

Explore the Kent countryside  
Have fun, stay healthy!



## Walks in West Kent Cranbrook

3 miles (4.8km) approx. 6,000 steps  
Allow 2 hours

### About the walk...

Known as the Capital of the Kentish Weald, Cranbrook was once an important centre for the woollen industry. The village contains many interesting buildings dating from the 15th and 19th century - many displaying the weatherboarding characteristic of traditional Wealden buildings. The restored Union Mill dates from 1814 and is the largest working windmill in England. This popular route also offers the chance to see the nearby village of Sissinghurst and visit Sissinghurst Castle Gardens.

## Walk Overview

**Distance:** 3 miles (4.8km) allow 2 hours



**Start/Finish:** Cranbrook



**Stiles:** 0



**Gates:** 10



**Terrain:** Field paths



**Views:** Some good views



**Toilets:** Just off Cranbrook High Street



**Refreshments:** Shops and pubs in Cranbrook

## How to get there...

### Road Map:

Multimap website  
[www.multimap.com](http://www.multimap.com).  
Search for "Cranbrook".



**By Car:** From A229 follow signs to Cranbrook Town Centre.

**Parking:** Free parking is available opposite the Crown Pub on the High Street. Signposted by Co-op car park.

**Train:** Nearest station – Staplehurst (6 miles). National Rail Enquiries: 08457 484950

**Bus:** 4/5 (Maidstone – Hastings). 3 journeys. Mon-Sun. 297 (Benenden - Tunbridge Wells) 3 journeys. Mon- Sat 298 (Matfield - Tenterden) 2 journeys. Sun only. Traveline: 0870 6082608

This circular walk is one of a number of walks produced by Kent County Council. If you liked this walk you can find more on the Explore Kent website at [www.kent.gov.uk/explorekent](http://www.kent.gov.uk/explorekent)

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If the route description or pictures are out-of-date please e-mail [explorekent@kent.gov.uk](mailto:explorekent@kent.gov.uk)

Please tell us about any problems concerning the paths using the Kent Report Line **0845 345 0210**. This guide is available in other formats on request.

### FAMILY FUN!

Walking is not only a healthy activity but it can be fun and informative too. Free activity worksheets for children of all ages to take on the walk can be ordered by emailing [explorekent@kent.gov.uk](mailto:explorekent@kent.gov.uk) or calling **08458 247600**.



*When you're out walking in the countryside, please respect the Countryside Code.*

- Be safe – plan ahead and follow any arrows or signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people



**FOOTPATH**



**BRIDLEWAY**



**BYWAY**



**RESTRICTED BYWAY**

## Route Description

- 1 Starting from near the White Horse Inn on the High Street, head up the steps past the church and follow the path through the cemetery.
- 2 Continue along the path as it enters into a playing field. Pass play area and follow the fenceline to the road.
- 3 **Beware of traffic.** Go down steps and cross the road to continue on the footpath. Pass through kissing gate and follow the path close to the fenceline with the field on your right.
- 4 On reaching a waymarker post, turn right to follow the High Weald Landscape Trail along hedgerow. Continue to follow High Weald Landscape Trail signs along field edges until you reach a footbridge.
- 5 Cross footbridge and follow footpath along edge of field on the left. Bear left through a gap and head across field towards houses and gate at road.
- 6 Go through gate and turn left to walk along road for a short distance. **Take care on road.**
- 7 Turn left to follow footpath sign towards Crane Farm. On reaching a junction, bear left to continue on surfaced path.
- 8 Cross bridge and follow the path ahead past a house on your right.
- 9 Go through gate and continue following the path ahead.
- 10 Turn left at waymarker post to pass through gate and follow track towards house. Nearing the house, as the track bends round to the left, bear right to follow path through two gates. On reaching the stables, turn right to follow the track.
- 11 After a short climb, turn left off the track to follow the footpath straight across the field.  
  
*Turn right at point 11 if you want to visit Sissinghurst village.*
- 12 Go through kissing gate into woods and follow path to another kissing gate. Come out of the woods and follow the path ahead. Follow this path all the way back to the road and retrace your steps past the church, back to where you started.

