

along right hand boundary of field. From here there are excellent views of Bedgebury Forest, Kilndown and the High Weald. In far corner of field, cross stile, then left along driveway to junction with lane. After 50 metres turn right to enter churchyard. At the church door, turn left to join the charming (but somewhat spoilt by traffic) village street and return to start.

St. Mary's church provides an appropriate crown for this lovely hill top village with its fine wealden views. St. Mary's is the resting place for Sir Alexander Culpepper and his wife. The Culpeppers were a wealthy Tudor family, prominent in the iron industry.

Today Goudhurst suffers from the constant flow of traffic through the village. In earlier times the village suffered from the much feared Hawkhurst smuggling gang.

BED & BREAKFAST

Goudhurst

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Soft fruit - strawberries, raspberries, cherries, plums, tomatoes,
Xmas trees, honey, home made jams. May-Oct. 9-6.
Dec for Xmas trees.

WALK 16

Duration:
2.5 hours, 9 km approx.

Highlights:
The lovely hill-top village of Goudhurst. Splendid views of the High Weald. A mixture of open ground and woodland.

Terrain:
Undulating with a few steeper sections.

Refreshment facilities:
The Vine pub and Star and Eagle Hotel and Weeks Tea Rooms, Goudhurst.

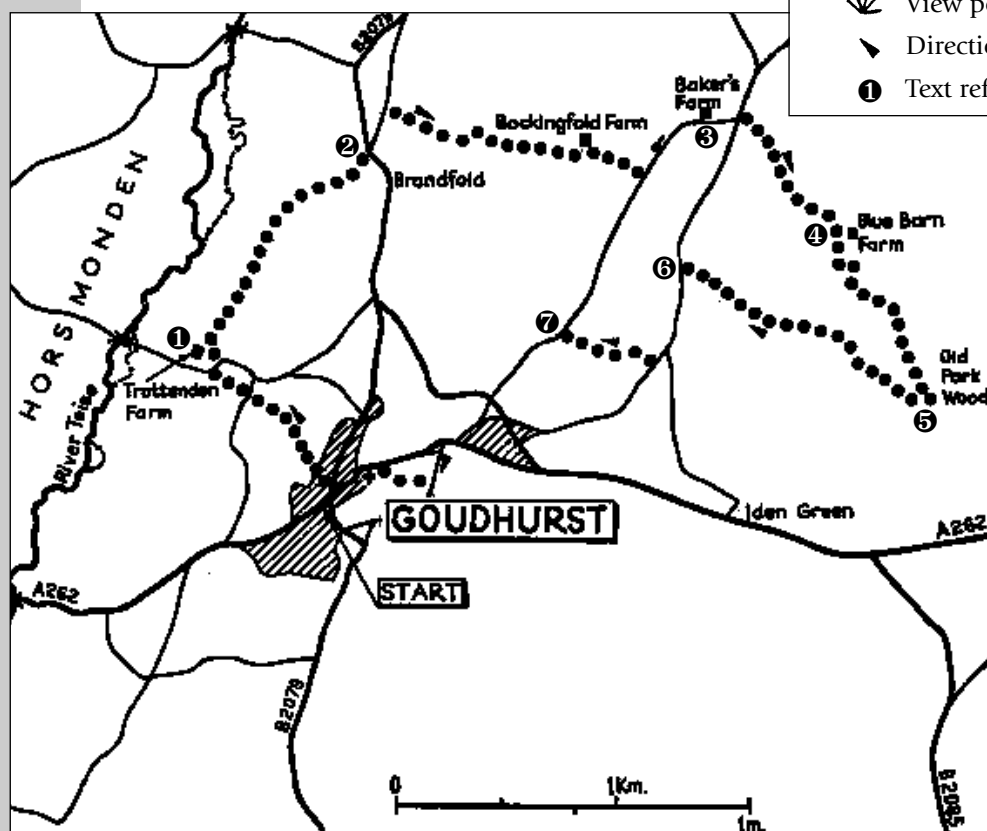
Starting point:
Village pond, Goudhurst.
O.S. Ref. 722376

Transport facilities:
Small car park 100 metres south of Goudhurst village pond on B2079.
Bus routes: 26 AK(NS),
27 AK/NK(NS), 297 AK/NV.

