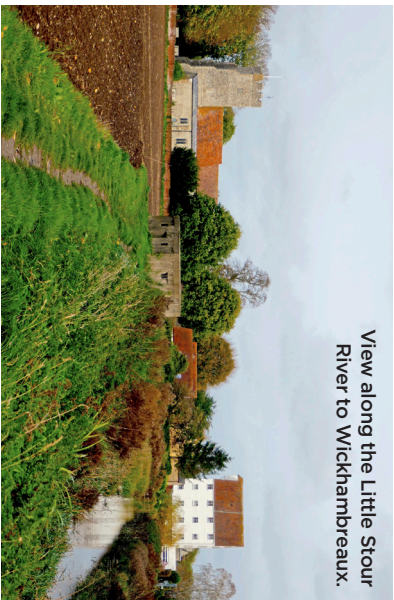


07 KENT STURRY TO UPSTREET

Distance: 10 miles/16km Time: 5 hours Grade: Challenging



View along the Little Stour River to Wickhambreaux.

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With spring blossom and strawberries, or

autumn woods full of chestnuts and fungi, this corner of Kent is abundantly fruitful. So it's not surprising that chefs in some of the excellent pubs here use plenty of local produce. On this linear walk you'll visit Fordwich, England's smallest town, and walk off your lunch on the final miles through Stodmarsh Nature Reserve.

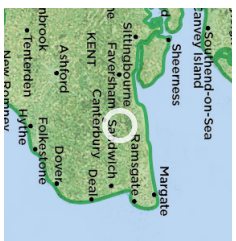
1 Start
From Sturry railway station, exit from platform 1 and turn R. Turn R again into High Street, following it L. Cross into Fordwich Road and over

bridges into Fordwich. Turn L into King Street.

2 ½ mile/0.8km
Opposite Fordwich Arms, turn R and soon L into School Lane. Keep straight past houses, through gates and on wooded path. About 300m after view of water L, turn R, at end of plantation, onto narrow, unmarked path through brambles. Follow path L to join waymarked route through sweet chestnut trees. Continue along edge of plantation on mud track. At junction, follow track R, cross lane and keep straight into woods beyond.

3 1½ miles/2.5km
Keep straight at junction on narrower track, follow it R.

PLAN YOUR WALK



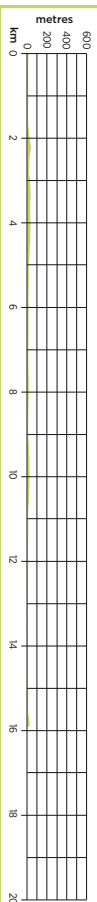
ROUTE

Start/parking Sturry railway station, CT2 0AQ, grid ref TR177604. Drivers best to park at Grove Ferry (CT3 4BP), near Pt 8, and catch bus to start.

Is it for me? Complicated hike mostly on level paths. Navigating in woods is tricky. Paths overgrown. Muddy after rain. Stiles 1

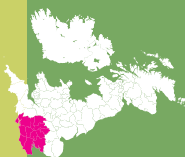
PLANNING

Nearest town Fordwich Arms (01227 710444); Rose Inn, Wickhambreaux (01227 721763); Duke William, Ickham (01227 721308)
Public toilets By Sturry station; in Ickham church; Stodmarsh nature reserve
Public transport Trains to Ramsgate/London. Bus 8 Sturry-Upstreet (stagecoachbus.com)
Maps OS Explorer 150; Landranger 179



GRADIENT PROFILE

SOUTH EAST



08 BUCKINGHAMSHIRE WEST WYCOMBE

Distance: 9½ miles/14.8km Time: 4½ hours Grade: Moderate



Looking down on Bradenham from between Points 5 and 6.

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To the north-west of High Wycombe, the

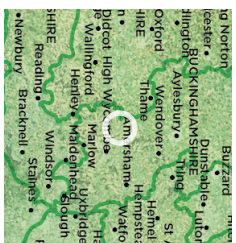
Chiltern Hills fan out like the fingers of a hand. Lanes and footpaths tend to follow a valley or a ridge, with a few linking paths. Expect open ridges with fantastic views, shielded woodland bottoms, a nature reserve, farmland and horse paddocks. All capped with a visit to West Wycombe Hill. Just over halfway is the appropriately named Boot pub, which has great reviews for its food.

1 Start
Turn R from car park. At main road turn R. In 200m, beyond Toweridge Lane, R

onto footpath then half L to ascend through two fields to woodland. As track bears R, continue ahead on footpath through woodland following white arrows on trees. After gentle descent, at T-junction turn R then in 50m turn L. Follow newly-planted hedge. At gate continue in same direction across high pasture. Near farmhouse, by pond, turn R onto enclosed footpath past garden. Emerge onto farm driveway to reach Hatch Lane.

