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The Greensand Way

Castle Hill (TQ320505)
to Oxted Place (TQ382510)
5 miles, allow 2½ hours

map 9

A
Walk beneath a steep embankment and continue to the road. Cross the road and follow the footpath ahead between the houses to steps leading down to another road. Turn right. In 175 yards turn left at the entrance to a now-disused quarry.

B
In 22 yards turn left down a track beside a metal gate. Follow the gravel track leaving a pond to your right. In 275 yards turn right along a fenced path to go through old workings. Cross a concrete road and follow the track ahead, ignoring side tracks. Bear left with the track and continue for 850 yards to the road.

C
Where the road bends left follow the track ahead. Walk past houses along a gravelled track, then continue along a field path right then left for 380 yards to a road.

D
Turn left. After 350 yards turn right along a bridleway and follow through woods to cross-tracks. Turn right and then left to follow the path below the hill, to reach the road after a thousand yards.

E
Bear right across the road and continue along a broad track below Brakey Hill for 820 yards, ignoring all turnings to the right until 10 yards before a gate across the track. Here turn right and walk ahead for 300 yards across the field, then bear left towards the top far left-hand corner. Cross a stile and follow the path ahead to the road (B2236).

F
Cross the road and turn left. Walk for 330 yards to a triangle where the main road bends left. Here turn right to pass Leigh Mill House on your left. Cross a footbridge beside a ford and after 330 yards continue ahead through a kissing gate to the Godstone by-pass (A22).

G
Cross the by-pass and go through a kissing gate ahead. Follow the path ahead for 950 yards to the road at Tandridge. Cross the road and turn right. Turn left after 80 yards and continue along a path to the right of the Barley Mow.

H
Follow the path round to the left, then bear right up a narrow path to the right of garages. Go through a kissing gate and walk along the top of a field to a kissing gate in the far left-hand corner. Bear right and follow the path ahead.

Interesting features

76 Bletchingley Castle
The de Clare family who were also Lords of Tonbridge built a solid castle here. It was demolished in 1264 during the war between Simon de Montfort and Henry III.

77 Bletchingley (formerly Blechingley)
The medieval market took place at the east end of the village near St Mary's Church. The Whyte Horse Inn has stood there since 1388.

78 St Mary's Church, Bletchingley
This impressive church has a Norman tower and Perpendicular chapel, arcades and chancel arch. A series of gargoyles give a graphic account of vice and madness.

79 Tilburstow Hill
Once the place of Tilbeorht's Tree, the name of this hill has undergone almost as many changes as the valuable woodland which now covers it.

80 Tilburstow Hill Road
Carriers who took iron and charcoal from the Weald up this old Roman road were required to carry loads of stone to mend the road as they damaged it.

81 Fox and Hounds Inn
This 16th century building with fish-scale tile-hanging on the upper storey was well placed as an Ale House to give people respite before the long pull uphill.

82 Leigh Mill, Godstone
Recorded as a corn mill in Domesday Book, abandoned at the time of the Black Death, then used for gunpowder manufacture in the 17th century, the present brick and weather-boarded building dates from the 18th century.

83 Leigh Place Pond
Now an SSSI, this pond was first created when the Evelyn brothers dammed the Gibb Brook to maintain a steady water supply for the wheel at Leigh Mill gunpowder works.
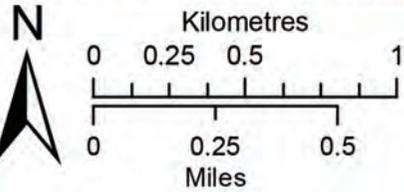
84 St Peter's Church, Tandridge
A huge yew tree, said to be the oldest and largest in Britain, stands outside the church whose shingled bell tower has stood since around 1300 AD.

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