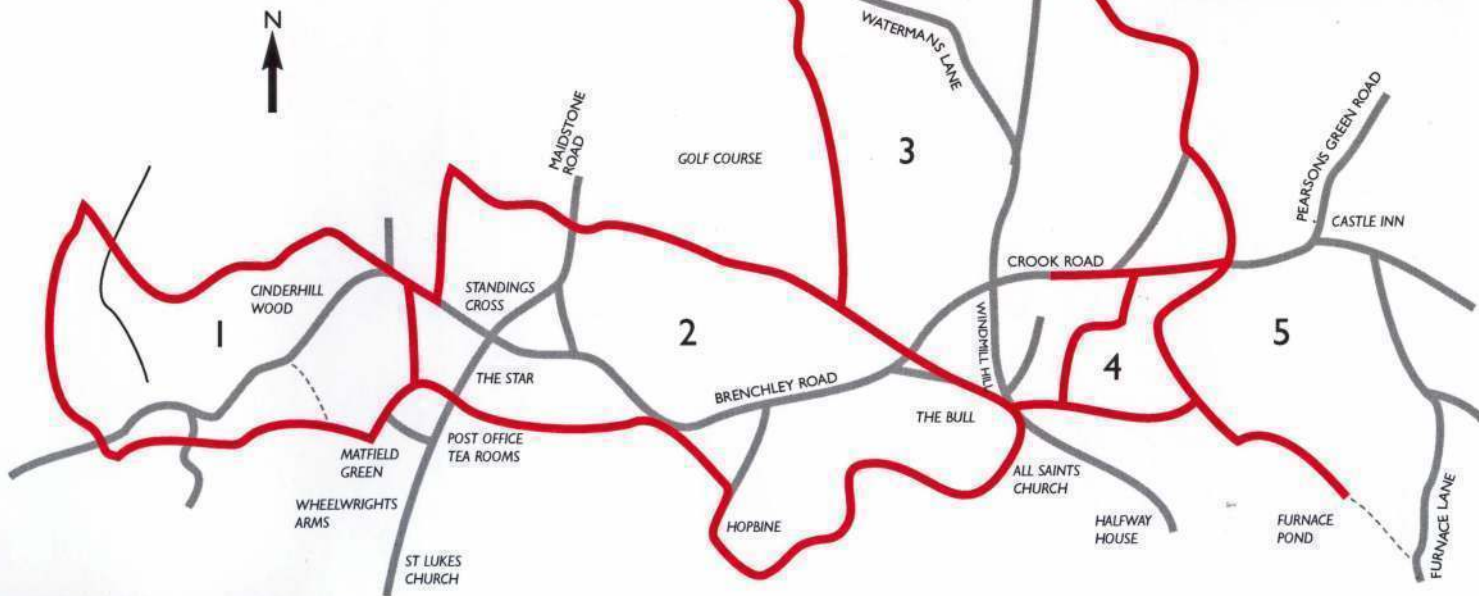
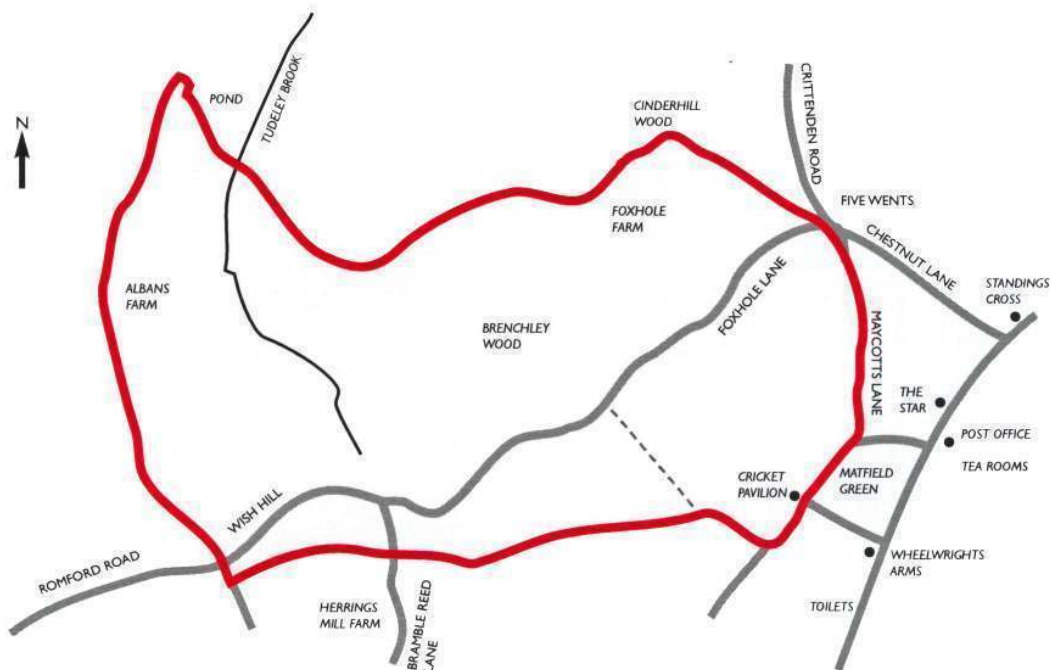


