

Westerham Walk

5 miles (8.05km)

This walk has dramatic views over rolling hills, historic houses and farms.



Westerham Green, large sculpture of Winston Churchill

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How to get there -

By Car: Get on Westerham Rd/A25 in Sevenoaks from M25. Drive to A25 in Westerham.









Parking: Several car parks around Westerham, the largest being Darent car park

Train: Nearest station: Hurst Green (3.8 miles)

National Rail Enquiries: 08457 484950

Bus: 246 (Bromley – Westerham).

20 journeys. Mon-Sat. Traveline: 0870 6082608

	Start/Finish	The Green, by a large sculpture of Winston Churchill
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	Gates	6
	Stiles	0
	Steps	Field paths and tracks. Some steep slopes
	Terrain	Take Care
	Views	Some excellent views
	Refreshments	Shops and refreshments at Chartwell

How to get there -

This walk leads to dramatic views over rolling hills, historic houses and farms. The woodland is carpeted with bluebells in spring, rhodoendrons in summer and awash with vibrant colours in autumn.

1. Make your way to The Green, dominated by a large sculpture of Winston Churchill. Head up the high street to the highest point, continue downhill until you get to the junction by Croyden Road with the B2024 on the right. Turn left up the narrow Lodge Lane and at the end take footpath on the right. Keep left at any junctions and continue to the bridge over River Darent. Follow the track round to the right and immediately after the house on the right-hand side, take the uphill path between the fences. At the top of the path, pass through the two kissing gates into the woodland.
2. Continue through the woodland, heading towards a house. By this time you are following the Greensand Way and you will continue to do so until you reach French Street. Turn right in front of the house and follow the broad path.
3. Bear left across the road and take the path on the other side of a steep hill/ As you go up and the path levels out, turn left at the waymarked post. Continue without change of direction, soon descending to Mapleton Road at the entrance to Chartwell where refreshments can be obtained.
4. Take the path opposite, going in between the fences, to reach Hosey Common Lane. Go straight across but be mindful as the path can become muddy. Avoid the side paths until the track bears left on approach to French Street and gates to the gardens are visible. Greensands Way continues on a right hand turn, but for this walk you should turn sharp left into the woodland, meeting a drive to a house. Turn left and then a right to come to the front of a house and continue through the woodland to meet Hosey Common Lane again.

Turn right until the end of the fence surrounding Evergreen Acres Farm on left, then turn left through the woods to meet Hosey Common Road.

5. Go straight across and take the path on the right leading to the woods. Follow this path downhill, avoiding side paths that lead uphill, eventually emerging through the gate into open land. Turn sharp right, climbing steeply until there are fine views ahead of North Downs. At junction of paths and waymark post, take path slightly right, soon descending to a fence. Go through the gate and continue downhill. At the bottom, bear right to the bridge over Darent. Head along Mill Street to A25 then left back to Green or right to large Darent car park.

Hill Fort

The iron age hill fort is now heavily wooded and difficult to inspect. Briefly in 1961, parts were cleared of trees and archaeological investigation was undertaken. This revealed that the construction of the ditches around the site found very few artifacts, suggesting that the fort was little used.

It may be coincidence that in 1927 a hoard of iron aged coins were found on Hosey Common by they equally could be contemporaneous. The fourteen coins, made of gold, silver and copper, were contained within a naturally hollowed out of flint. The find was dated to be around 100 BC.

Chartwell

For many years the home of Winston Churchill, Chartwell offers not just the opportunity to tour the house with its displays of Churchillian memorabilia but also an exhibition of his paintings, a large garden with black swans on the lake, a woodland walk with fine bluebells in spring, an adventure trail for children and a tea room/restaurant and shop, belonging to National Trust.

Westerham Green

The statue of Sir Winston Churchill was sculpted by Oscar Nemon and stands on a plinth given by Marshall Tito of Yugoslavia in 1969.



The Countryside Code

Respect everyone

- be considerate to other users.
- leave gates and property as you find them.
- be nice, say hello, share the space.
- follow signs and keep to marked paths.

