

ACCESSIBLE RAMBLES IN SUSSEX Hastings and Rye area

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HASTINGS AREA

THREE OAKS EXCURSION grade 4



Map provided by East Sussex County Council

Researched: 2009 by East Sussex County Council

Summary . A 3-4 km network of paths near Three Oaks where all stiles have been taken out, and a handy pub.

Map Landranger 199, Explorer 124

Grid reference: Three Oaks station TQ838145

Public Transport Buses from Hastings to Icklesham pass about a kilometre away. Three Oaks station is one of those the rail company would like to close down. Consequently it has only one or two trains at very inconvenient times.

Car parking: ?

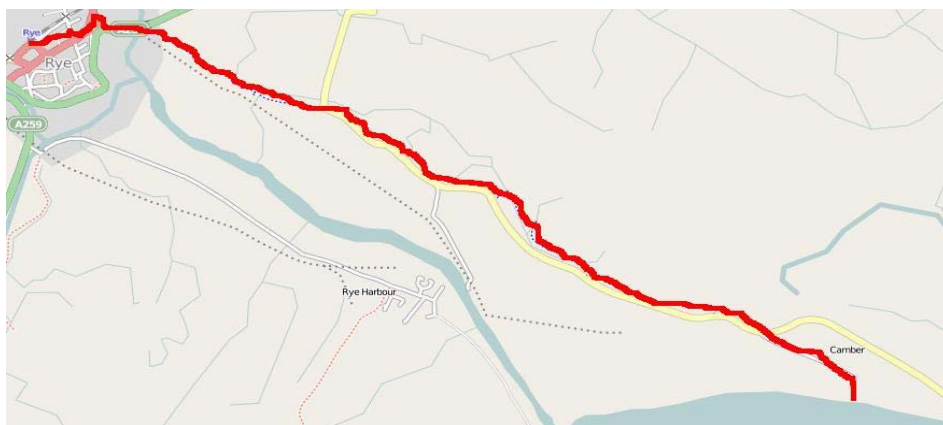
Accessible toilet: ?

Refreshments: Three Oaks Inn

Grade: 4

Length: up to 3-4 kilometres

RYE TO CAMBER AND ONWARDS Grade 1



Researched: June 08

Summary: linear ramble on cycle route from Rye to Camber, either off road or by the side of the road. Fine views of Romney Marshes, but parts of the ramble are next to a road.

Grid reference: TQ924206
Map Landranger 189,

Explorer 125

Public Transport: A route from Rye Station is possible. If arriving from Ashford exit by the gate on the left hand side of the station building, turn left and cross the car park until you reach Rope Walk. Turn left and follow the A268 along narrow pavements (minimum 1 metre wide). At the second junction turn right into Fishmarket Road (kerb of about 40cm) then first left into New Road by two car parks, where the Ramble begins. Stagecoach buses run from Rye to Camber and beyond and stop near the car parks at the beginning of the Ramble and at the Station.

Car parking: Two car parks at the start of the ramble at TQ924206. These are quite small and if you have a trailer you may do better at the numerous car parks by the station. There are large car parks in Camber, but these can get very busy in the summer.

Accessible toilet: Opposite Rye station and in the western car park at the start of the ramble- possibly also in Camber.

Refreshments, Numerous in Rye and Camber. Access not yet checked but see details for the ramble below.



Waymark at the point at which the cycle route crosses the Rye to Camber Road

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Grade: 1

Length: 5km each way.

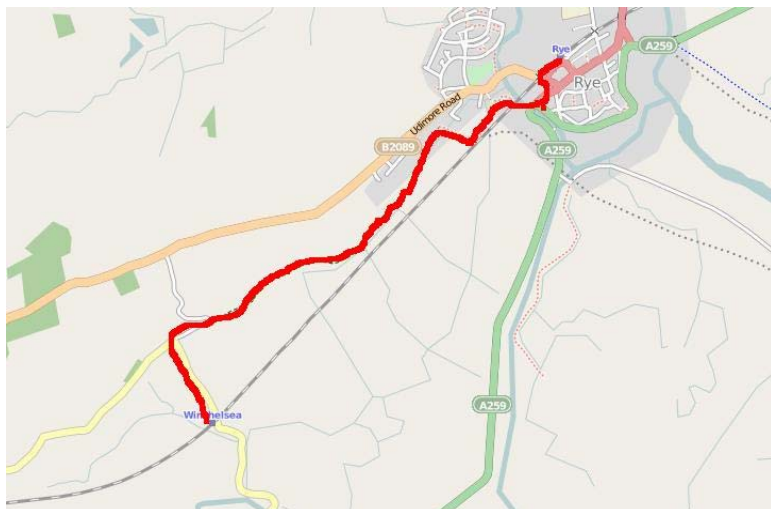
Details: From the car parks head east towards the river, on the right hand side of the road. Cross the river and immediately turn right down a slope (about 10 metres at about 1 in 10) then follow the cycle route straight ahead across fields to the main road ahead. Cross the road carefully and join the cycle route again on the other side. This is separate from the road, but runs parallel to it



for most of the way to Camber. On the edge of Camber the cycle route joins the main road, but you can use pavements. Camber beach is to the right.

