

Hattons Green, South Chailey and Yokehurst Place

A lovely, circular, wooded walk to the north east of Plumpton Green, starting and finishing at Plumpton Station. Passing via Hattons Green, South Chailey and Yokehurst Place, it is mostly across fields, with some farm tracks and short stretches along roads.

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TO PLUMPTON



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Plumpton parish includes the villages of Plumpton and Plumpton Green. The parish lies at the foot of the South Downs, near Brighton and Lewes, in East Sussex. The southern part of the parish is within the South Downs National Park.

Public transport

Plumpton is served by two bus services (166 and 824, Monday to Saturday) and a frequent train service (London Victoria to Eastbourne, Hastings and Ore, daily including Sundays). There is also a daily train service from Brighton via Lewes.

For information about bus times telephone 0844 477 1623 or visit www.countryliner-coaches.co.uk For train times telephone 0845 127 2920 or visit www.southernrailway.com

Pubs and shop

Plumpton has four pubs: the Half Moon at the south end of the village, beneath the Downs; the Winning Post and Fountain Inn, both in the centre of the village, and the Plough, at the north end of the village. There is also a pub, the Jolly Sportsman, in East Chilmington. The Plumpton village shop is open daily and has a delicatessen.

Please follow the Countryside Code

- Be safe, plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people



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Walk down the track, heading towards the Downs, until you reach a stile on your right. Cross the stile into a field and head across the field, westwards, towards a fingerpost on the corner of the wood ahead. The post is likely to be overgrown in the summer.

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Turn left at the fingerpost and, keeping the wood on your right, follow the edge of the field to the corner. Cross over two successive stiles as you pass through a small section of wood, and emerge into a second large field.

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Follow the hedge on the right until it bends away sharply to the right. At this point leave the hedge and continue in the same line across the field. The path across the field is frequently ploughed over or obscured by crops, so you may have to search for the route when you reach the hedge on the far side. Look for two trees in the hedge with a small gap between them. The path, which dips down into a small section of wood, is to the left of these trees and marked by a very low fingerpost.



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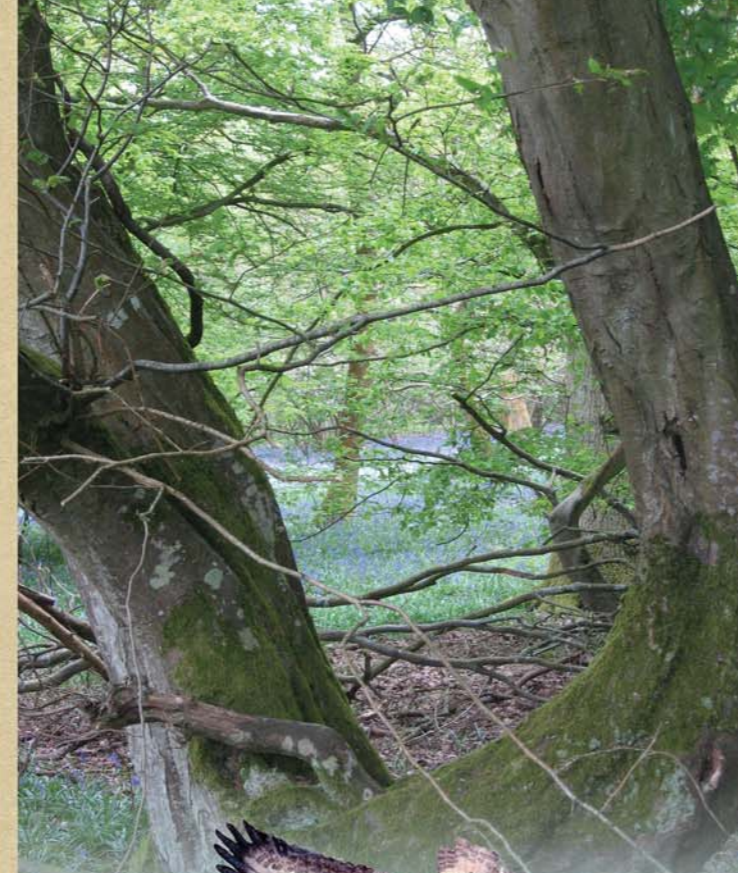
Follow the path through the hedge and into another field. Continue along its edge keeping the fence on your right. The white house on your right is North Hall. At the end of this field, pass through a wooden gate onto Novington Lane.

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Turn left along Novington Lane and, after 50 yards, turn sharp right onto a farm road and bridleway. Continue along this track, through North Barnes Farm, until you reach Station Road again by the Winning Post pub.

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Turn left to head back to the station.



