

Eventually the footpath joins a track. At this point continue straight ahead as indicated by waymark. Emerge at Lower Green Road opposite the Red Lion pub. Cross the road and head up Lower Green Road, passing the Red Lion pub. Your line of direction is indicated by a High Weald Walk way marker post, on the right and opposite the Red Lion. **8**

Continue up Lower Green Road. Opposite the White Hart pub, take the footpath bearing right and which commences outside of Tower House. The path follows round a wall and under two ancient yew trees, before arriving back at St Paul's Church Centre, our start.

BED & BREAKFAST

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WALK 12

Duration:
2 hours, 8 km approx.

Highlights:
Rusthall Common, Toad Rock,
Hurst Wood, Shadwell Wood.

Terrain:
Easy going, undulating with short
climbs. Few stiles. Some muddy
patches after prolonged rain.

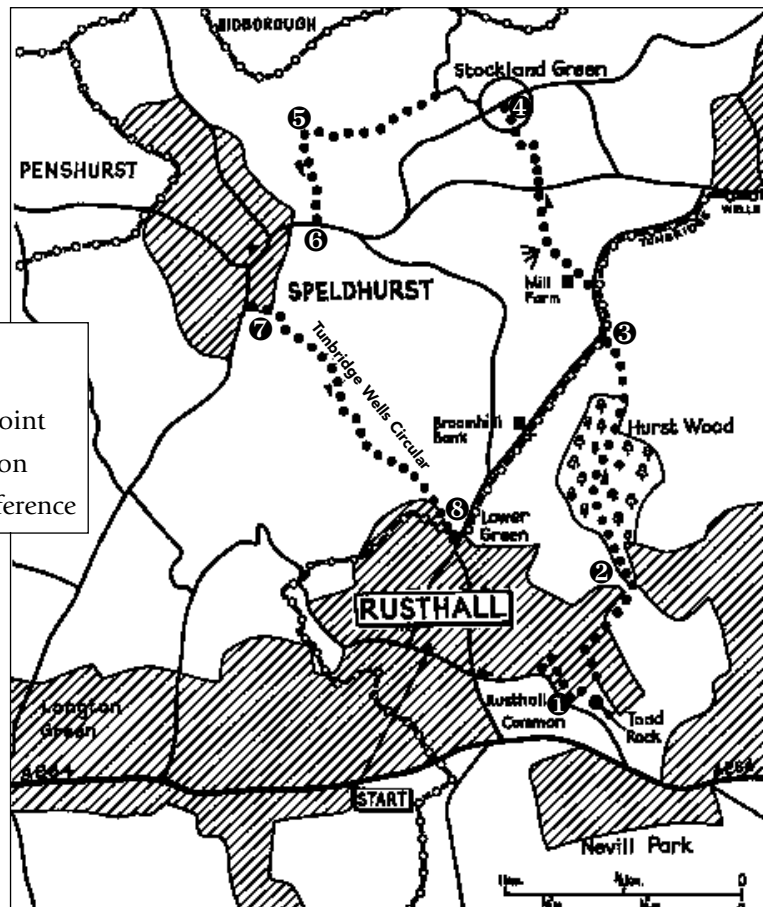
Refreshment facilities:
George and Dragon pub at
Speldhurst. The Red Lion pub in
Lower Green Road at Rusthall. The
White Hart in Lower Green Road at
Rusthall.

Starting point:
St. Paul's Church Centre, High
Street, Rusthall. O.S. Ref. 562397.

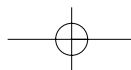
Transport facilities:
Car Parks: None
Bus Routes: 281 AK
NS: Not Sundays
AK: Arriva Kent & Sussex
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**WALK
BOUNDS**
and eat the view

Rusthall



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Route: With your back to St Paul's Church Centre, turn left following footpath by side of road, in the direction of Royal Tunbridge Wells. At cross roads (with Lower Green Road) continue in the same direction, i.e. along Rusthall Road.

