



Lullingstone Walk



6.5 miles (10.5km) allow 4 hours

This walk explores the countryside surrounding Lullingstone Country Park. From the park, this walk travels along the Darent Valley Path to the charming village of Shoreham.



A couple enjoy a walk along the river at Lullingstone Country Park.

How to get there -

By Car: From A225 near between Eynsford and Shoreham, turn off at Castle Road to reach the visitor centre (look for signs for Lullingstone Country Park).

Parking: Parking is available at Lullingstone Country Park.

Train: Nearest station: Eynsford (1.5 miles).

National Rail Enquiries: 03457 484950

Bus: 421 (Swanley-Sevenoaks).

3 journeys. Mon-Sat. Traveline: 08712 002233

	Start/Finish	Car park at Lullingstone Country Park
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	Gates	15
	Stiles	2
	Steps	5
	Terrain	Field and woodland paths, some steep slopes.
	Views	Some excellent views
	Refreshments	Visitor centre, shops and pubs in Shoreham

Step-by-step Guide

1. Leave the Visitor Centre car park by the main entrance and turn right through a gate to take the footpath into a field. Follow alongside boundary.
2. As you go around a bend in the field look out for a gap on the left. **Beware of traffic.** Go down steps and cross the road to a path on the other side. Continue ahead across the field following Darent Valley path signs. Go through a gate in the treeline to follow the path to a surfaced track.
3. Cross track and go through a gate to enter into a field. Follow the path heading to the left corner ahead and through another gate to continue on, along field edge.
4. Go through a gate to follow the path as it runs, fairly narrow in places, alongside the river.



Two walkers admire views from the bridge near Shoreham.

5. Come out onto a surfaced road and turn left. Follow the surfaced path along the fence line of Mill House and over a small bridge crossing the river. After crossing the bridge, turn right to continue to follow the surfaced path alongside the river.
6. Shoreham: Beware of traffic. On reaching the main road (Church Street), turn right along the pavement to go over

bridge. Pass Kings Arms pub and village school. At the road junction turn right (towards village shops).



The Kings Arms pub in Shoreham.

7. Look out for a footpath on the left just past Shoreham Aircraft Museum - signposted to Halstead and Timberden Bottom (The Landway). Go uphill on a track that travels alongside a recreation ground before heading through a kissing gate onto a narrow enclosed path. At the end of this path, go through a gate and continue uphill on a steep section of path – on the right you should be able to make out the Shoreham Cross War Memorial. Reaching a stile on the uphill climb, take the
8. At the top (Meenfield Wood), turn right to follow the path, stopping at the gap on the right to admire Shoreham Cross and more fine views. Further on, go around a vehicle gate to continue downhill through a wooded section. After passing another gate, bear left to head towards the road.

9. **Beware of traffic.** On reaching the road (Shacklands Road) turn right and continue downhill past junction, following signs to Well Hill and Eynsford. A short distance on, turn left into Cockerhurst Road with its tall trees on either side. Follow the road until you approach a bungalow on the left.
10. Look for the footpath on the right opposite the driveway and follow the path uphill. Near the top, look back at some more good views of the valley.
11. Go through the tree line to follow path along field edge towards overhead power lines.
12. Upon reaching the edge of the field, follow the fairly narrow enclosed path past house and bear right, taking the surfaced driveway to the road. (Please be considerate and try not to disturb residents as you pass close to their property). On reaching the road, turn left. **Beware of traffic.**
13. After a short distance, turn right to go up steps and through the gate into a field. Keeping to the left edge, continue ahead to a gate. Follow the enclosed path to another gate.
14. Go through the gate to enter into Lullingstone Country Park (Beechen Wood). Follow the path straight on. (Public Footpath 206 as indicated on the signpost).
15. Continue along a woodland path and take care as you cross a golf fairway (look both ways before crossing) to pick up the path running through a short, wooded section on the other side.

16. Come out from the trees and follow signs to a surfaced path ahead. Turn left and head towards the car park (signposted as Path 216/Park Gate Car Park) past the Clubhouse on the right. Enter the car park and bear right to head for the exit.



A woodland walk at Lullingstone County Park.

17. After leaving the Golf Club, go through the kissing gate (Homestead Hall) immediately on the right to follow the path past houses and into the fields.
18. Go through a gate to continue ahead through a wooded section. Go through another gate to continue ahead along field edge.
19. Turn right to go through gate into another field. Follow path downhill with tall trees on the left. Lullingstone Castle should just be visible in the distance.

20. On the way downhill, look out for a gap in the trees on the left. Follow signposts through gap onto another path. As the path continues downhill, there are some good views of Eynsford Viaduct on the left. Nearing the bottom, go down steps to a road. To the left is the Roman Villa.



Two people walking past Lullingstone Castle's gatehouse.

21. **Beware of traffic.** On reaching the road turn right. Follow the surfaced road past Lullingstone Castle on your left and a short distance on, bear right into car park heading for a gate in the left-hand corner.
22. Go through kissing gate to follow riverside path back to the Visitor Centre car park. On reaching the Visitor Centre, turn right to go through a kissing gate to take you back to where you started.



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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