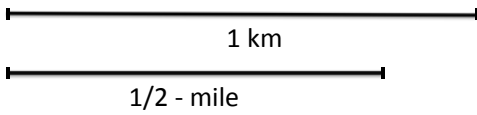


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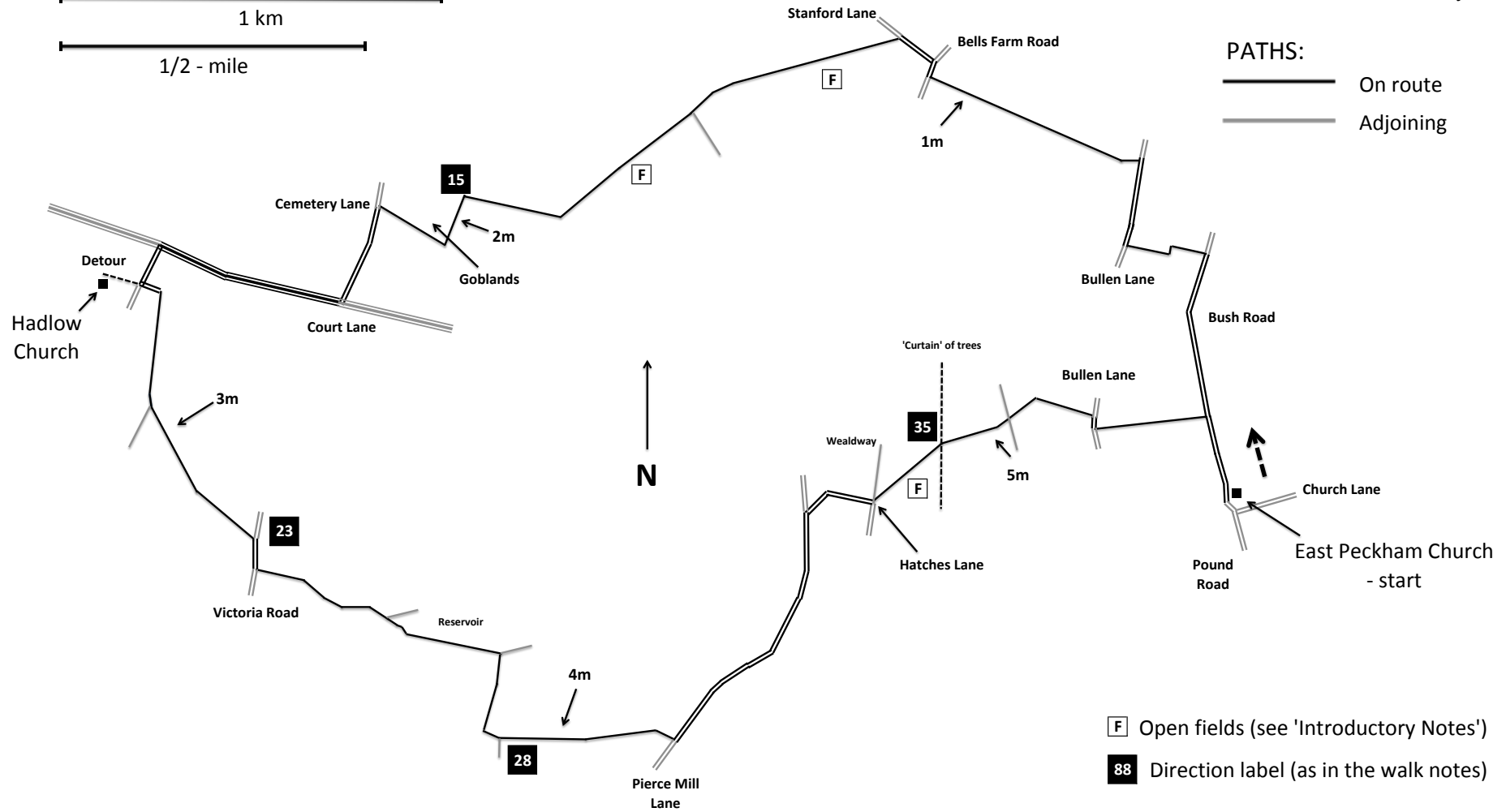


ROADS:

- Significant roads
- Others - on route
- Others - adjoining

PATHS:

- On route
- Adjoining



Open fields (see 'Introductory Notes')

Direction label (as in the walk notes)

Starting direction

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Linked churches:

East Peckham (start and finish)

Hadlow (Direction 20A: Detour – see Appendix)

Roads and hindrances:

Court Lane, on the way in towards Hadlow (Direction 18), is the only road which could be described as busy, and where it has no pavement the verge, though a bit rough, is adequate.

The navigational issue in Direction 34 is tiresome, but the note there should be sufficient help.