5 Circular Walks from the centre of the villages



MATFIELD and BRENCHLEY
Contains Maps and Guides

Walk No 1 MATFIELD 2 Hour circular walk from centre of village



Leave Matfield Green at the North East corner following the brick wall round into Maycotts Lane. When you come to the Five Wents take the 2nd lane down towards Cinderhill Wood. Follow the tarmac lane bear left onto a concrete lane and take the marked footpath to the left.

Continue on this path for some distance, and at the junction bear left through woodland, passing through two kissing gates down to some steps and over bridge and stile crossing Tudely Brook.

Carry on up hill through enclosed path by a large lake. The path may be boggy for a short distance. Cross over 2 stiles into another enclosed path and cross the stile at the end turning left onto a path through some fir trees. Keeping the field on your left ignore the marked path on your right and follow up the incline ignoring the stile on your right and taking the enclosed path towards the oast. Pass between close boarded fences on either side and turn right onto tarmac track and follow this to the end onto Romford Road.

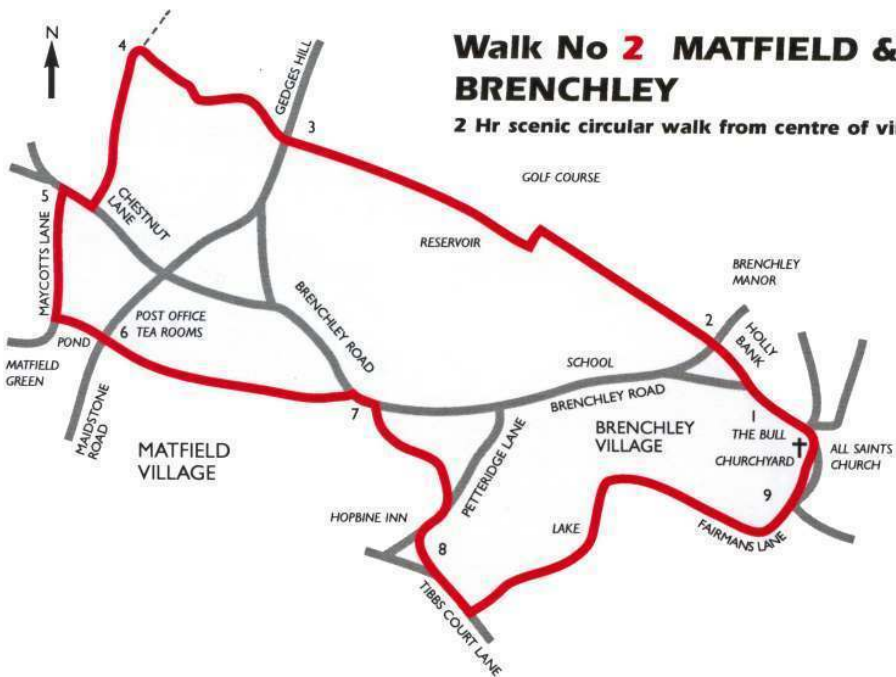
Cross over the road taking the stile ahead. Turn left and keep the wooded area on your left eventually coming down to a marked path on your left taking you through the wood and down over the stile onto Bramble Reed Lane.

Turn right and take the path 50 yards on your left over a stile and down a steep field crossing the stile and bridge at the bottom. Over the close boarded walk in a boggy area going up a slope on your left crossing a second board walk eventually crossing a stile into a field. Make towards the top left hand corner of the field crossing the stile into a wooded area and on to another field. Cross the field bearing slightly right towards the electricity pole in the field and across the nearby stile. Turn right along an enclosed footpath by a boarded fence.

Turn left onto the track ahead arriving back at Matfield Green by the cricket pavilion.

