

# Elham Walk

A circular walk from Elham Village

**3.7 miles (5.95km)** allow 2 hours

The well-marked path winds through well-maintained pasture and chalk grassland, teeming with wildlife, before gradually descending back towards the village.



Taking the path alongside the church, you are soon deep in the peace and tranquillity of the countryside.



## How to get there -









**By Car:** From M20 J11 take B2068 (Stone Street). Turn off at Sixmile via Rhodes Minnis.

**Parking:** Limited parking is available in the square in Elham.

**Train:** Nearest station: Sandling (5 miles)

National Rail Enquiries: 03457 484950

**Bus:** 17 (Folkestone Bus Station - Canterbury Bus Station). Traveline: 0871 200 22 33

	Start/Finish	Elham Square
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	Gates	12
	Stiles	3
	Steps	1
	Terrain	Some steep slopes
	Views	Some excellent views
	Refreshments	Cafes and pubs in Elham Village

## Route Description

1. From Elham Square, walk down Duck Street past church until you reach a signposted footpath on the left (Elham Valley Way). Walk down the steps into the field and continue ahead, keeping to the path running along the field edge on the left-hand boundary of the field. Continue through the kissing gate to the next kissing gate and onto the lane.
2. Turn right, along the lane for a few metres and take the signed path (Elham Valley Way) between two houses.
3. Go through the gate and head diagonally right across the field to the next kissing gate (below the house on the hill). Turn left and continue on the signed path.
4. Leave the Elham Valley Way at fingerpost and follow the arrow turning sharp right up the steep hill/bank. On reaching the top of the bank you can admire fantastic views of the valley.



5. Aim for the left-hand corner of the field and over the stile. Cross the field to another stile and lane.
6. Turn right and walk a short way along the road (past Ox Road Farm) and turn left over the stile. Head across the field to a hidden kissing gate in the hedge. Turn right and walk to the next short section across the field to a kissing gate on the lane.
7. Turn left and immediately opposite on the right walk through a kissing gate then walk diagonally right over the field, towards a building.
8. Go through the kissing gate passing a pond on the right. Bear left into a driveway and head towards a large gate to the lane.
9. Turn right down the lane. Go through first kissing gate on the right to follow the path across the field, heading slightly left of the pylon and under the power lines, to the kissing gate.
10. Cross lane, through kissing gate into field and follow path on the right-hand boundary. When you reach the corner of the fence line on the right, keep following the path over the brow of the hill. There are good views of Elham here.
11. Pass through the kissing gate and down some steps, keeping to the fence line on the right, following waymarked path to a kissing gate to join up with the path you started on, and retrace your steps to the Square.



## 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!

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