

- 12 Turn left next to the water trough, and take the path to the house in Silverstead Lane that stands 240 metres or 800 feet above sea level. This path passes through a garden on the left of the house. Continue straight on, down Silverstead Lane, till it meets Grays Road. Cross over and take the first right down Bombers Lane. Pass the 15th century Bombers Farm and turn left down Old Harrow Lane.
- 13 Descend through woodland to the valley floor. At the valley bottom turn right over a stile along footpath 280 as it crosses the lane.
- 14 Cross the field skirting the woodland on the left. Continue along this picturesque valley to another stile, and along an enclosed path to New Barn Lane.
- 15 Turn right down the lane and opposite New Barn Farm turn left. Look out for the unusual clock tower. Climb the steps to cross the field above and walk straight on following the way markers to a junction of three paths. Take the left hand one, footpath 278, to Berrys Green Road.
- 16 Turn right and walk through the village to Restavon Homes Park, here turn right down Quentins Drive. Turn left at the bottom and follow footpath 275 between the homes. Continue downhill through a mixed woodland opening onto fields with Bottom Barn Farm to the left in the valley floor.
- 17 The path leads through these fields to New Barn Lane. Cross the lane and climb the steps opposite, then cross a small field with an orchard to the old Cudham Blacksmith's forge on Cudham Lane. Turn left, along Cudham Lane North walking carefully through the village to return to the recreation ground.

How to get there...

BUSES:

R5 Orpington to Green Street Green (hail and ride to Cudham)

TRAIN:

Nearest station: Chelsfield

CAR:

Turn onto Cudham Lane North, off the main A21 at Green St Green. Head south until road turns into Cudham Lane South.

PARKING:

Cudham Recreation Ground car park, Cudham Lane South, Cudham.

Please check: www.tfl.gov.uk for further details or call Traveline on 0871 200 22 33.

All details correct at time of printing (2013).

Additional Information...

An energetic walk of 7.5 miles through rolling countryside and the ancient villages of Berry's Green, Cudham and the famous World War II airport of Biggin Hill. Magnificent views of the Kent Weald from the North Downs Way.

Short cut from Point 7:

Continue straight on across the golf course, following FP275 to Berry's Green Road at the junction with Quentins Drive to rejoin the route at Point 16.

References to Berrys Green relate to the Manor of Bertray forming part of the ancient Manor of Codeham, which divided in 1215 to form Apuldre, Cowdham & Bertray.

