

# Saltwood Saunter

A circular walk from Brockhill Country Park

**2.1 miles (3.3km)** allow 1 hour

This walk will take you on a pleasant stroll through Willow Wood and the beautiful village of Saltwood before returning to the park. Enjoy fantastic views of the surrounding countryside and historic Saltwood Castle.



Beautiful views of the church in picturesque Saltwood Village.



#### How to get there -

**By Car:** From M20 J11, follow A20 to Saltwood.

Turn off on Sandling Road.

Parking: Paid parking is available at Brockhill

Country Park.

**Train:** Nearest station: Sandling (1 mile)

National Rail Enquiries: 03457 484950

Bus: 10A (Folkestone - Saltwood) hourly, Mon-

Sat. Traveline: 0871 200 22 33

S/F	Start/Finish	Brockhill Country Park
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	Gates	4
Ħ	Stiles	1
7-	Steps	0
	Terrain	Field and woodland tracks, with some on road sections.
K	Views	Some excellent views.
	Refreshments	At Brockhill Country Park

# **Route Description**

- **1.** From the Visitor Centre, cross the car park and turn left to follow a grass path and leave the park by a pedestrian exit (by a transformer).
- 2. Turn left onto the pavement and after 100 metres, just past the bend, cross the road to follow the Saxon Shore Way. Beware of traffic.
- **3.** Cross a small bridge, go through a gate and continue uphill. On reaching a small clearing turn left to follow path and enter wood. Follow path through wood and bear right to follow a sunken footpath.



Walk through woodlands once used in salt preparation.

- **4.** At the gate, with an orchard on your right, turn left to follow the Saxon Shore Way up a slight incline. Then at a junction with a track, turn left and follow to another junction with Hayne Barn on your left.
- **5.** At the junction, turn right onto the quiet lane. Beware of traffic. After 350 metres turn right through a gate to follow the footpath through the wood.

**6.** Continue over a stile, into the field and straight ahead towards a gate. Pass through the gate and continue ahead along the path at the back of some gardens. You will have a lovely view of the church and castle to your left.



Enjoy views of historic Saltwood Castle.

- **7.** Follow the path left to the road. At the road turn left past the church and follow the road into the village centre. Beware of traffic.
- **8.** At the village green, turn right up the hill, past the Castle Hotel. Cross the road past the newsagents and walk on the pavement on the left hand side of the road. Beware of traffic.
- **9.** Continue along the pavement until you reach the entrance to Brockhill Country Park on your left.

### Things to See on Your Walk

#### Saltwood Castle

First built in 488 AD the history of the castle is full of incident, from surviving multiple earthquakes to being the scene



where Thomas Beckett's death was plotted.

#### Saltwood Church

St. Peter and St.
Paul, Saltwood is a
Church of England
Parish Church with
its origins in Norman
times. There are
many interesting



features, including a 16th century font and a Coat of Arms of William IV dated <u>1834</u>.

## Brockhill Country Park

Brockhill's lake, woods, meadows, varied wildlife, picnic and play areas – along with the excellent Brockhill Café –



make it a great spot for a family day out.

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