
Route Directions

This is a circular walk which starts in Doddington.

1. Start at the bottom of Chequers Hill at the junction with The Street. Turn RIGHT and continue to the second turning on the LEFT; this is Old Lenham Road.
2. Walk along Old Lenham Road, ignoring Sprats Hill to the left until reaching the power lines crossing above the lane. A few steps further on, find a gap in the hedge on the LEFT into the wood. Take the obvious path through the wood to where it meets the road again.
3. There is a byway to the LEFT, leading up hill; DO NOT take this path but keeping the chainlink fence to the LEFT, continue straight ahead onto the bridleway. Take this path to a gate leading into a wide grassy valley, carrying straight ahead along the bottom of the valley to a gate.
4. Go through the gate where a few steps further on take the stile on the RIGHT. Turn LEFT, keeping to the field edge to follow the fence/tree line until it meets a lane*. Turn LEFT onto the lane and follow it uphill for approx' ½mile (800m) to a row of cottages & Playden Street farm. *(There is an alternative route to this point, avoiding the lane. Instead of continuing to the lane*, keep to the treeline uphill to a footpath into the wood. Take this path which crosses a wide track, into a field and toward the row of cottages ahead. The path then*

passes through the end cottage's garden to the lane.)

5. Passing Playden Street Farm, stay on the lane to where it goes down hill to the LEFT then rises uphill to the RIGHT where there is a bridleway on the LEFT into the woods.
6. Take this bridleway and continue ahead, ignoring the path to the RIGHT a few yards into the wood. At the next split in the path take the LEFTHAND fork and continue on. The path eventually turns LEFT downhill where at the bottom take the path to the RIGHT passing a wooden sign 'LATH WOOD' fixed to a tree & then a bench, both on the RIGHT side of the path just after turning RIGHT. DO NOT take the path straight ahead uphill. Stay on this path to meet the lane, emerging opposite Lady Margaret Manor Farm.
7. Turn LEFT onto the lane going gently uphill, passing Lady Margaret Manor Farm on the right & on to a T junction at the top of the rise.
8. Turn RIGHT here, remaining on this lane for just over a mile (1.6km) to reach the Old Lenham Road at the bottom of Sprats Hill.
9. Turn RIGHT onto the Old Lenham Road and follow it to meet the Street in Doddington. Turn RIGHT and follow The Street back to the Chequers pub.

To Oakenpole or Lath Wood?

A leisurely 5 1/2 mile (8.8km) walk through managed woodland