It is possible to continue on the cycle route to Lydd in Kent, but the first part is on the road (although it may be possible to travel on the sea defence for part of the way instead). After this the route runs parallel to the road. Stagecoach buses run back to Rye from Lydd.

RYE TO WINCHELSEA grade 1



Researched: 20/12/09

Summary: linear ramble on cycle route from Rye to Wincheslea, offering varied views of marshland to the south and hillside to the north. Good for wildlife.

Grid reference: TQ919203

Map Landranger 189, Explorer 125

Public Transport: A route from Rye Station is possible. If arriving from Hastings go forward to exit the station in

Rope Walk. Turn right and cross the Railway Then right again through the car park to return to the main station building. If arriving from Ashford exit by the gate on the left hand side of the station building. From the main station building walk south west along the A268, parallel to the railway. Cross the B2089 and turn first right along narrow pavements (minimum 1 metre) to the junction of two main roads and the start of the ramble. Note that until December 2010 hardly any trains stop at Winchelsea station, but an improved frequency is planned after then.

Car parking: Car park at the start of the ramble. There is also a car park at TQ915204 a little way into the Ramble. You can access this from the B2089. This may be a better bet for those with trailers.

Accessible toilet: Opposite Rye station and by the tourist office, which is just to the south of the start of the ramble. The tourist office has a Radar key.

Refreshments: Numerous in Rye. The best bet is likely to be the development around the tourist office, which has a number of cafes and restaurants and is on level ground. Many of these were closed on the day of research, but this is a new development and places should have good access.

Grade: 1

Length: 3.5km each way.

Details: From the junction of the A268 and the A259 cross the bridge over the river to the west and then turn immediately right. Cross the railway, encountering a number of gates. There are 10 on this ramble. The first five do not have any catches, so are easy to open. The remainder have catches. After crossing the railway turn left following the cycle path signs, past a car park. Keep following the cycle path signs for nearly 3km. You will then join a small road. Head straight ahead and follow the road round to the left. This will bring you to Winchelsea station.

The surface is tarmac at the start, giving way to impacted shale and then, in some places, grass. Once you get to the road you are on tarmac.

At the moment you will now have to return the same way as hardly any trains stop. You might want to turn round at the end of the path, but stopping trains are promised from December 2010. We intend to research a route which would continue from Winchelsea station to join up with rambles around Rye Harbour nature reserve, creating a circular ramble of about 10 km, but this will involve traversing a busy road at Winchelsea.

RYE TO PLAYDEN grade 4

Researched: 28/12/09

Grid reference: TQ 919205

Map Landranger 189, Explorer 125

Summary: This is a walk from Rye Station to Playden. Although the detailed walk description mentions stiles these have now all been replaced by kissing gates.

Public Transport: The ramble starts from Rye Station, trains from Ashford, Hastings and Eastbourne. All buses running to and through Rye stop at the station.

Car parking: A considerable amount of parking at and next to Rye Station

Accessible toilet: opposite Rye Station

Refreshments: See details

Grade: 4

Length: 5 kilometres



Three Oaks Station- Only 3 trains a day!

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More details:

<http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/DC1E844D-170A-4AA3-A6D2-15762CFAED66/0/PlaydenWebVersion.pdf>

RYE HARBOUR NATURE RESERVE grade 1 or 2?

Researched: 28/12/09

Summary: Nature reserve with numerous footpaths, many accessible, Wheelchair hire. Reserve staff have made a real effort to make the site disability friendly.

Public Transport: Bus to Rye Harbour from Rye Station. According to East Sussex council the bus is wheelchair accessible.

Car parking: 80 metres from the reserve.

Accessible toilet: near car park

Refreshments: pubs at Rye Harbour, access not yet checked

Grade: 1-2?



Length: various including the 5km circular Camber Castle Ramble
http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/FBA6E774-8F72-40CA-9789-C6F452C266FF/0/camber_castle.pdf

More details: <http://www.wildrye.info/> and <http://www.wildrye.info/access/disabilities/> or ring 01797 227 784

See also a ramble promoted by East Sussex County Council as the Camber Castle Walk. Download it at <http://www.highweald.org/uploads/Camber%20Castle%20Walk%20web%20version.pdf>
Or ring 01273 482250 and ask for the Camber Castle Walk.