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When you're out walking in the countryside, please respect the Countryside Code.

- Be safe – plan ahead and follow any arrows or 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



FOOTPATH



BRIDLEWAY



BYWAY



RESTRICTED BYWAY

Walk Overview

Distance: 5 miles (8km) Allow 3 hours



Start/Finish: Appledore Church



Stiles: 5



Gates: 7



Terrain: Fields. Grassy paths alongside canal. Some gentle slopes



Views: Some good views



Toilets: At recreation ground in village

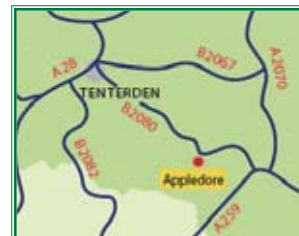


Refreshments: Village shops and pubs

How to get there...

Road Map:

Multimap website www.multimap.com. Search for "Appledore".



By Car: From A28 take B2080 (Tenterden Rd) from just outside Tenterden.

Parking: There is limited on-road parking in the main street of Appledore. Off-road parking is also available at the village hall half way up the main street

Train: Nearest station – Hamstreet (4.5 miles) Limited service from Appledore station. National Rail Enquiries: 08457 484950

Bus: 293 (Tunbridge Wells – Rye) 1 journey, Thurs. 11B (New Romney – Willesborough) 1 journey, Mon-Fri. 11B (Lydd – Ashford) 1 journey, Sat. Traveline: 0870 6082608



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Explore the Kent countryside
Have fun, stay healthy!

Walks in East Kent Appledore

5 miles (8km) approx. 10,000 steps
Allow 3 hours

About the walk...

This walk starts from the charming village of Appledore and follows part of the Saxon Shore Way through gently rolling hills, taking in majestic views of the wild and unique landscape of the Romney Marsh. The route returns along part of the 28 mile long Royal Military Canal. Built in 1809 as a defensive barrier against Napoleon, it's now used to manage water levels and for flood protection across much of the area.

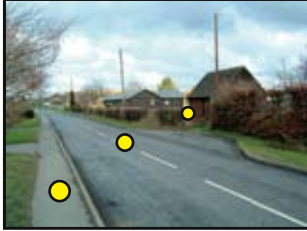


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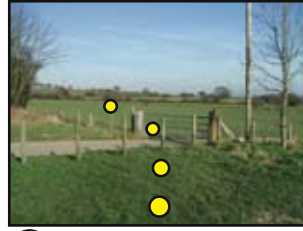
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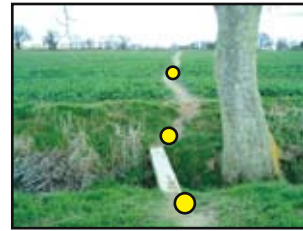
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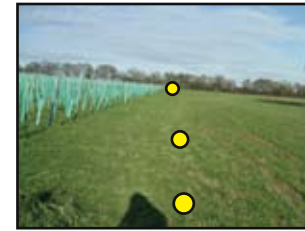
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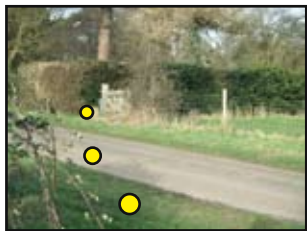
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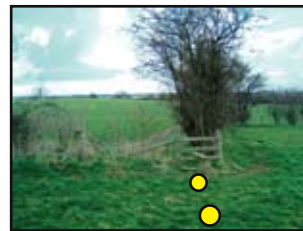
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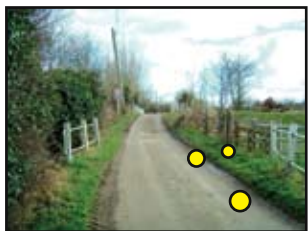
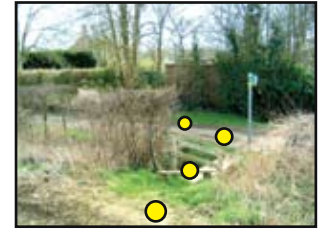
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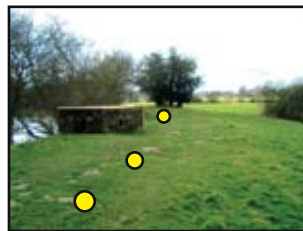
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For guidance only, actual conditions encountered may be different to what is shown depending on weather and time of year.

Route Description

- 1 Starting outside Appledore Church facing Court Lodge Road, turn right to walk along the pavement past the Black Lion Pub along the high street, until you reach the recreation ground.
- 2 Follow Saxon Shore Way signpost between fence and public toilets, onto recreation ground. Cross recreation ground diagonally - heading for the left hand corner.
- 3 Go through gate into the field, turn left and follow waymarker for stile in the corner of the field. Cross stile and bridge into another field. Continue across field to stile on fenceline ahead.
- 4 Cross over stile into field and follow waymarked path under overhead wires heading towards mound ahead.
- 5 Follow waymarked trail over mound. There are great views of Romney Marsh from the top.

Go down other side of mound to continue along path. Follow waymarker arrows to the right to walk with line of trees to your left. Bear left at the end of the line of trees to follow path across another field.
- 6 Cross narrow bridge across ditch and follow path ahead across another field.
- 7 Come out of field and turn right at the road. After a few steps, follow signpost on left. Climb up steps into another field and follow path along the boundary of the vineyard.
- 8 Follow path down steps to cross wooded area. Continue ahead up steps and through gate on other side. A few steps on, pass through another gate into a field. Follow waymarking along right hand side boundary to road.
Beware of rabbit holes in ground.