Walk No 2 MATFIELD & BRENCHELY

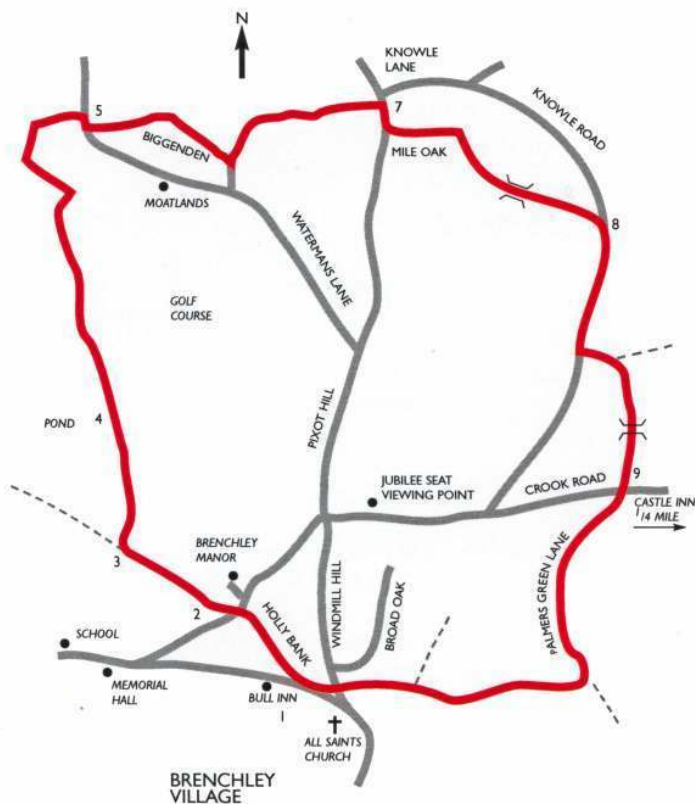
2 Hr scenic circular walk from centre of village



1. Park in the car park by the toilets. Walk back up to the road crossing over and taking first right into Holly Bank by the War Memorial.
2. At the end turn left and immediately cross over Brencley Road up some stone steps into an orchard. Follow the hedge on your right crossing the stile and keeping close to the chestnut post and rail fence. Turn left at the end past two cottages and through a staggered fence and turn right. After 30 yards turn left and follow path keeping windbreak trees on your right (ignore footpath on right). Pass through gap in hedge keeping orchard on your left. Path bears left at hedge and take marked path 100 yards on your right with chain fence and reservoir on your left. Go through gap in hedge keeping hedge on right and orchard on your left. Pass through enclosed path onto tarmac farm drive.
3. Turn left down onto Gedges Hill with post box immediately ahead. Turn right and immediate left down marked tarmac farm drive through double gates passing houses and oast house on your right. Fork right round the Oast with field on your right. 100 yards turn right keeping field on your right.
4. At end turn left at marker post. Keep straight following defined path through wooded area keeping field on immediate right onto Chestnut Lane.
5. Turn right and 200 yards turn first left by pillar box into Maycotts Lane which leads to Matfield Green. Turn left keeping Green and pond on your right.
6. Cross Maudstone Road into narrow enclosed footpath on the right of the Post Office and Tea Rooms. Fork left into farm land and follow defined path round edge of same field following marker posts which eventually cuts diagonally across field down to stile in corner of field. Cross over bearing left keeping hedge on left following signed path cutting through hedge between Oak and Fir tree keeping hedge/ fence on your right. Cross stile onto track between houses onto Brencley Road.
7. Turn right and 30 yards turn right again onto marked path immediately taking left fork into enclosed path passing houses on your left onto a rough tarmac path down to Petteridge Lane.
8. Turn right walking over stream and take marked footpath 70 yards on left up some steps following electricity poles up hill to Tibbs Court Lane by the electricity sub-station. Turn left taking marked footpath 200 yards on left. Go through kissing gate ahead, and follow defined path ahead keeping the church on the ridge in front of you. Pass lake on left and keep on the tarmac path passing through a gate then between houses and onto Fairmans Lane.
9. Turn left and 100 yards take the signed path up the stone steps taking the enclosed footpath into ChurchYard. Keep straight ahead through Lych Gate turning left and back into Brencley village.