2 1½ miles/2.9km
Turn L onto lane for 800m past numerous homes. 30m beyond pond turn L onto bridleway. (For shorter route stay on road to Point 3). Enter Bottom Wood Nature Reserve

PLAN YOUR WALK



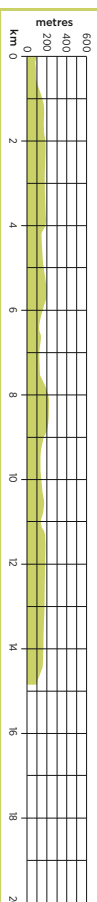
ROUTE

Start/parking West Wycombe car park (P&D), grid ref SU826947, postcode HP14 3AR

Is it for me? Woodland and open downland footpaths and minor lanes. Sharp ascents/descents. Stiles 6

PLANNING

Nearest town West Wycombe
Refreshments Apple Orchard Café, West Wycombe (01494 528328). The Boot Pub and Restaurant, Bledlow Ridge (01494 481499)
Public toilets West Wycombe (between school and village)
Public transport London to Aylesbury trains stop at Sanderton, 600m from route. Buses 40 (Red Rose Travel), 130 (Redline) and X50 (Arriva)
Maps OS Explorer 171 & 172; Landranger 165 & 175



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and follow waymarkers to valley. Turn R to follow woodland valley. At end of turn R and gently ascend. At gate half R onto lane passing brick and flint houses. Pass Radnage Village Hall and playing field to T-junction. Turn L and after 50m find 'bookshop' in bus shelter on L.

3 3/4 miles/5.6km

100m beyond this turn R onto bridleway, descending to lane (Bottom Road). Turn L and follow lane for 1km. After houses on L and water treatment works on R turn R onto footpath. At staggered path junction turn R then immediately L, continuing uphill. Ignore first junction,

and at second junction by noticeboard turn R (now on Chiltern Way). At road turn L to pub (remove muddy boots).

4 5 miles/8.4km

Leaving pub, retrace steps then continue on road for 100m. Just beyond house 'Waverley' turn L onto FP. 20m beyond kissing gate ignore obvious track to R, and bear L downhill to second kissing gate. Through third kissing gate and across field to farm track. Turn R towards road. Just before road, take footpath on L and continue parallel to road. At top of field turn R, cross road (care) at brow of hill onto footpath. Continue through paddocks, ahead at each stile, to reach lane.

5 6 1/4 miles/10.9km

Continue up metalled farm track to Nobles Farm then on footpath along top of ridge, ignoring side paths. Eventually reach Golden Ball car park. Cross car park to explore West Wycombe church and mausoleum. From mausoleum, take wide grass path downhill, going ahead for W Wycombe village, Hellfire Caves and Apple Orchard café, or turning R at signpost to car park. [OS](http://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk)

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At junction with waymarks, turn L. Follow path beside wide clearing and turn L into trees. Continue on path, winding through trees, then straight. Cross lane and keep on grassy track near solar array, past ponds, radio mast and Brick Kiln Cottage. At crossroads of tracks, turn R and immediately L past gate and by fence.

4 2 3/4 miles/4.5km

Keep straight down path into Littlebourne. Cross Jubilee Road and continue with hedge on R. Near corner of playing field turn L between fences. Cross into churchyard. Walk R around church, leave through gate, and climb stile.

to another gate, over yard, and on concrete track by tall hedge.

6 6 miles/9.6km

At junction, turn R, and sharp L at next junction, following waymark. Look for gap in hedge on R and follow path across field. Cross roads and another field diagonally. Turn L on lane and immediately L again, soon crossing Lampen Stream into Stodmarsh. Follow lane past church and R at village green onto lane.

5 4 miles/6.5km

Turn sharp R on Wickham Road, past old watermill. Turn L into Wickham Lane. Beyond Duke William pub, turn L over grass towards church, fork R onto path by churchyard. Keep straight to cottages on far side of field. Turn L on lane and follow it L. After The Quaves, turn R on narrow path and keep straight along The Link. Go through gate, diagonally R

7 7 miles/11.2km

Near Stodmarsh nature reserve car park, keep straight through gate onto path. At next junction, turn R following red nature trail arrow. Follow path L and keep straight along

clear path, between reed beds and lagoons. Continue, following winding River Stour to road (car park is R).

8 9 miles/14.5km

Turn L on road, past Grove Ferry inn and over river. Before railway, turn L onto path leading back by river. Reaching railway crossing, turn R over it and follow path through trees to Upstreet's Post Office bus stop. [OS](http://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk)

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