

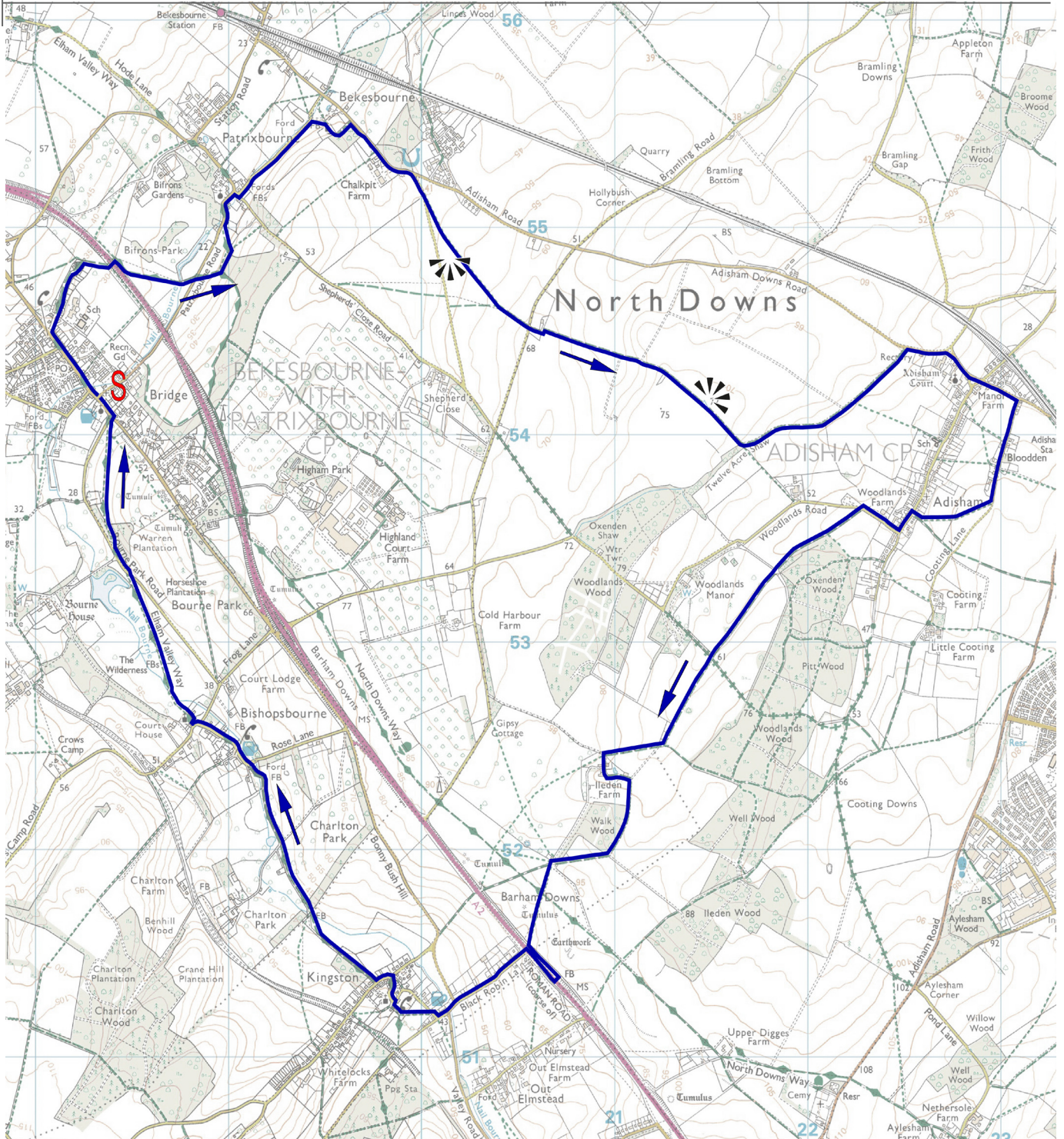
WALK ELHAM VALLEY NORTH

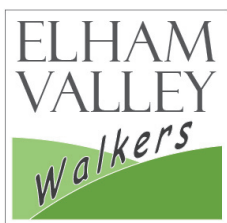
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SIX CHURCHES

10.5m 5 hrs moderate

Start point: Bridge





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DIRECTIONS (ROUTE RUNS CLOCKWISE)

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

Walk along the High Street in a northern direction passing the Bridge Arms on your right. TR into Conyngham Lane. Walk to the end of this No Through Road and TR in front of the fence, passing through two gates and under the bridge. TR to keep on the Bridleway to the road. Cross road onto Bridleway track bearing left at corner of wood onto the FP to rejoin the road.

With Patrixbourne Church on your left TR into Old Palace road and proceed to the next church, Bekesbourne. TR into the church grounds, TL at the church to follow the FP on the left hand edge of the wood. TR onto road and walk past Chalk Pit Farm. TR opposite Bekesbourne Stables to take next FP on the left.

As you near the white house (Mill Cottage) the FP becomes a Bridleway. Cross the road and continue on this long Bridleway, (viewpoint, at the trig point views north east towards Ramsate). At Twelve Acre Shaw the Bridleway turns to the left. TR at the road and walk through Adisham, passing Adisham Court (late 17th C). Keep straight on, perhaps pausing to rest on the good bench on the village green with a view of the church. Unfortunately the pub is no longer in this hamlet.

Continue on Station Road and TR into the No Through Road signposted Bloodden and Cooting. Walk past houses and take the third FP on the right, across the field where the road bends slightly right. Cross the hidden stile in the hedge to follow the path towards houses and the road. TL and then TR into

Woodlands Road. Walk past stables on your right and TL at the bend in the road onto Bridleway. Keep on this long Bridleway through Ileden Farm, and at Keeper's Cottage TL off the track onto a FP leading diagonally left downhill (Barham Downs) towards the A2. Climb up a short flight of steps and over the stile, TL then TR over the Bridleway bridge. TR then TL down the hill (Black Robin Lane).

Take care crossing Valley Road, pass the Black Robin pub on your right and TR into Church Lane, passing Kingston Church on your left. At the road TL and almost immediately TR on the Elham Valley Way, passing through two gates, crossing fields and into parkland to Bishopsbourne. There is an opportunity for refreshments here at the Mermaid Inn, the Tadpole Café and Worgans Farm Shop.

The Elham Valley Way FP continues through Bishopsbourne Church graveyard and out into fields, passing through two small bridges, head for the right hand side of trees at the lake. Look for the KG leading onto the road on your right and TL. Just after you pass the entrance to Bourne House on your left take the FP on your right through the woods and into a field to another KG at the road. Walk along the road back to the start point.

- 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.