Walks

around the Borough

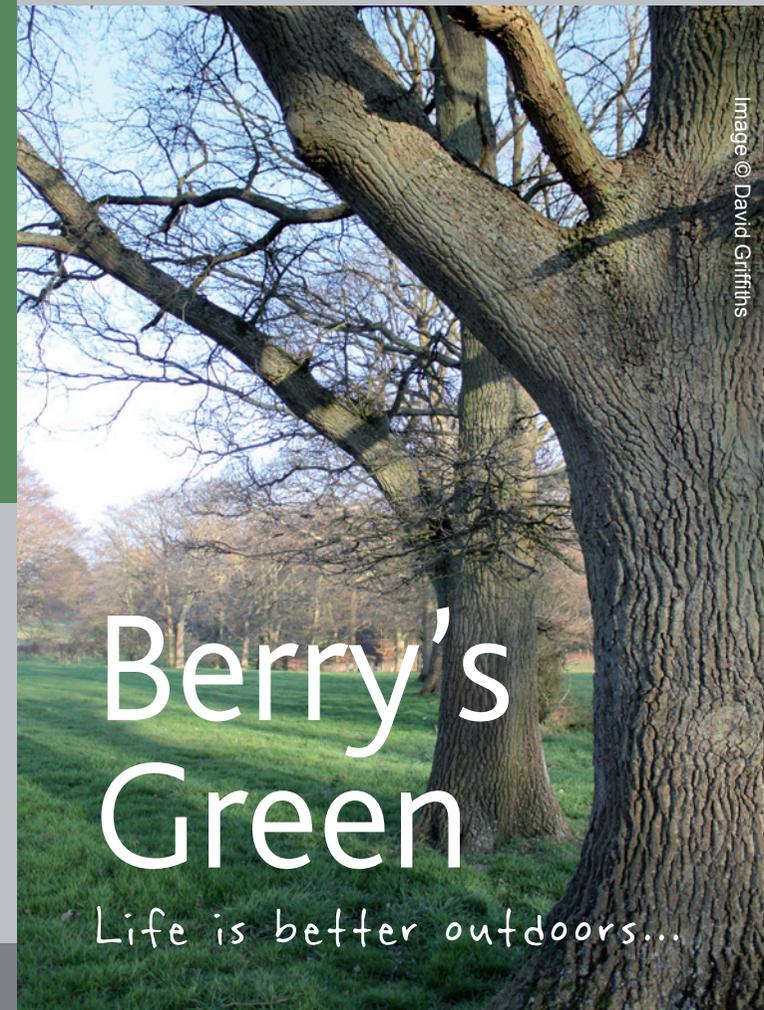


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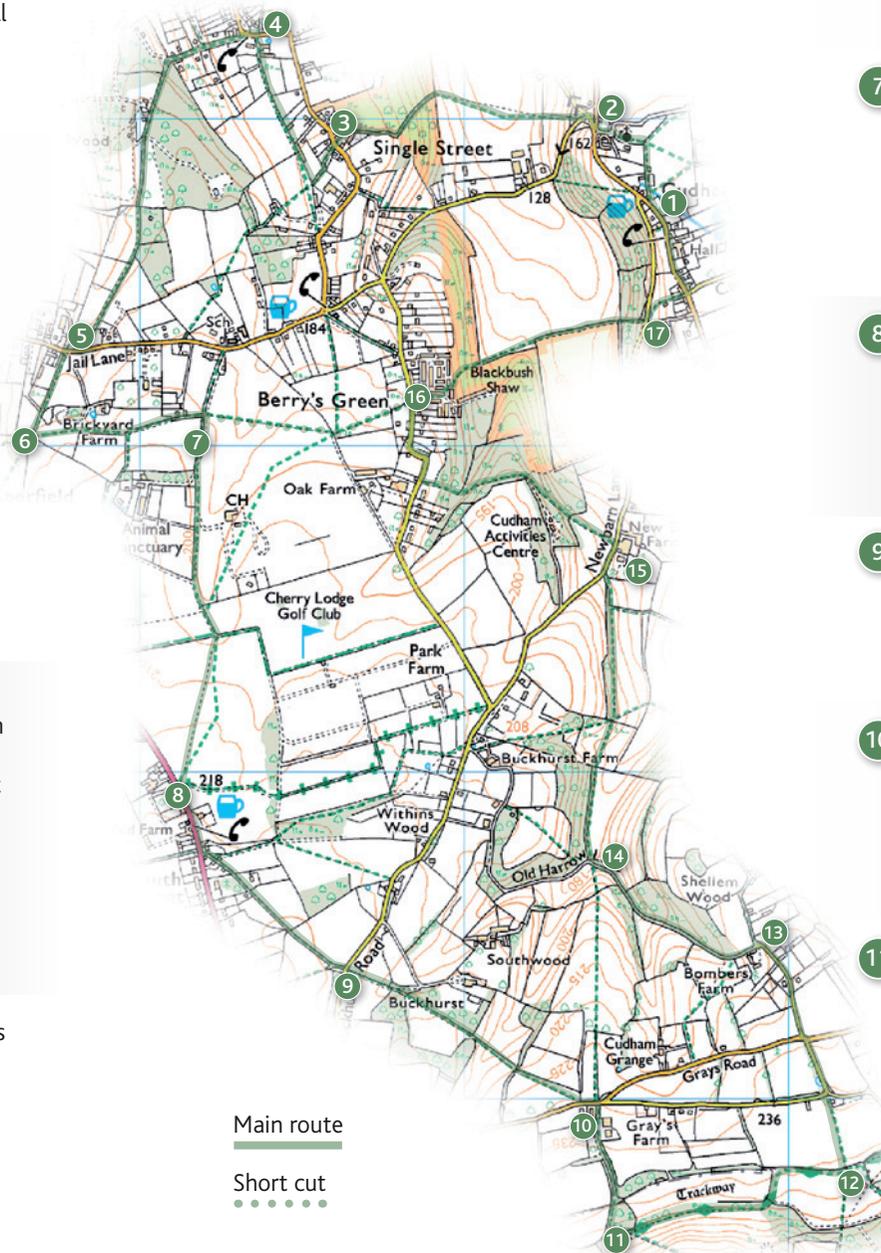
Berry's Green

Life is better outdoors...

