

WALK ELHAM

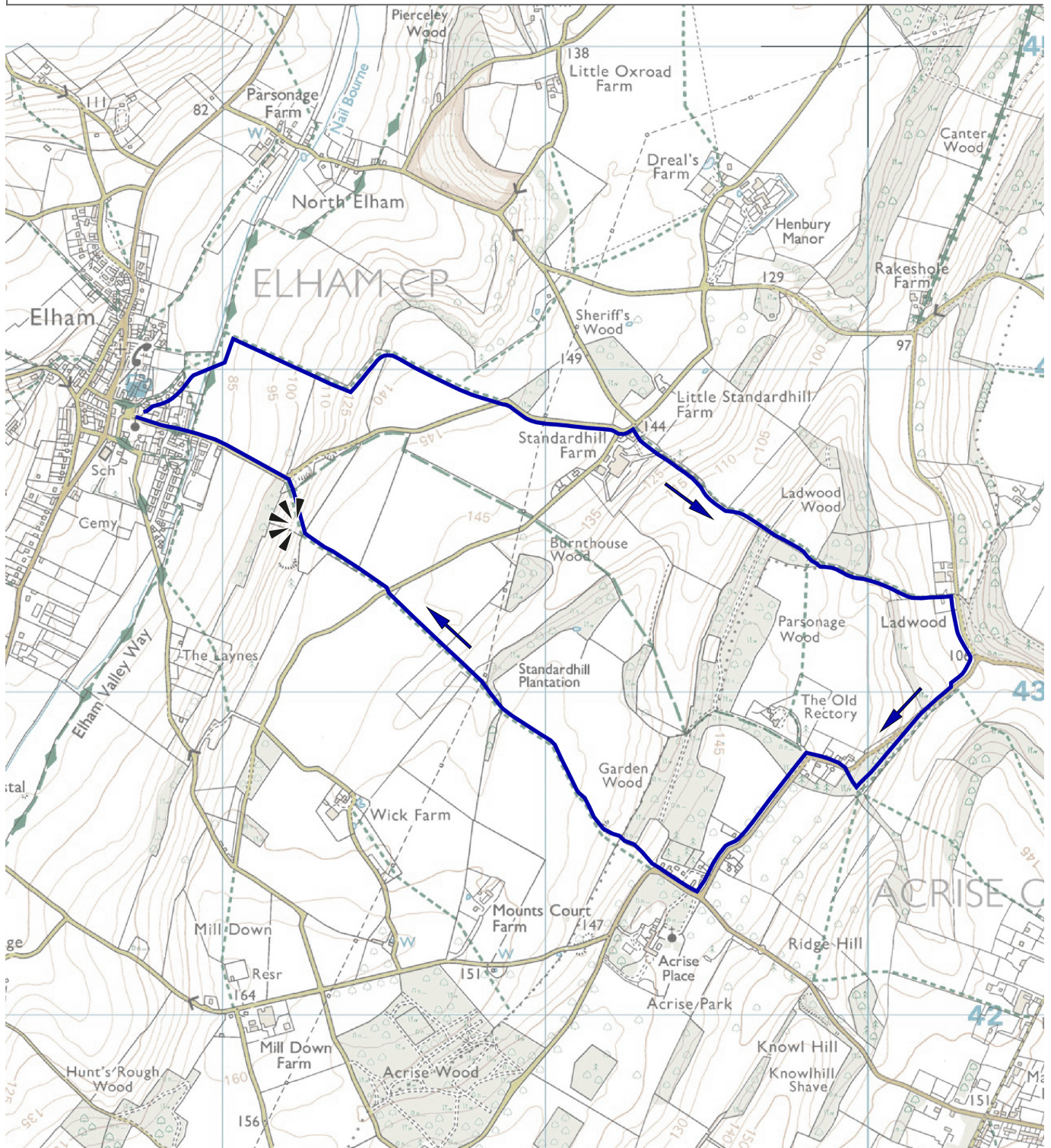
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TO ACRISE AND BACK

This scenic walk to the east of Elham crosses fields and quiet wooded valleys. The hamlet of Acrise is at the half way point, and further on a short detour takes you to St Martin's Church in the grounds of Acrise Place.

4.3m 2.5 hrs easy



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DIRECTIONS (ROUTE RUNS CLOCKWISE)

FP - Footpath TR - Turn right
KG - Kissing gate TL - Turn left

1. Leave The Square to the R of the Kings Arms (Cock Lane), walk on to the path between houses, through gate and diagonally across field to the bridge across the Nailbourne stream. TL onto the Elham Valley Way (EVW) and in 75m TR by the waymark post and head up the field.
2. After the KG follow the fence line round to another KG in the hedge. TR and follow FP across an open field. At the fence bear right (look for the waymark signs on the fence) along a grass track towards the pylons.
3. On the road TL and at the T junction (Standardhill Farm) TL and then bear right across the farmyard. Pass through large gate into field to KG next to another large gate. Continue downhill with fence on your right, pass through the next large gate in the valley and go steeply uphill.
4. Pass through small gate into the woods to a KG. Once in the field keep next to the RH fence under stunted trees. At waymark sign where the fence continues to the right, bear left downhill to the electricity pole. Cross stile and follow short paved path and over a gravel drive (Ladwood) to the road.
5. TR along the road bearing right at the triangle (signposted to Acrise). After 100m leave the road and join track to follow the telegraph poles. Continue on to large gate, TR and follow track up through wood.
6. TL onto road to the hamlet of Acrise, follow road around to the left and continue alongside horse chestnut trees for 0.5km to T junction.
 - *Ahead is a track leading to the church of St Martin, Acrise located in the grounds of Acrise Place house. Worth a short detour, but the church tends to be closed other than for services.*
7. TR and where the road turns sharp left in 200m take signed FP on the right, over the stile next to a large gate. Go straight on down the hill to KG below large oak tree. Continue uphill across the field to KG in hedge, then downhill with the hedge on your right. Walk straight on through three further KGs to reach the road.
8. Cross road, pass through KG and cross the field to KG. Follow FP with the fence on your left and at the corner (waymark sign on fence post) follow the FP straight on across field. Cross stile by the large oak tree where the land falls away into the Valley, with great views to the north and south and down to Elham. Head diagonally down across the meadow to the gate, then follow path down to the road. TL to follow lane back to The Square.
 - *We hope you have enjoyed your walk. We endeavour to maintain our rights of way – if you have encountered any problems or errors in the route we would be pleased to hear from you.*