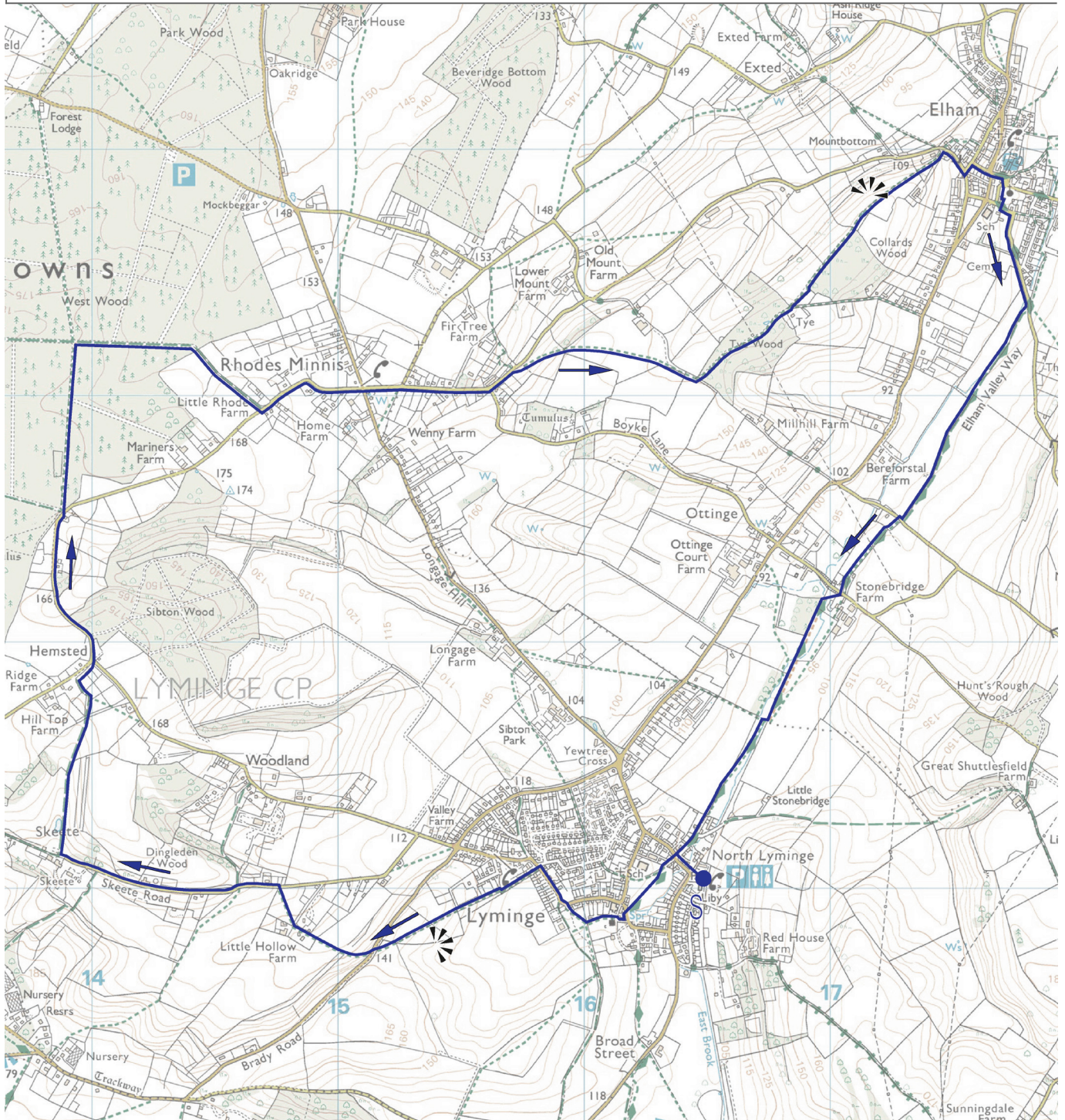


# WALK LYMINGE 5

## RHODES MINNIS - ELHAM CIRCULAR

8.1m 4 hrs moderate



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## DIRECTIONS (ROUTE RUNS CLOCKWISE)

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

Cross the main road from the car park, TR to walk along the pavement. TL into Kimberley Terrace at the Elham Valley Way (EVW) 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 continue up to gate to road, passing St Eadburg's Well on right continue up to wooden gate.

Cross the road, TL and immediately TR to follow the narrow lane to the church. TL into the churchyard, with the church on your right passing the site of St Ethelburga's tomb. Just after the church porch take the path to the left, bearing left just before the war memorial. Bear right walking between gravestones to small wooden gate. TR and follow path down over meadow. Go through the KG (pond on left) and down a short flight of steps to the road. TL uphill and at the way mark post just after Nidema house TL up steep steps onto the FP. Follow the enclosed path crossing two adjacent stiles, leading to an open meadow. Go through the small metal gate in fence. *Viewpoint before reaching KG.* Follow the path to next KG. Take steep steps down to cross road, TL and immediately TR to go through the small metal gate to bear left steeply downhill to a KG.

Follow narrow track to the left of the house. At lane TR and almost immediately TL through KG. Follow the path uphill across field to small metal gate and the road. TL and walk approximately one mile, passing Skeete House on left. TR onto Bridleway opposite Skeete Farm Office. Go through small metal gate, walking uphill to corner of paddock, TR then immediately left passing through two more small gates to the road.

TR and then first left at lane junction. Walk approximately three quarters of a mile then TL opposite Middle Park house onto the Bridleway. TR onto the forest track and TR at the first major track junction. Where the path narrows and splits to enter trees bear right to walk through fields, FP fenced on both sides.

TL onto the road, passing the Rhodes Minnis Cat Sanctuary. Go straight on at cross roads. At road junction in valley bottom keep left and 100m after passing entrance to Hunters Lodge stables leave road and bear right through a large metal gate and walk diagonally left uphill to top corner of field and over stile. Bear right to top of slope and take a left diagonal line across the middle of the field to a small metal gate in the top lefthand corner. Go through the next large metal gate on left to enter





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woods continue along the FP. Exit woods via gap next to the large gate then immediately TL over a stile. Follow the path along the crest of ridge at the edge of woodland passing through a gate (often open), a stile, and a KG, enjoying the view northwards with the green spire of Barham in the distance as you approach Elham.

Cross the stile and go down a short flight of concrete steps to road, TR downhill and TL at the T Junction, to then TR down Cullings Hill. *(Here there are facilities to eat and drink. You may like to take some refreshment before the last leg back to Lyminge).*

Cross the road next to the village stores, and walk down St Mary's Road to cross the Square diagonally. Enter church grounds walking with church on your left to reach the road (Vicarage Lane), TL to go on this road past the playground. Look for the EVW and Bridleway signs on the right, follow these with Nailbourne stream on your right to cross road after 3/4 mile. At the next road at Bridge House TR and after 20m TL down steps and continue straight on through fields on valley floor, traversing stiles and gates, until you reach the main road at Lyminge. TL and walk along the road to your 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.