Starting point: Cudham Recreation Ground car park, Cudham Lane South, Cudham
Distance: 7.5 miles
Duration: 4 hours
Short cut route: Point 7 to Point 16

Berry's Green

- 1 Starting at Cudham Recreation Ground car park follow the path to the rear of The Blacksmith's Arms pub and on to the Church of St Peter and St Paul. The pub is the birthplace of 'Little-Tich' a famous 19th century music hall artist. Turn left and walk through the grounds of this 12th century church. Exit the churchyard and continue down Church Approach.
- 2 Carefully cross over Cudham Lane North and enter Downe Road. Almost immediately, take the first left in to Church Hill. Walk down 20 metres and go through the kissing gate on the right. Take footpath 267, down the valley and back up the other side to the top of Twenty Acre Shaw. Shaw or Scaga is Anglo Saxon for a small woodland. Follow the path through the shaw and left where it passes a large sycamore tree used as a landmark for aircraft in World War II.
- 3 Continue on to Single Street (Luxted Hall Road). Cross the road to a narrow enclosed path (FP237). At the end climb a stile and turn right to proceed on footpath 237. Notice Bullace trees or wild plum in the hedgerows on the right. In autumn they bear small purple fruit. At the end climb another stile emerging at Luxted Hall Farm.
- 4 Walk through the farm and turn left onto Luxted Road. Head towards the attractive Dunoon cottages dating from 1905. Continue forward down Birdhouse Lane towards Downe Scout camp. Pass through a gate and keep straight on down a hedged footpath (FP232). Climb a stile on the footpath, past Strakes Shaw and continue along the hedge on the left to Jail Lane. The lane was named after Jail Cottages that were used to house prisoners on route from London to Maidstone jail. These became The Jail pub owned by the extinct Fox Brewery at Green St Green.
- 5 Cross the road and turn right and carefully walk 50 metres down the road, climbing the stile on the left to rejoin footpath 232. Walk across two fields following the hedge on your right to the next stile.



- 6 At the stile turn diagonally left and head for the first of five stiles to Little Wood Farm. Follow the path and cross over all the stiles. At the farm follow the made-up path towards Cherry Lodge Golf Course.
- 7 Turn right on the concrete access road and head towards Foal Farm (Friends Of the Animal League), animal sanctuary. At the end of this track, the path bears left, along a hedge. Continue to follow this path until it opens out at a field. Carry straight on, keeping the golf course boundary on your left. Go through the tree line and cross another field, heading diagonally towards Main Road.
- 8 At Main Road, cross over and follow the pavement along past the Aperfield pub and local saddlery. Upon reaching number 386 Main Road, cross back over to the other side to rejoin the route on footpath 284A. At the metal gates of the bungalow take the right hand path through a tree-lined avenue and follow this path to Buckhurst Road.
- 9 Cross over and continue on footpath 284A. Follow a line of oak trees - remnants of an old hedge, & walk through a short stretch of woodland to the next field. Climb several stiles, cross the valley and make for Gray's Farm in the distance.
- 10 Turn left onto Grays Road, then after 50m turn right at flint-faced Stud Cottage and take footpath 280 though Gray's Farm. Walk on until you see the sign for the North Downs Way and bear left. The Downs extend for 140 miles as an enormous chalk ridge, a refuge for wildflowers such as orchids as well as insects.
- 11 Enter a field through a kissing gate and continue along the top of the field noting the spectacular views of the rolling Kent Weald. Below is the Pilgrim's Way and the village of Westerham, famous as the home of Sir Winston Churchill and General Wolfe. At the end of the field go through a kissing gate and bear left, through a short belt of woodland. Walk ahead for 100m, keeping the boundary on your left. Turn right at the corner and walk straight ahead for 200m.