

- Walk 3.5 hrs (14km)
- Total Ascent 287 m
- Highest Point 205 m





Welcome

Thank you for downloading your Vespucci walk.

If you missed the Kit list <u>here's what to bring</u>.

Download this guide on your device

This contains all the handy information: how to get there, points of interest and pubs, taxis etc. Make sure you have plenty of battery!



(Make sure you have OS Map App downloaded)

Getting There



Train

This hike starts at Sevenoaks station which is easily accessible by train from Charing Cross, Waterloo East or London Bridge and takes roughly 30 minutes.



By Car

There is parking at Knole Car Park (TN15 ORP), advanced booking may be required. Alternatively, there is parking at Sevenoaks Town Centre Car Park (TN13 1JJ).

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Hike Summary

This relatively leisurely, circular walk set in the Kent Downs AONB feels like a world away from the city.

Take in stunning views across the Kent Weald, immerse yourself in history at two excellent National Trust properties, and enjoy the array of wildlife on offer. From the deer herd in Knole Park to



bluebells and lavender fields in the Spring. Take a load off and quench your thirst at The Bucks Head pub in Godden Green.

Points of interest

To learn more about each of these points, <u>tap here</u> and find the relevant waypoint in the OS map app.



START AT SEVENOAKS STATION

If you like you can catch the 308 bus from outside the station to Sevenoaks Bus Station to cut 1km off the walk.



BREW HOUSE CAFÉ

Start your walk with a coffee from the café at Knole house.



Built by the Archbishop of Canterbury in the 15th century, Henry VIII and Mary I both stayed here.



DEER PARK

This 1,000 acre park is home to both fallow and sika deer. The deer are wild so don't get to close!



THE GREENSAND WAY

A 108-mile long walking route from Haslemere to Hamstreet, way marked with distinctive signage.





A Site of Special Scientific Interest with stunning panoramic views to the south across the Weald.

OAST HOUSES



The conical roofed buildings were built in the 18th Century and create strong drafts that were used to dry hops.



IGHTHAM MOTE

A 14th century, Grade 1 listed manor house of such esteem, even the doghouse is a listed building!





MOTE CAFÉ

A trip to Ightham Mote wouldn't be complete without popping into the excellent Mote Café.



THE HOPPERS HUTS

The huts were temporary accommodation for hop pickers in the 18th & 19th century.



THE BUCKS HEAD

A family run pub in Godden Green owned by husband and wife duo, James and Hope.

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It's a 1hr walk back to Sevenoaks Station. If you want to call it a day here check out "Plan B".

Plan B tap here!



FINISH BACK AT THE STATION

Trains back to London run frequently. If you have some time on your hands, Sevenoaks has lots of nice restaurants pubs to offer.

TAXIS

Oaks Taxis:

Vine Taxis:

07855 80610207863 205726





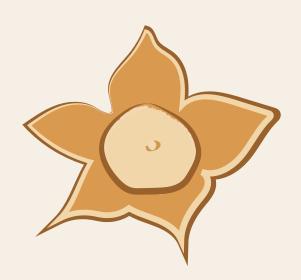
TAKING IT ALL IN

Sometimes, we can get so caught up in reaching our destination that we forget to take in our surroundings. When in fact, some of the best moments on a walk are the ones spent not walking. It is not until you stop and look a little closer, that you truly see the magic of where you are.

Our hikes are not about how fast you walk, but about how much you take in. We share these beautiful trails with an abundance of wildlife and there's always something to marvel at so long as you take the time to look around.

Here are a few of our favourite bits of flora and fauna to look out for on this hike:





Earth Star

Scarce species of fungus found on and under trees.

Bluebells

A carpet of sapphire-blue can be seen during Spring

Fireweed

Which got its name from its ability to grow on burnt ground.





Plan B

CALLING IT A DAY?

If you've decided that's quite enough for you, there's absolutely no shame in calling it a day.

Our recommended pick-up spot is from the Bucks Head pub. A taxi back to the station takes around 10 minutes and will cut your hike short by an hour (4km).

TAXIS

Oaks Taxis: <u>07855 806102</u>

Vine Taxis: <u>07863 205726</u>



Thank you

WE HOPE YOU'VE ENJOYED YOUR WALK.
CURATED BY ALEX.





What's next?

We hope you enjoyed your hike as much as we've enjoyed bringing it to you. And we've got plenty more where that came from!

Check out the full range of hikes available to you on: portal

STAY IN TOUCH

We love hearing about your adventures, so please do get in touch with any feedback you have from your walk.

Leave feedback







