

Walk Overview

Distance: 2.4 miles

Approximate time: 1 hour

Difficulty: Easy (mostly flat)

Start: East Malling Station

Finish: West Malling Station



Stiles: 1



Gates: 5



Terrain: Fields, paths and road.
Mostly flat with gentle slopes



Views: Some good views

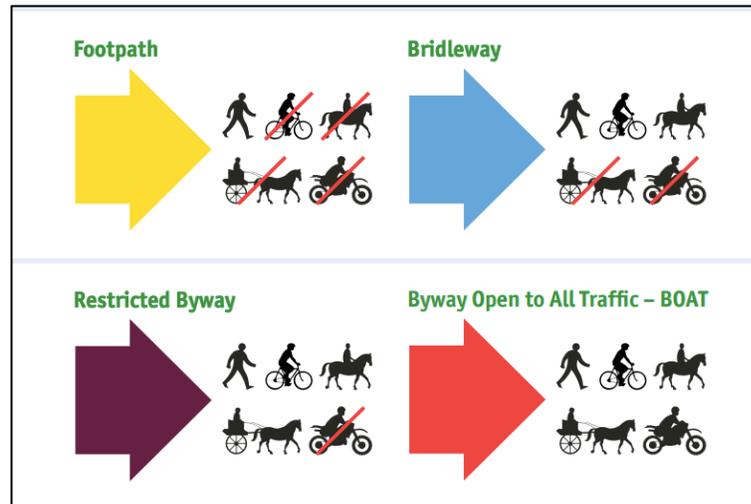
How to get there:

Start at East Malling station. Once you have finished the walk at West Malling station, take the 2-minute train ride back to East Malling.



Remember The Countryside Code

- Respect other people
- Protect natural environment
- Enjoy the outside



East Malling To West Malling Walk

About the walk

The walk starts in the village of East Malling and takes you through orchards, farms, woodlands and some very good views of the beautiful landscapes in Kent. Along the way you can explore the town of West Malling and stop to eat a snack at the many cafes available.

Remember that walking is a very fun and healthy activity so make sure to enjoy yourself and bring others!

Route Description

1. From East Malling Station walk south towards Wateringbury along Chapel Street.
2. About 100 metres on the right past a long wall and a line of old yew trees enter the snicket between The Limes and Manningham House.
3. In about 30 metres you arrive at a field with a large pylon in it.
4. Bear left along the edge of the field and enter the woods at the end, following the path all the way to a T-junction. Along this path you may see black sheep in the woods on your left and on your right is an old orchard that has run wild.
5. Turn left and walk down a steep slope alongside an old watercress bed until you reach Spring Cottage where, if you are lucky and patient, you may see water voles feeding in the spring and wading birds in the stream. Sometimes you can see Kingfishers. Alpacas are sometimes grazing in the field immediately before the Cottage.
6. Carry on walking until you reach the road. Bear left until you come to an old Tudor farmhouse on your right in about 30 metres. Just before the farmhouse there is a gap in the hedge, and you can enter Broadwater Farm and its orchards of apple trees.
7. Walk about 300 metres towards the farm buildings and you will see the footpath marked with a sharp right turn into the lines of fruit trees. This lasts only a few metres before you turn sharp left and keep walking ahead taking you past a line of huts. Carry on straight until you reach the road.
8. Turn left and go about 20 metres until you see a footpath marked on your right. Enter the large open fields and follow the track that passes straight through the middle of them. You will see a large irrigation pond on your right as the path starts to climb gently. Keep going until you come to the top of the field and a hamlet. Leave the track but keep walking ahead in the field with the hedgerow on your left until you reach the end. You are about to find a dual carriageway.
9. If you leave the field and turn right, you can walk down to the carriageway where there are wide foot and cycle path that will take you to West Malling Station.
10. However, if you double-back a few metres you can come up to the road and cross the carriageway by a bridge. Just past the bridge and straight ahead is the entrance to Manor Park Country Park. Enter the Country Park and beware of cattle grazing - if you have a dog you should place it on a lead. There are also slow worms being introduced into this field which are shy and safe snakes.
11. There are lots of different paths through the Country Park that you can chose but if you turn right soon after you enter then you can follow the line of Lavenders Lane and then exit the fields at Water Lane by the Pilsdown Community. If you turn left and walk-up Water Lane, you will reach West Malling High Street at the top with its lovely shops and restaurants to refresh a weary traveller.
12. Once you have explored West Malling go down Swan Street until you reach the road that takes you to West Malling Station from where you can take a train back one stop to East Malling.



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