Wildlife notes

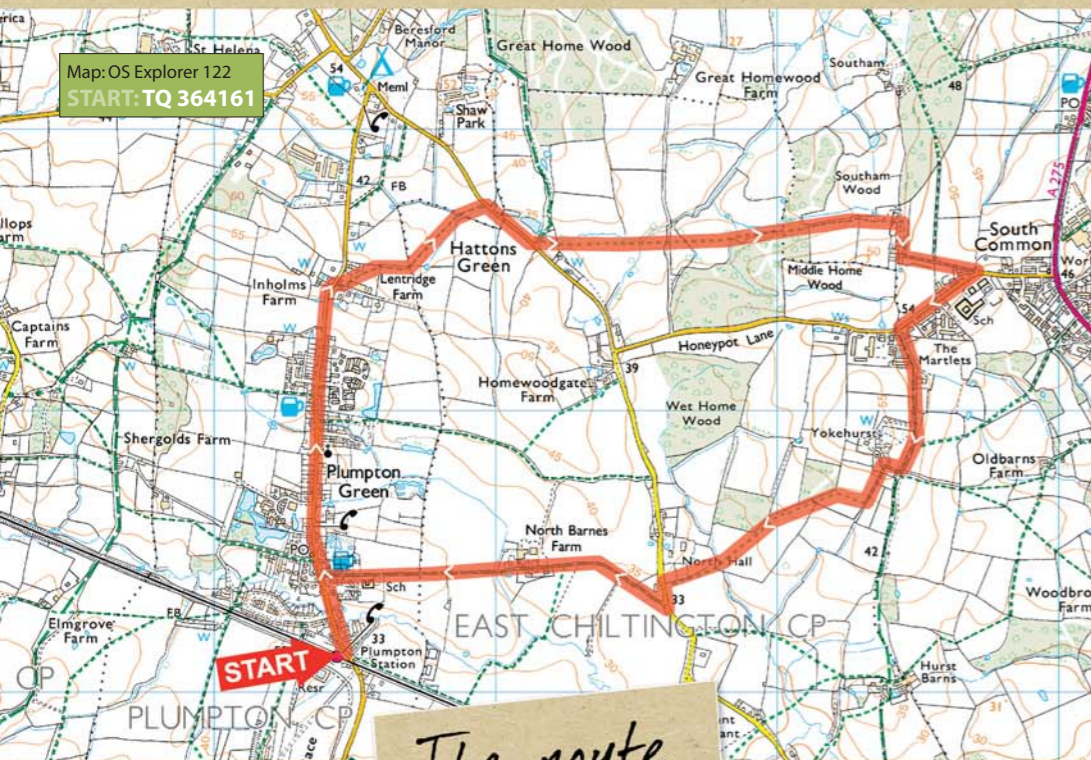


Middle Home Wood (point 11) is bordered by old hornbeams whose shape shows that they were once laid as a boundary hedge.

The wood is very good for bluebells in late spring.

Look out (and listen out) for buzzards circling overhead as you approach the wood.





The route

1 Leaving the station from the car park, turn left (north) up Station Road. You will pass the village shop on your left, the Winning Post pub on your right and, further on, the Fountain Inn on your left. Continue along the road beyond the 30 mile limit, passing at the top of the hill the entrances to Lentrige Farm Cottages and Hilltop on your right as the road bends right.



2 Where the road starts to bend left, take the stile on your right just past two garages, into an L-shaped field.

3 Follow the garden hedge on your left until it turns away and continue forward, bearing slightly left, towards the far corner of the field, where you will find two field gates, one wooden and one metal. Go through the metal gate.

4 Follow the hedge on your left, passing under a magnificent oak tree, to a gap in the hedge. Go through the gap and cross this larger field diagonally eastwards, heading towards two gaps in the hedges ahead. Ignore the first gap in the right hand hedge and pass through the second one in the further hedge beyond.

5 Keep near the fence on your right and continue through the next field to a tall stile leading into South Road. Take care here, as this stretch of road can be busy with fast traffic.

6 Turn right and walk along the road for 200 yards until you reach a bridleway marked by a fingerpost set back from the road on the left.

7 Follow the bridleway a short distance into the woods until you come to a crossing of paths. Ahead, the path crosses a broad footbridge. However, take the smaller footbridge to your right.

8 Follow the confined footpath running alongside the gardens of Hatton's Green Cottages and cross two plank bridges to a stile leading into a large, tree-lined field.

9 Keep close to the trees on your left and walk on in an easterly direction, following the edge of the field, passing through a gap at the far side into another field.

10 Continue on in an easterly direction across this field to a squeeze stile leading onto a concrete farm road that cuts across your path as it heads towards Great Homewood Farm. Cross the road and pass through a second squeeze stile on the far side.

11 Continue on the same line across the next field, passing over a ditch via a short wooden footbridge and then on towards Middle Home Wood ahead. A longer wooden footbridge at the jutting left corner leads into the wood.

12 Cross the footbridge and follow the path along the left edge of the wood to another squeeze stile and continue on, following the path, until you come to another stile that takes you out of the woods and into a field.

13 Proceed through the field, keeping close to the hedge on your left, and cross a plank bridge and stile on the far side.

14 Cross the next field keeping the hedge on your left. Ignoring a gateway on your left, continue around to the hedge around the small pond on your left. When the hedge turns away to your left, continue forward to the far side of the field, where there is a stile next to a field gate.

15 Pass over the stile and turn sharp right towards Broomfield Farm.

16 Turn left at the farmyard and follow the farm road eastwards to emerge onto Mill Lane, South Chailey, ignoring the junction of a private drive coming from the left halfway along.

17 Cross Mill Lane and turn right along the pavement past the school, and walk on until you reach the surgery set back on the left just before the road bends right.



18 Take the narrow concrete private road marked 'public bridleway' on your left, just past the surgery, and follow it for some distance, passing Pouchlands Farm House on your left and the entrance to Yokehurst Farm on your right. Ignore another footpath signed by a fingerpost coming in from your left and continue until you come to a four way fingerpost where the concrete road swings sharp right.

19 Continue around to your right on the concrete road, ignoring the wooded pathway ahead, and, just after the gates for Yokehurst Place on the right, and directly before the gates to Drapers Farm ahead, take the track heading south to your left, passing almost immediately over a stile by a gate.