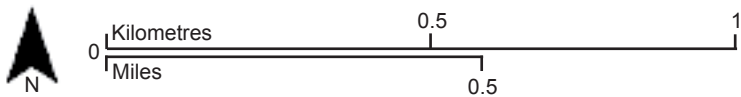
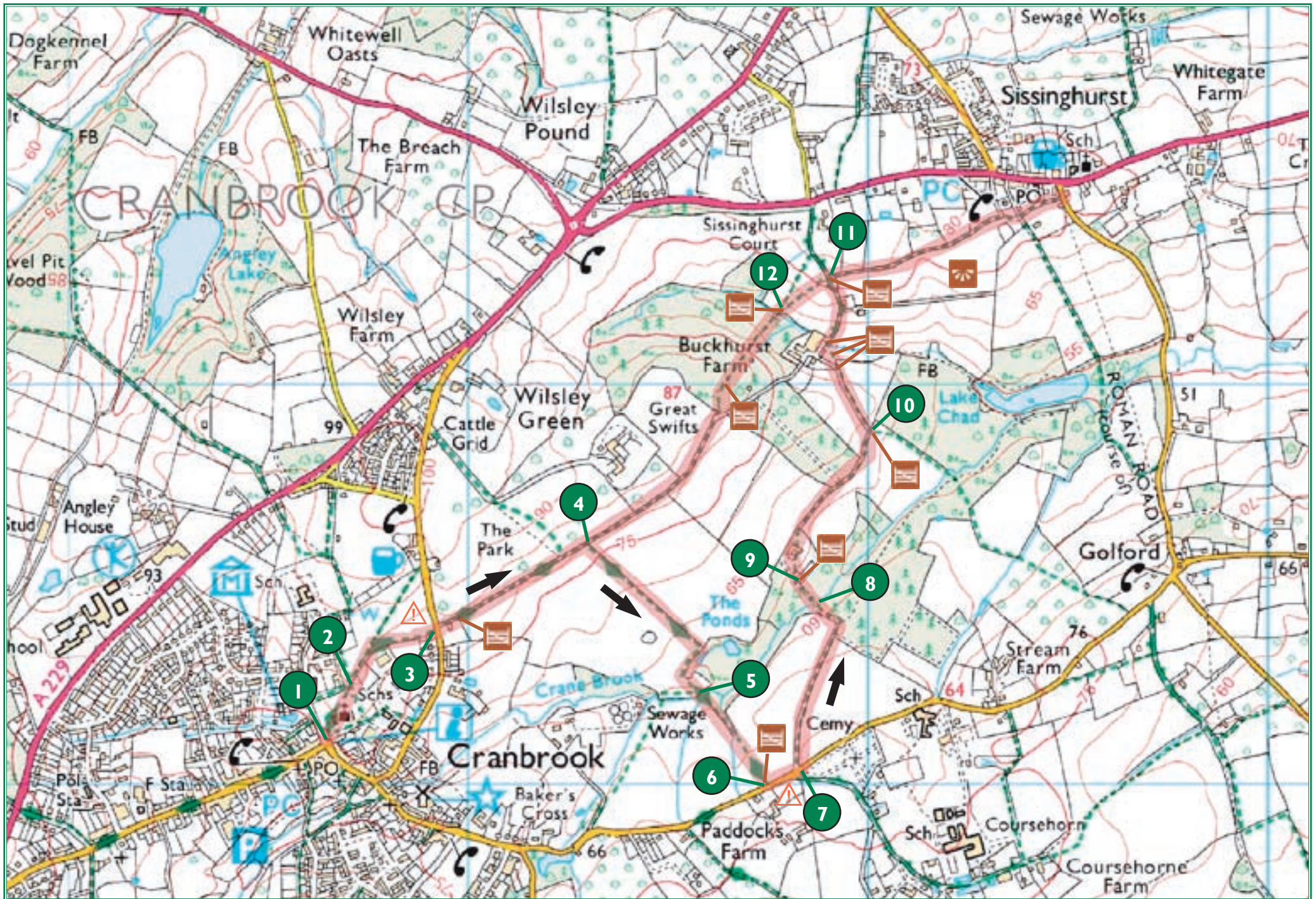
## Walk your way to a healthier lifestyle



*"Walking for one mile burns virtually the same number of calories as jogging for one mile, it just takes a little longer!"*

*"Walking is FREE and requires no special equipment or clothing – as long as you are comfortable"*

*"Regular walking helps reduce the risk of heart disease, strokes, diabetes and high blood pressure"*



-  Take care
-  Stile
-  Gate
-  View

Also use Ordnance Survey Map: Explorer 136  
 Cranbrook Circular Walk [www.kent.gov.uk/explorekent](http://www.kent.gov.uk/explorekent)

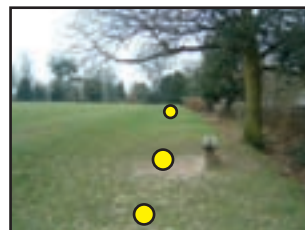
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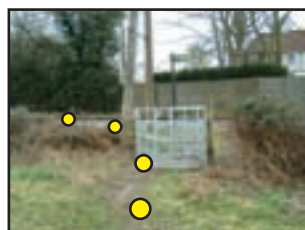
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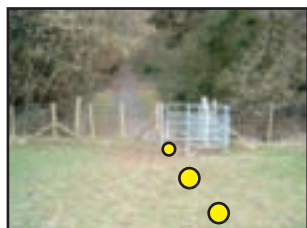
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