne Park

Bourne Park Road
Elham Valley Way

Tadpole Tearoom

St Mary's Church

Bishopsbourne

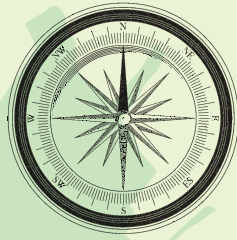
Mermaid-Inn

Charlton Lodge

Charlton Park

North Downs Way

Barham Downs



Kingston

St Giles' Church

The Black Robin

Black Robin Ln

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