

**Route information**

A short 0.45 mile (0.7km) woodland walk. The path surface is compacted and reasonably smooth. There are climbs and descents for most of the route, and no rest areas.

16.5% variable for 60m



10% max for 170m



8% max for 200m

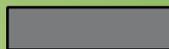


**START/  
FINISH**



Bourne Lane

To HAMSTREET



hard surface - coarse



Metres

## How to get to Ham Street Woods National Nature Reserve

**Bus:** 511/512/513 (Ashford to New Romney) Mon-Sat: 5 journeys

**Rail:** Hamstreet station - 10 minute walk

**Road:** Turn off A2070 Ashford to Brenzett road into centre of Hamstreet. At the crossroads in the village, follow the one-way road and turn left down Bourne Lane. Follow to car park and Reserve entrance.

**Road map:** [www.streetmap.co.uk](http://www.streetmap.co.uk) - 600400,133800



### Points of interest

Ham Street Woods is part of a swathe of woodland descended from post-Ice Age forest and was one of the first National Nature Reserves designated in England. It is still managed in a traditional way and supports a variety of different habitats, with an outstanding collection of birds and moths.

- 1** Here, coppice is periodically cut allowing light to reach the ground, producing carpets of spring flowers.
- 2** Open glades have been created here which are rich in flowers, providing food sources for insects and butterflies, which can be seen in abundance during the warm months of the year.
- 3** Wide rides link areas of open glade and provide corridors which birds, animals and insects all use to move around the woodland.

### Route description

**START** From the car park take the path into the reserve.

- A** Pass by to the right of the 5 bar wooden gate and follow the surfaced path to the left with the log edging on each side. Pass by the information board to the right.
- B** Follow the log edged path ignoring the turning to the right.
- C** Continue along the log edged path following the loop to the right to bring you back around to the start of the walk.

**FINISH**

**P** Car park Open parking.  
Rough, uneven surface

**i** Information

**Uphill gradient**

**Downhill gradient**

**Bridge**

**Additional information** - For find out more about Ham Street Woods NNR and this walk, please call English Nature on 01233 812525