Take footpath slightly left (leaving main footpath) to cross Bretland Road. Follow minor road just to the right of the Rusthall Grange sign. Bear right at Apsley Street and immediately in front of cottages. As you proceed, the road becomes a rough track. Note a fine rock exposure on the right. Follow the track which takes a sharp left before passing between rock outcrops. **1**

These rocks in this area are formed of Ardingly Sandstone and softer material has been eroded away. This area is known as Denny Bottom. Here freeholders in the Manor of Rusthall could quarry and dig for marl.

At road junction turn left down hill. A diversion can be made to the right, where after 50 metres Toad Rock can be seen on the right.

To continue the walk retrace steps downhill to cross-roads where you should turn right into Woodside Road. Continue straight ahead where houses and road ends and footpath begins. The footpath soon drops down through woods to a T junction of paths. Turn left to join public footpath signposted to Broomhill Road. **2**

Continue along footpath through Hurst Wood (Woodland Trust), ignoring the path on your left immediately after entering Hurst Wood. Leave Hurst Wood by crossing stile to path between fences and with scrub on either side. At junction of paths turn left, then pass pond on left. On emerging at road turn right downhill. **3**

Take footpath left to leave road, some 20 metres beyond entrance to Redsheen Kennels. As path climbs out of the valley and bears left there are good views of Speldhurst. Emerge at road and cross to kissing gate and footpath opposite. At T junction of paths turn left (Tunbridge Wells Circular Walk) and continue for 20 metres to kissing gate. Immediately after gate turn right following right boundary of field. Cross stile (with WW marker), bearing left as indicated. After 20 metres pass through kissing gate to emerge at road. **4**

Turn left along road for approximately 100 metres then turn right to road signed 'unsuitable for heavy vehicles'. Continue down road to take footpath left immediately after passing entrance

to a driveway to 'Willow Tree Cottage' (the first house down the lane and on the left hand side). Climb steps and follow footpath left between fences, for 20 metres. Cross stile into field and straight ahead, i.e. down right hand boundary of field. At corner of field bear right to cross stile, continuing on path No. 67 between fences.

After descending steps turn left along track for 20 metres, turning right on to footpath (No. 67) opposite 'Nutshell Cottage'. Path drops down through woodland, crossing bridge over stream, followed by stile. Bear right to follow right boundary of field, crossing stile to road immediately beside sewage works gate. **5**

Turn left along concrete road to climb away from sewage works. After approximately 200 metres where road bends right climb stile on left to continue on path No 67. Bear round to the right, and cross stile on right hand side of gate to path between fences. Emerge on to public road immediately opposite 30 speed limit sign. **6**

Turn right up hill continuing past the George and Dragon pub (unless of course you wish to stop for refreshment and victuals) to road junction opposite Speldhurst Church.

Speldhurst parish has records dating back to at least 1239. Until the 19th century, Rusthall, Groombridge and Langton Green were manors within Speldhurst. The George and Dragon is thought to have been built in 1212. There has been a church in Speldhurst since Saxon times. The present church was built in 1871 in the style of a medieval church.

Continue by walking along Langton Road which faces the church. Leave road where Tunbridge Wells Circular Walk link route is indicated on left after passing Speldhurst School. This is also the private road to several houses including Old Well House. **7**

Continue down private road until it bears left at 'Summerfield'. At this point bear right to leave the road and continue on the Tunbridge Wells Circular Walk link route. Cross stile at side of gate on to descending path to Shadwell Wood. This path is waymarked as Footpath No. 77. Cross stile and after descending through the woodland cross bridge bear immediately right and follow path up-hill. At the junction of paths continue straight ahead. 20 metres further on bear left to once again follow the Tunbridge Wells Circular Walk link route. Cross stile and follow path outline which is slightly left of route indicated by the waymark. At top of field cross stile to footpath between fences.