- 9 Go through gate into road. Turn left and walk for about 10m before turning right through gate into a field. Follow the boundary around to left until you reach a gate at the church.
- 10 Turn right to follow footpath waymarking across field. Head across field with church behind you, continuing towards pylons until you reach boundary and stile.
- 11 Cross over stile into field and follow waymarking directly across, heading for building on right ahead. Cross over stile and small bridge into road before turning left to head down road.
- 12 Just before the bridge, turn right to go through kissing gate to follow the Royal Military Canal path. You can either follow the path up on the embankment or on the grass below. **Beware of rabbit holes in ground.**

Come to fence/gate - go through kissing gate to left to continue on.
- 13 Follow path past WWII pill-box. Keep on bank to follow path alongside the canal for 500 metres, to another fence and kissing gate on left. Pass through gate to continue ahead.
- 14 Just after passing under overhead wires, look for a small bridge on the right. Cross bridge and stile to follow enclosed path. Follow this path as it becomes a surfaced track to road (named Old Way). Turn left to make your way back to the church where you started.

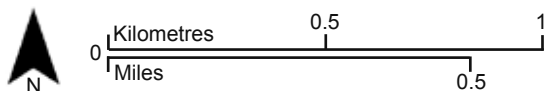
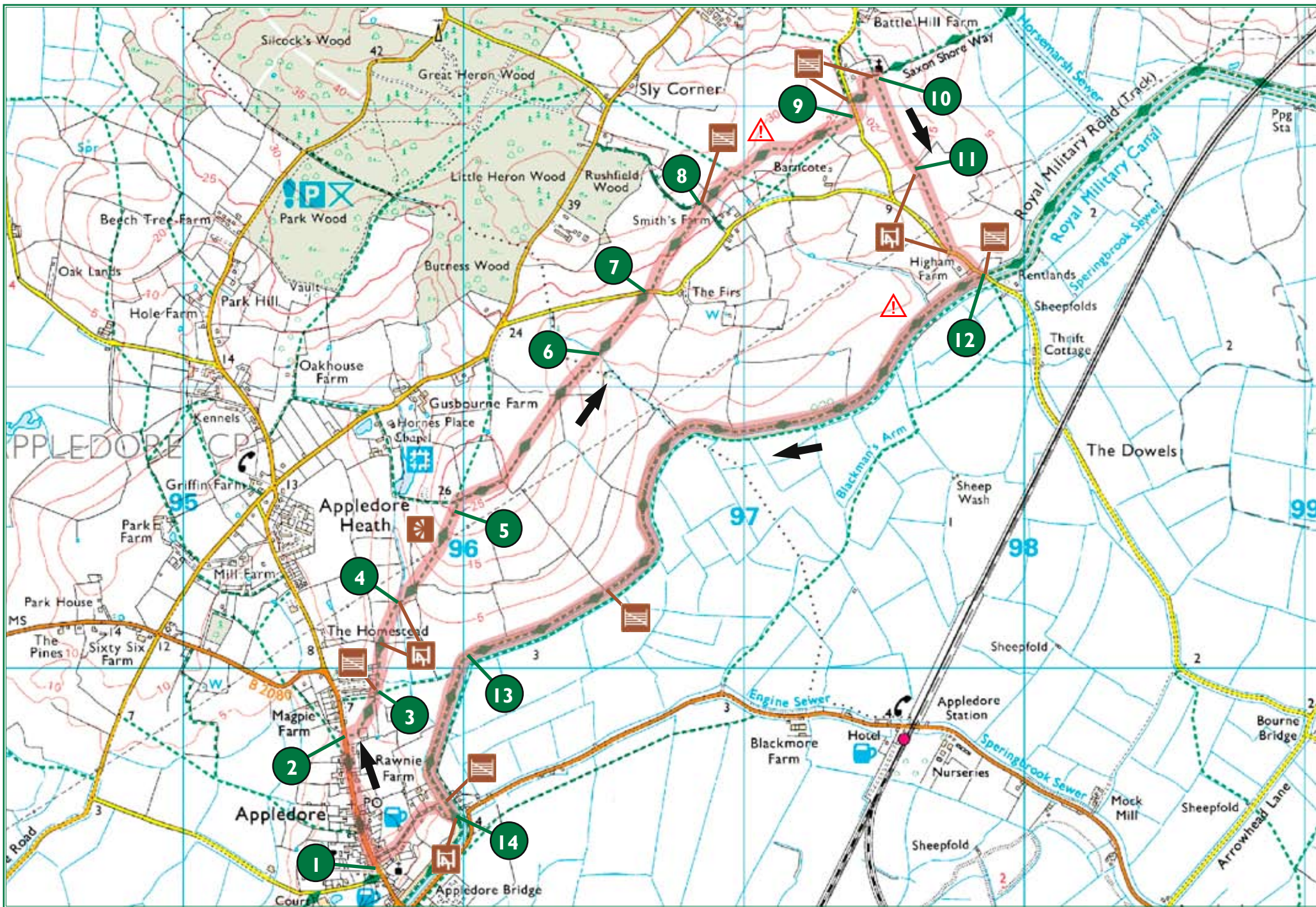
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"Walking for one mile burns virtually the same number of calories as jogging for one mile, it just takes a little longer!"

"Walking is FREE and requires no special equipment or clothing – as long as you are comfortable"

"Regular walking helps reduce the risk of heart disease, strokes, diabetes and high blood pressure"



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 Take care
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 Stile
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 Gate
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 View

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