

BED & BREAKFAST

Biddenden

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PRODUCERS

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Seasonal fruit and vegetables.
All year daily 7-5.

845 312 – Rolvenden
Organiser: Mrs Shelley Mitchell –
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Wine, cider and brandy, perry and apple juice,
contract bottling
All year Mon-Sat 10-5. Sun 11-5. Bank Holidays 11-5.
Jan-Feb Mon-Sat 10-5. Sun 11-5.

WALK 19

Duration:
2 hours, 7.2 Km approx.

Highlights:
Benenden, its charming village green and church.
Good views of the High Weald.

Terrain:
Lanes, tracks, field and woodland paths. Some muddy woodland sections. Undulating but no major climbs.

Refreshment facilities:
Bull Inn and King William IV pub on B2086 at Benenden.

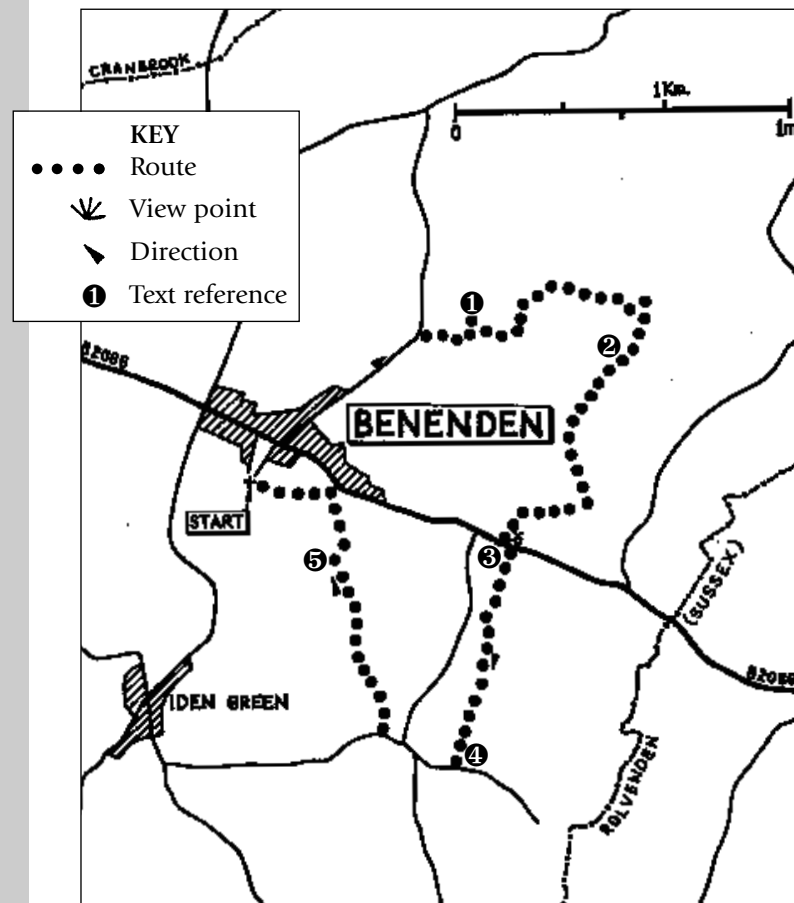
Starting point:
Benenden Church.
O.S. Ref. 808327

Transport facilities:
No public car parks but possible to park on minor road skirting the village green.
Bus Routes:- 255 AK(NS),
292 AK(NS), 297 AK/NV,
299 AK (NS + infrequent).

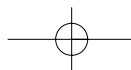
NS: Not Sunday
AK: Arriva Kent & Sussex,
Telephone: 01634 281100


WALK
BOUNDS
and eat the view

Benenden



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 **Route:** From Benenden church, walk down the right hand side of village green to B2086 road. Turn right and after 20 metres turn left to walk down lane which is opposite the Bull Inn. Continue along lane for approximately 900 metres. As lane descends and on a left hand bend, cross a stile which is on the right hand side. From the stile, take the left of two footpaths and proceed left of two barns, to stile in corner of fenced area. From stile, proceed down the left side of field towards small sewage works. Walk round boundary fence, keeping sewage works on your left and on, to enter woodland behind it. **1**

Descend to valley floor and cross bridge over a stream. Climb steeply for a few metres then bear right, ignoring an apparent path ahead. The woodland path gently rises and eventually meets a track. Here turn right and after 20 metres follow it as it bears left, ignoring a field entry directly ahead. Continue along the tree lined track and on meeting a junction, take the right fork. Eventually the trees give way to hedges, 100 metres after sharp left turn of the track, look to the right for a stile tucked away in the hedge. From the stile aim diagonally to the right of a small copse and descend the field to a stile in the bottom right hand corner. **2**

Enter woodland, cross bridge and turn right and continue through woods as indicated. Eventually the track rises, leaving the wood to reach more open ground. At a crossing of tracks, and immediately beyond a hedge on the right, turn right to walk along it and in the direction of a communication tower, the remains of an old windmill and a cottage. Some 50 metres before the field corner, pass through gateway on your right and continue along the left hand boundary of apple orchard. Cross stile on the left as orchard boundary bears right, and head across field, to the left of house. Cross stile and join B2086 road. **3**

At B2086, turn left and walk along road for approximately 75 metres. Take footpath to the right of road. Walk along right hand boundary of field. Here pass through gap in hedge (on right) and continue by walking slightly to the right of hedge line and aiming for an electricity pole with a band of yellow tape. Pass through another gap in hedge and at farm buildings, turn right to skirt round them to a track beyond. Cross the track to footpath. As field boundary bends left pass through gate-way and turn and walk along the right hand boundary of field, towards the left hand end of a wood. In far corner of field, pass through gate and on, parallel with right hand

boundary to stile on far side. Walk in the same line, this time across the middle of field, passing to the right of a very large oak tree and under a high voltage power route. Descend to the field bottom and stile in the hedge-line. Cross stile to lane. **4**

Turn right to walk along road. On meeting a road junction, continue ahead and bear left at a second junction, i.e. 50 metres beyond the first. Immediately after bridge over a stream (125 metres after leaving the junction) look for a way-mark post for the High Weald Landscape Trail, on the right. Cross stile then proceed by following the right hand field boundary. On reaching far corner of field cross stile and on through woodland. Cross stile and continue along right hand boundary of field. As the field boundary bears left, look out for stile to the right. Cross stile and on through another wood. On the far side, cross stile and bear left to the opposite corner of field. Do not head for a visible stile in the opposite hedge-line. At top corner of field, join track and turn right. **5**

After approximately 50 metres, turn left, through gap in hedge to another field. Proceed diagonally right to a stile on the far side of field. Cross stile and bear diagonally left. Cross stile into another field. At this point we leave the High Weald Landscape Trail by walking along the left hand boundary of field. Cross stile on the left i.e., approximately 20 metres before the field corner. From the stile bear right for some 20 metres to another stile. Cross stile and on along the left hand side of a playing field to a kissing gate to enter Benenden churchyard. Pass to the right of the church and return to the village green.

The village green at Benenden is one of the largest in Kent. In the past the green has been used for bowling, cricket, stock and pleasure fairs.