Notes taken: February and March 2016

The start and finish is at East Peckham Church (TN12 5LH)

| | Mins.* | | OS | Miles |
|----|--------|---|---------|-------|
| 1 | | At the end of the short path leading away from the west door of East Peckham Church , turn right alongside the road. | 664 491 | |
| 2 | 7 | Just before the road swings to the left, and with the Bush, Blackbird and Thrush visible in the middle distance, turn off the road to the left through a gap in the hedge. Keep along the right-hand edge of the field as it turns first left then right. | | |
| 3 | 10 | At the end turn right into the road, and go ahead ignoring the first footpath which appears immediately on the left. | | |
| 4 | 12 | Pass the end of Bush Road on the right. | | |
| 5 | 13 | At a post box, and opposite a phone box, turn left along a broad track between hedges. | | |
| 6 | 14 | As the main track swings left, instead go ahead through the small gate ahead, and follow a narrow track between fences. | | |
| 7 | 16 | At the end of the track go through another gate and continue ahead along the long, straight avenue between fruit trees on both sides. | | |
| 8 | 21 | At the end go through or around the hedge to the road, and very briefly to the right along it, then left along Stanford Lane. | | |
| 9 | 23 | !!!F!!! Leave the road through a gap in the hedge on the left and go diagonally to the right across the field in the direction of Hadlow Tower in the distance. | 655 504 | 1.20 |
| 10 | 29 | On the other side of the field turn slightly left through a MKG, and cross a rough piece of land to another MKG. | | |
| 11 | 30 | Go through and ahead briefly through trees. | | |
| 12 | 31 | !!!F!!! On emerging turn half-right across another field. The line is now somewhat to the left of the prominent Hadlow Tower, aiming at a point about 20 yds. to the left of the right-hand end of the line of trees in the middle distance. | 650 502 | |

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| | Mins.* | | OS | Miles |
|----|-----------|--|---------|-------|
| 13 | 34 | !!!F!!! Reach the far side of the field and, maintaining roughly the same line, go briefly through the trees and on across the field beyond, ignoring two tempting right turns on the way: the direction is still diagonally across the field, heading still a little to the left of Hadlow Tower, and towards the left-hand end of the farm buildings ahead. | | |
| 14 | 36 | !!!F!!! At a waymark post turn right, now towards the right-hand end of the farm buildings. | 646 499 | |
| 15 | 39 | [Map point] Immediately after passing, on the right, a series of solar panels and then a line of trees, turn left along a roadway leading into the Goblands Farm estate. | | |
| 16 | 41 | Turn right before Hop Kilns alongside the Business Centre. | | 2.05 |
| 17 | 43 | At the exit turn left along the road, ignoring the footpath which is signposted on the right a few yards later. | | |
| 18 | 46 | At the end turn right along the main road, using at first the reasonable verge on the right if necessary, then cross to use the pavement on the left once it appears. | | |
| 19 | 52 | Turn left along The Forstal. | | |
| 20 | 53 | <i>[To visit Hadlow Church, now divert instead to the Detour in the Appendix.]</i> Main route: Opposite a narrow metalled pathway on the right, turn left to join the end of another estate road. | | |
| 21 | 54 | At the end turn half-right along a metalled pathway. | | |
| 22 | 58 | After a slight swing to the left, ignore the track which forks off to the right and go on between the barbed-wire fence on the left and a hedge on the right. | | |
| 23 | 63 | [Map point] At the end of the path turn right along the road. | | 3.25 |
| 24 | 64 | Turn left off the road, just after the 'footpath' sign, along a broad pathway next to a house. (There is currently a sign for 'Malt Cottage'). Follow this path, as, to start with, it bends gently to the right, then left, then right, consistently shadowing the power lines above, along the left-hand side of large fields. | | |
| 25 | 68 | Stay with the power lines and the field edge, even though a wider track forks off to the left, and go ahead along the right-hand side of the embankment which conceals a reservoir. | | |
| 26 | 73 | At the end of the field, turn right along the far side of a hedge, now on the right-hand side of a new field. | | |
| 27 | 76 | As you approach the end of the field follow the right of way as it cuts off its far right-hand corner, and head toward the end of a smart new footbridge. | | |
| 28 | 77 | [Map point] Do not go over the bridge, but keep left to walk alongside the left bank of the River Bourne which it has crossed. | 645 485 | |
| 29 | 80 | Carry on into trees. | | |
| 30 | 81 | Cross a footbridge and carry on. | | |
| 31 | 82 | Carry on, now alongside a hedge on the left, at the side of a private garden. | | |
| 32 | 83 | Turn left at the road, at The Old Mill, and continue along it. | | 4.19 |