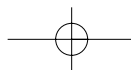
NS: Not Sundays
AK: Arriva Kent & Sussex
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WALK BOUNDS
and eat the view

Goudhurst



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 **Route:** Standing with back to village pond and facing the war memorial, cross the A262 road. Walk down the B2079. Take a footpath to the left, immediately after passing a bus shelter. The enclosed path descends to a stile. Join field and admire splendid wealden views including Horsmonden Church. Follow High Weald Landscape Trail markers to meet lane at a point where a concrete track joins it.

Cross the road and continue following the High Weald Landscape Trail to join another lane. Here turn right to junction of road and private drive. Turn left into driveway to Trottenden Farm. **1**

As driveway divides, bear to the right and along fenced drive, passing converted farm building. Cross stile to the right of two gates and on between fences. As the path opens out to field, continue in the same line as track. Cross stile and aim for a projecting corner ahead and on down the left hand boundary of field to another stile in the far corner. After crossing stile, pass through a thicket of hawthorn bushes to join a field. Here turn right and walk for approximately 100 metres round the right hand boundary of field. As field boundary bears round to the left, bear right to cross wooden footbridge which leads to another field. Walk round right hand boundary to stile ahead. Cross stile, passing pond on left, through trees and onwards. As you proceed, the path becomes a more formal track. Cross stile to right of gate and continue up track which emerges at the B2084 road. Superb wealden views can be seen from the field gate on left. **2**

Cross B2084 to walk down lane for approximately 300 metres. Take footpath on right to walk through orchard, between lines of apple trees. On far side of orchard, turn right, then 10 metres later, over stile in line of hedge. Cross another stile at the end of enclosed path. Turn left to walk down track. At gated entrance to old beamed house, pass to the right of large pine tree, and along left hand boundary of field. At end of field and junction of tracks. turn right, following field boundary, over stream and on to arrive at converted oast building (ignoring waymark prior to passing the oast building). Immediately after passing the building turn left to walk down track and then bear right to join a tarmacadam driveway and continue to lane. Turn left to walk along lane for 500 metres, passing the lovely old, Bakers Farmhouse. **3**

At road junction, cross road to footpath on far side. Cross stile and walk along track. As track bears to the left look out for gap in trees and

broken stile on the right. Walk through plantation. At junction of paths continue straight ahead to stile 50 metres further on. Cross 2 stiles within 20 metres then on along the left hand boundary of fields, crossing more stiles on the way. Cross stile, footbridge and stile then bear to the right. Aim for stile to the right of oast houses ahead. Cross two paddocks to gate on the far side. Turn left on meeting track. Pass converted oast building, i.e. Blue Barn Farm. **4**

Passing the converted oast, turn right to join tarmacadam drive. After 50 metres turn left to cross field, as indicated by waymark. On far side of field, turn right to walk along boundary. After 200 metres look out for stile on the left. Walk through wood, over track and on through chestnut coppice. On arriving at cottage on left and a surfaced track, turn right to walk along it. **5**

Pass a turning to 'The Lodge'. At junction of tracks and entrance to 'Blue Barn Farm', turn left to proceed along track through woodland. Ignore track bearing to the right, which leads into a field. Instead take path to the left, which passes under electricity cables and at the side of a pylon. Ignore path left and signed private woodland. Instead continue ahead and down to the valley floor to sleeper-bridge and stile. Continue towards stable building, stile and cottages. Proceed along fenced path, and on along left boundary of orchard. Before joining another fenced path, pause to admire views of High Weald and Greensand Ridge. Emerge from fenced path at road. **6**

Turn left to pass Forstal Wood House, fruit packing station and Cherry Garden Farm. Also pass a road on the left. 100 metres after the road junction look for steps on right to join footpath. Walk along right hand boundary of orchard, for 100 metres. Cross stile to enter another orchard and walk along its left hand boundary. In corner of field cross stile and after 5 metres bear right as indicated by waymark. Cross wooden bridge over stream and ascend out of valley floor. Pass through avenue of trees which are screening fruit trees. At top of orchard turn left to join road. **7**

At road turn left, passing converted oast houses and cottages. At crossroads (with B2084) continue straight ahead on minor road and bear right where another minor road joins it. At junction with A262 road turn right and after 20 metres bear left onto lane, immediately after passing 'Tattlebury Gallery'. Ignore road to the right and continue downhill. 100 metres on, climb steps on the right to stile and footpath