Route information

A flat walk of 1.2 miles (1.9km). The paths are a mixture of tarmac and a hard coarse surface. There are frequent rest areas along the route. A radar key may be required for wide access through the kissing gates.

- Hard surface - fine
  - (Occasional stones up to 20mm. Occasional potholes up to 10mm.)
- Hard surface - coarse
  - (Occasional stones up to 20mm. Occasional potholes up to 20mm.)
- Concrete/tarmac
- Road
- Other paths
How to get to Hadlow Access Trail:

Road: From Maidstone follow the A26 to Hadlow. Just before the village shops turn left into Court Lane and second right into The Forstal. Take the first left into small cul-de-sac.

Road Map: www.streetmap.co.uk enter TQ636495 in the address toolbar.

Bus: Number 7 from Maidstone to Tunbridge Wells (via Wateringbury) Monday - Saturday, every 30 minutes.

Route description:

Start: At the end of the cul-de-sac, a way marker indicates the public footpath.

⚠️ There is no designated parking for the walk.

A Follow the footpath, ignoring all other footpaths to the right, until just prior to reaching the road.

B At the junction turn right through the kissing gate and continue ahead until you reach the next junction.

C At the junction turn right and continue ahead past the rest area and pond until you reach a way marker and junction to the right.

D Turn right through the kissing gate and continue ahead to a second kissing gate.

E Continue ahead to rejoin the path and retrace your footsteps back to the start.

Finish

Points of interest:

1 Hadlow Castle – the tower was built by Walter Barton May, an industrialist from the late 1800’s.

2 At the side of the path you may see red dead nettle, which is a prime plant food for caterpillars from small Tortoiseshell Comma, Red Admiral and Peacock butterflies.

3 Look out for the pond and seating area. The pond is home to an abundance of plant and wildlife.

Additional information

Accessible toilets using a radar key can be located in the village. For more information about the route please contact the Hadlow Parish Clerk on 01732 851878 Monday to Thursday 9am to 12.30pm.

For further information about walking please visit www.kent.gov.uk/explorekent