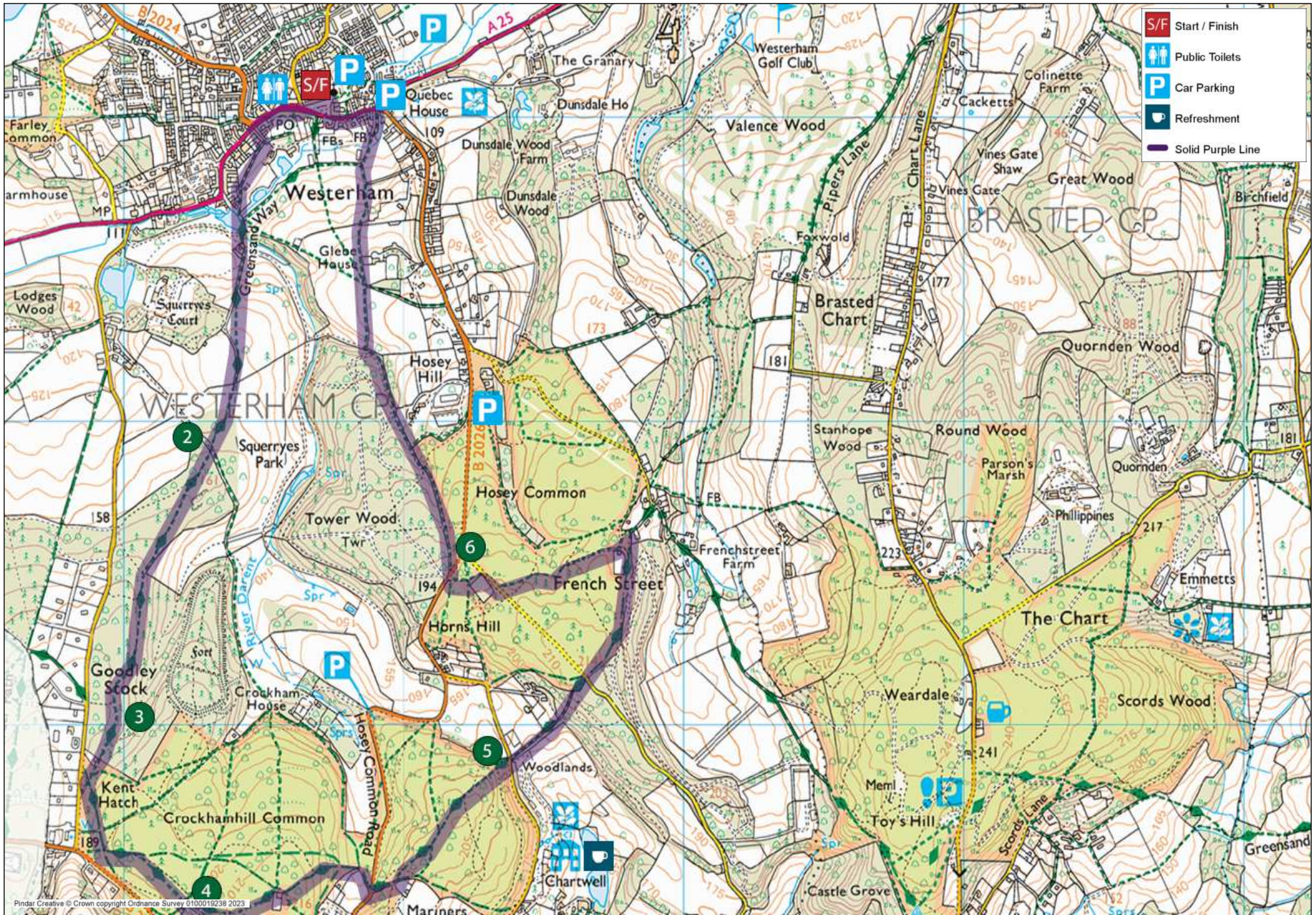
Protect the environment

- take your litter home.
- do not light fires and only light BBQs where signs say you can.
- always keep dogs under control.
- dog poo - bag it and bin it.
- care for nature - do not disturb wildlife.

Enjoy the outdoors

- check your route and local conditions.
- plan your adventure and be prepared.
- enjoy your visit and have fun!

www.gov.uk/countryside-code



	Start / Finish
	Public Toilets
	Car Parking
	Refreshment
	Solid Purple Line