Walk No 3 MATFIELD & BRENCHLEY

2 Hr scenic circular walk from centre of village

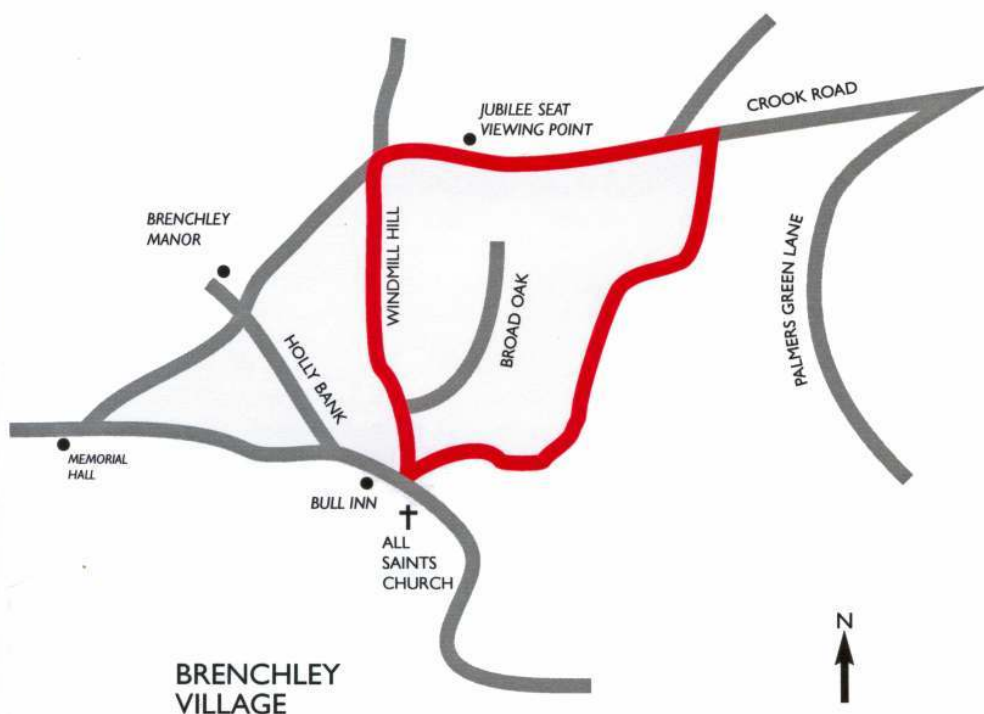


1. Park in the car park by the toilets. Walk back up to the road crossing over and taking first right into Holly Bank by the War Memorial.
2. At the end turn left and immediately cross over Brenchley Road up some stone steps into an orchard. Follow the hedge on your right crossing the stile and keeping close to the chestnut post and rail fence. Turn left at the end past two cottages and through a staggered fence and turn right
3. After about 20 yds turn left towards some Alder trees, take the signed footpath on your right between the row and cross the orchard down to the wooden stile onto open land by the golf course. Follow this path down through the poplar trees ahead and keep straight with the pond on your left and the golf link on your right.
4. The path is now very defined taking you down a slope and through two small copse. Eventually the path turns left at the bottom with the Golf Club to your right. Skirt round the woodland on your right keeping the small copse on your left and follow up an incline

with another copse on your right. Follow this copse on your right to its end and bear right into an open area. Follow the path along by the fence passing under electricity cables to the wood ahead.

5. Bear right and follow path to a stile. Turn right onto Watermans Lane and 35 yds turn left over stile into open farmland.
6. Follow the path ahead until you have a small copse on your immediate left. Bear right towards a building on the other side of the field. Cross over the ditch and cross the stile on your right. Follow the enclosed path by the hedge turning left at the end onto a farm track. Follow the track to the end turning right onto Mile Oak Road and take the footpath 100 yards on your left through a wooden gate by a house.
7. Cross the stile and take the path straight ahead. Turning right at the ditch. Follow path along with the ditch on your left and cross over the bridge turning left and follow the straight ditch on your left up the steps onto Knowle Road.
8. Turning right and walk up the hill eventually taking the marked footpath on your left with the hedge of the bungalow on your left. Cross over the stile into the field skirting a disused building on your right and walk under some electricity wires. Walk straight ahead towards the houses in the distance. Cross over a wooden bridge and straight up the steep slope and over the stile ahead. Take the track up to Crook Road crossing over into Palmers Green Lane.
9. Follow the lane along turning right over stile into open farmland by bungalows. Follow the fence on your left across stile and down a steep slope into a bog area with a sleeper walk. Climb directly up the hill in front of you to a stile. Follow the path directly ahead which brings you back to the centre of Brenchley.