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| | Mins.* | | OS | Miles |
|--------------|------------|--|----------------|-------|
| 33 | 92 | At a road junction turn right along Hatches Lane. | | 4.66 |
| 34 | 94 | [!!F!!] When the road turns right, instead turn diagonally left across a wide field (not fully left along its side, which is the Wealdway). <i>If the path is not marked the angle is difficult to find, and it is impossible to follow it precisely. But try this: Look at the line of trees which forms a curtain on the other side of the field. Look at the point at its right where you <u>would</u> reach it by going straight ahead (instead of diagonally) from the Hatches Lane corner. From there, estimate a point about 200 yds. leftwards along the curtain and aim at that to start with. As you approach the curtain you will see many rows of small fruit trees going away from it at right-angles beyond, parallel to each other; but at one point near where you are approaching there is a sturdy hedge of taller trees, also leading away (at right-angles to the curtain). Go through a gap in the curtain and along the left-hand side of that hedge. The gap is at 65647 49283, and as you look ahead along the hedge there is currently (and has been for a while, on what looks like a permanent basis) an abandoned-looking caravan with some blue covering in the corner at the end. This, though unsightly, will at least confirm that you are in the right place: it is the one with blue covering, not the other one covered in green 100 yds. or so away!</i> | | |
| 35 | 97 | [Map point] Having found the hedge, go ahead along its left-hand side. | 65647 49283 | |
| 36 | 99 | Just before the end of the hedge (by the caravan?) cut the corner and head for a gap in the row of trees ahead, a little way along to the left. | | |
| 37 | 100 | Go through the gap, and across the stream and a crossing path, and continue up a concrete path among more fruit trees, as it swings upwards and, after a little while, slightly to the right. It then goes slightly to the left, towards houses. | | |
| 38 | 103 | Reaching a road, turn right, then after about 25 yds. left (at a ground level 'footpath' stone) through a gap under a house. Beyond the house the path goes ahead between fences to a wooden kissing gate. | | |
| 39 | 104 | Go through the gate, and ahead along the left-hand edge of a field. | | |
| 40 | 106 | At the end go ahead through a wooden kissing gate into a narrow passage. | | |
| 41** | 107 | When you reach the road: either, to continue the circuit (if not visiting, or finishing at, East Peckham Church), carry on by turning left, and after 0.25 miles (5 mins.*) turn left as at Direction 2. | | |
| ** or 41A | 107 | ... or, to detour to, or finish at, East Peckham Church, turn right into the road. | | |
| 41B | 109 | Reach East Peckham Church on the left. | 664 491 | 5.56 |
| 41C | | If returning to the circuit having visited the church, resume from Direction 1. | | |

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APPENDIX to Local Circuit EP1

Detour to Hadlow Church

| | Mins.* | | OS | Miles |
|-----|-----------|---|----|-------|
| 20A | 0 | For the very short detour to Hadlow Church : Instead of Direction 20 turn right along a narrow pathway to the church's north entrance. | | 0.00 |
| 20B | 5 | Then retrace your steps to the start of the narrow pathway where you started the detour. | | |
| 20C | 11 | Rejoin the main route, by going straight ahead at the junction (where there would have been a left-turn at Direction 20). Add 3 minutes to subsequent total times and 0.14 miles to cumulative distances. | | 0.14 |

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FOR THOSE WHO WALK WITH THEIR DOGS

I do not venture to give advice about walking with your dog. As well as the joys, you will be well aware of the issues involved, and particularly that relationships between dogs and other countryside animals potentially involve mutual suspicion, or worse.

But what this footnote does try to do, in response to requests, is to give some indication of the nature of the walk from a dog's point of view, to enable you to decide whether it is suitable.

The percentage distances on the right (on the next page) should be self-explanatory.

The information in the middle column may look a bit cluttered, but I think it should enable you (if the detail is of interest) to mark up within a few minutes a print-out of the walk notes, so that you have some idea what might be round the next corner.

The risk in all this is that **things change so quickly** in the agricultural working world; and what I describe might become misleading after subsequent changes. I have done my best, but there is no guarantee that you will find the information up to date!

| LOCAL CIRCUIT EP1 | Direction numbers | % of walk |
|--------------------------------------|--|------------------|
| Busy road | 18, 23 | 7 |
| Quiet road \$\$ | 1, 3-4, 8, 16-17, 19-20, 32-33, 41 | 33 |
| Open field with livestock | | 0 |
| Edge of field with livestock | 39 | 2 |
| Field (or edge) without livestock ** | 2, 9-10, 12, 13b-14, 24-28, 34 | 30 |
| Path (hedged, or otherwise forced) | 5-7, 11, 13a, 15, 21-22, 31, 35-38, 40 | 25 |
| Woods | 29-30 | 2 |

** This is not a promise, just a statement of fact - that, having walked these sections perhaps two or three times, I have found no animals or any sign of them.

\$\$ Again, not a promise that there will be no traffic to worry about. Just a personal judgement of conditions as I have found them.

STILES: There are currently no stiles on this walk.