

WALK LYMINGE 4

THE RIM OF THE DOWNS

5.4m 3 hrs easy



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DIRECTIONS (ROUTE RUNS CLOCKWISE)

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

Cross the main road from Lyminge Library car park. TR to walk along the pavement. TL into Kimberley Terrace at the Elham Valley Way sign. At the way mark post by trees bear left diagonally across Tayne recreation field in the direction of the church. Cross the stream via the wooden bridge and passing St Eadburg's Well on right continue up to wooden gate. Cross the road, TL then immediately TR into narrow lane. TL to enter the church grounds. Keeping the building to your right to pass the site of St Ethelburga's tomb, keep left to the war memorial and straight on to bear right between gravestones to wooden gate.

Enter meadow and TL at information board passing bench on right. At waymarked path junction keep right leaving Bridleway and uphill with field boundary on your right to path junction. TL downhill on straight gravel track to KG and road. TL then immediately TR off the road up some steps through KG. Take path uphill keeping the fence and woodland on your right to reach corner of field, TL downhill with hedge on your right past pylon and over stile in hedge. Straight downhill to Staple Farm keeping the hedge and farm on your left, towards road. At fingerpost TR, remaining in field to follow North Downs Way (NDW) with the road on your left, passing large metal gate to first field boundary. TR uphill with fence on left to KG. Continue to top edge of woodland to KG. TL with trees to the left to exit field through KG to panoramic viewpoint

with small bench on crest of the Downs. The attractive hamlet of Postling lies below.

Remain on NDW at first dropping steeply down, bear right to way mark post and continue right on NDW, gently uphill to the top fence. At fence corner post keep right to way mark post. TL down small dry valley to trees at bottom. Just before KG keep right on NDW byway, trees on left. Enter open meadow and continue uphill under pylon lines then telephone cables following floor of dry valley, past NDW way mark post back to crest of the scarp. Through metal gate and straight on with trees on right to next KG. Stay on path with trees on right. TR to reach the road at Farthing Common. At road TR, then TR again at road junction. Cross road with care. TL down metalled lane with North View Cottage on right to metal KG on left.

Enter field and bear right with corner of garden on right and diagonally downhill staying on the higher ground of spur to KG in fence at field corner at bottom of field. TL. Continue with woodland on your left, uphill to stile (or use metal handrail) and Skeete Road. TR. After 200m leave road at metal gate on right. Follow FP downhill through field with Little Hollow Farm to right. Exit field via KG to cross the lane and TR then immediately TL into partly concealed tree-lined narrow path down side wall of double garage on right.

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Pass straight on across field to KG and steeply diagonally left uphill to metal gate and road. Cross with care and climb steep steps of FP opposite to metal gate. Bear left across corner of field to KG. Straight on to metal gate and straight on through wilding meadow to find narrow tree-enclosed path. Downhill with trees to left, wire fence to right. TR crossing 2 adjacent stiles. TL on to narrow path with paddock on left. Reach road via steep wooden steps. Cross road and TR then either follow road back to Lyminge village or return via FP on right after the entrance to the Village hall car park, pass pond on right, across meadow to grounds of St Ethelburga's church to reverse the route back to car park.

- 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.