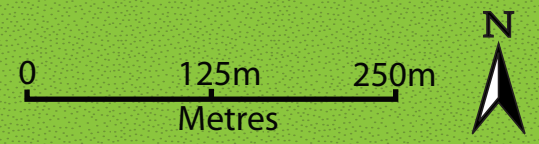




- Hadlow Castle
- Gate
- Restpoint
- Adapted toilet
- Public house
- Roadside parking only
- Hazard

**Route information**  
 A flat walk of 1.2miles (1.9km). The paths are a mixture of tarmac and a hard coarse surface. There are frequent rest areas along the route. A radar key may be required for wide access through the kissing gates.

- Hard surface - fine**  
 (Occasional stones up to 20mm.  
 Occasional potholes up to 10mm.)
- Hard surface - coarse**  
 (Occasional stones up to 20mm.  
 Occasional potholes up to 20mm.)
- Concrete/tarmac**
- Road**
- Other paths**





### How to get to Hadlow Access Trail:

**Road:** From Maidstone follow the A26 to Hadlow. Just before the village shops turn left into Court Lane and second right into The Forstal. Take the first left into small cul-de-sac.

**Road Map:** [www.streetmap.co.uk](http://www.streetmap.co.uk) enter TQ636495 in the address toolbar.

**Bus:** Number 7 from Maidstone to Tunbridge Wells (via Waterringbury) Monday - Saturday, every 30 minutes.

### Route description:

**Start:** At the end of the cul-de-sac, a way marker indicates the public footpath.

- 1** There is no designated parking for the walk.
- A** Follow the footpath, ignoring all other footpaths to the right, until just prior to reaching the road.
- B** At the junction turn right through the kissing gate and continue ahead until you reach the next junction.
- C** At the junction turn right and continue ahead past the rest area and pond until you reach a way marker and junction to the right.
- D** Turn right through the kissing gate and continue ahead to a second kissing gate.

- E** Continue ahead to rejoin the path and retrace your footsteps back to the start.

### Finish

### Points of interest:

- 1** Hadlow Castle – the tower was built by Walter Barton May, an industrialist from the late 1800's.
- 2** At the side of the path you may see red dead nettle, which is a prime plant food for caterpillars from small Tortoiseshell Comma, Red Admiral and Peacock butterflies.
- 3** Look out for the pond and seating area. The pond is home to an abundance of plant and wildlife.

### Additional information

Accessible toilets using a radar key can be located in the village. For more information about the route please contact the Hadlow Parish Clerk on **01732 851878** Monday to Thursday 9am to 12.30pm. For further information about walking please visit [www.kent.gov.uk/explorekent](http://www.kent.gov.uk/explorekent)