Walk No 4 BRENCHLEY 1/2 Hr scenic circular walk from centre of village



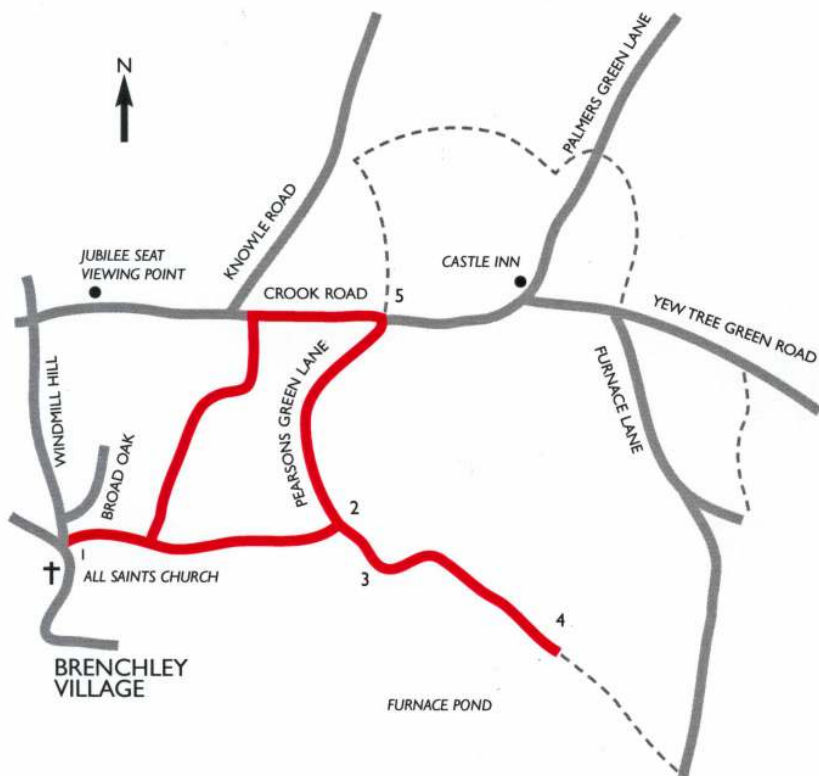
Park in the car park off the High Street. Walk back up to the road and turn right. Leave the centre of Brechley village in an Easterly direction taking the marked path between Terry's the Butchers and a high brick wall.

Follow the tarmac path down hill and turn left at the bottom ignoring the stile in front of you.

Continue some distance along this enclosed path until it emerges into an orchard. Keeping in the same direction, follow the orchard round with the fence/hedge on your left and after about 100 yards cross the stile on your left into another orchard. Continue straight on keeping the hedge to your left. Shortly some houses will be seen on your left, and just passed these there with a stile into a small paddock. Cross this and walk straight ahead for a few yards and over a further stile onto Crook Road. Turn left and walk along the road. On your left you will see a large house, where legend has it that it was once the home of Wat Tyler, who led the Peasants Revolt in 14th century. Continue for a short distance and the Millennium Viewing Point is very obvious on your right. Enjoy the panoramic view of the Weald and take a welcome rest. There are picnic tables there for added enjoyment.

You can then either retrace your steps back to the car park or continue to follow the road along turning left at the cross roads into Windmill Hill which will bring you back down into Brechley village.

Walk No 5 BRENCHLEY 2 Hr scenic circular walk from centre of village



Leave the village along the footpath between Terry's the Butcher and the brick wall. Proceed down until the path forks and climb over the stile into a field down a steep slope and over a sleeper board walk in a boggy woody area. Go up the slope keeping the fence on your right over a stile at the top and continue up keeping the fence on your right until you cross a stile at the top into Palmers Green Lane.

Turn right and continue down the tarmac lane past the last house and taking the marked path on your left up the bank into an orchard.

Proceed for about 150 yds and follow the well marked path which first turns right following a row of wind-break trees between the orchards, with a staggered junction where you continue to take the path straight ahead to a metal farm drive. Cross over the road bearing left and keep close to the stock fence making your way down to the stile at the bottom. Climb the stile and the path follows round to the Furnace Pond. Proceed along the path by the lake and you will come to an interesting waterfall. This area was an important site for the iron industry prior to the industrial revolution.

You can continue onto Furnace Lane and follow the road back to Brenchley, or retrace your steps to Palmers Green Lane, proceed along the full length of the road ignoring the stile climbed earlier onto Crook Road.

Turn left walk up the road towards the oast house ahead, taking the marked stile on your left by the bungalow. Climb over and head for the stile straight ahead. Cross this and turn right following the boundary down to another stile. Turn right and keeping close to the hedge/fence take the enclosed path round the corner. Follow this path along, ignoring the stile crossed at the beginning of the walk and take the tarmac path back up into the village.