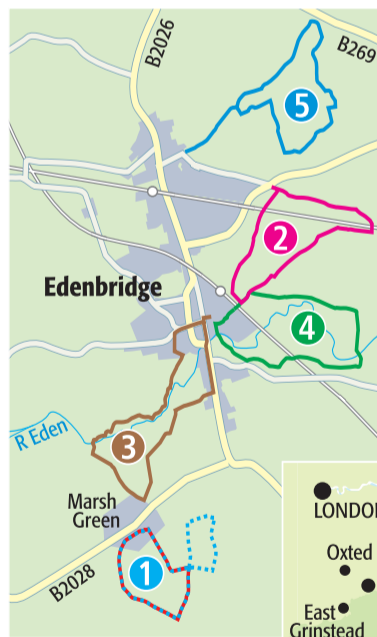


Marlpit Hill – Broxham – Marlpit Hill

1½ – 2 HOURS • 3½ miles (5.6 km)
Easy terrain, route passes through a deer park



Explore Edenbridge



By car: Edenbridge is situated on the B2026, south of the M25 (at junction 6). From the A25 at Oxted, follow the B269 then the B2026 to Edenbridge. There is free parking in the town.



By train: Edenbridge Town station is on the London to Uckfield line; while Edenbridge station (about 1 mile from the town centre) is on the Redhill to Tonbridge line. National Rail Enquiries: 08457 48 49 50

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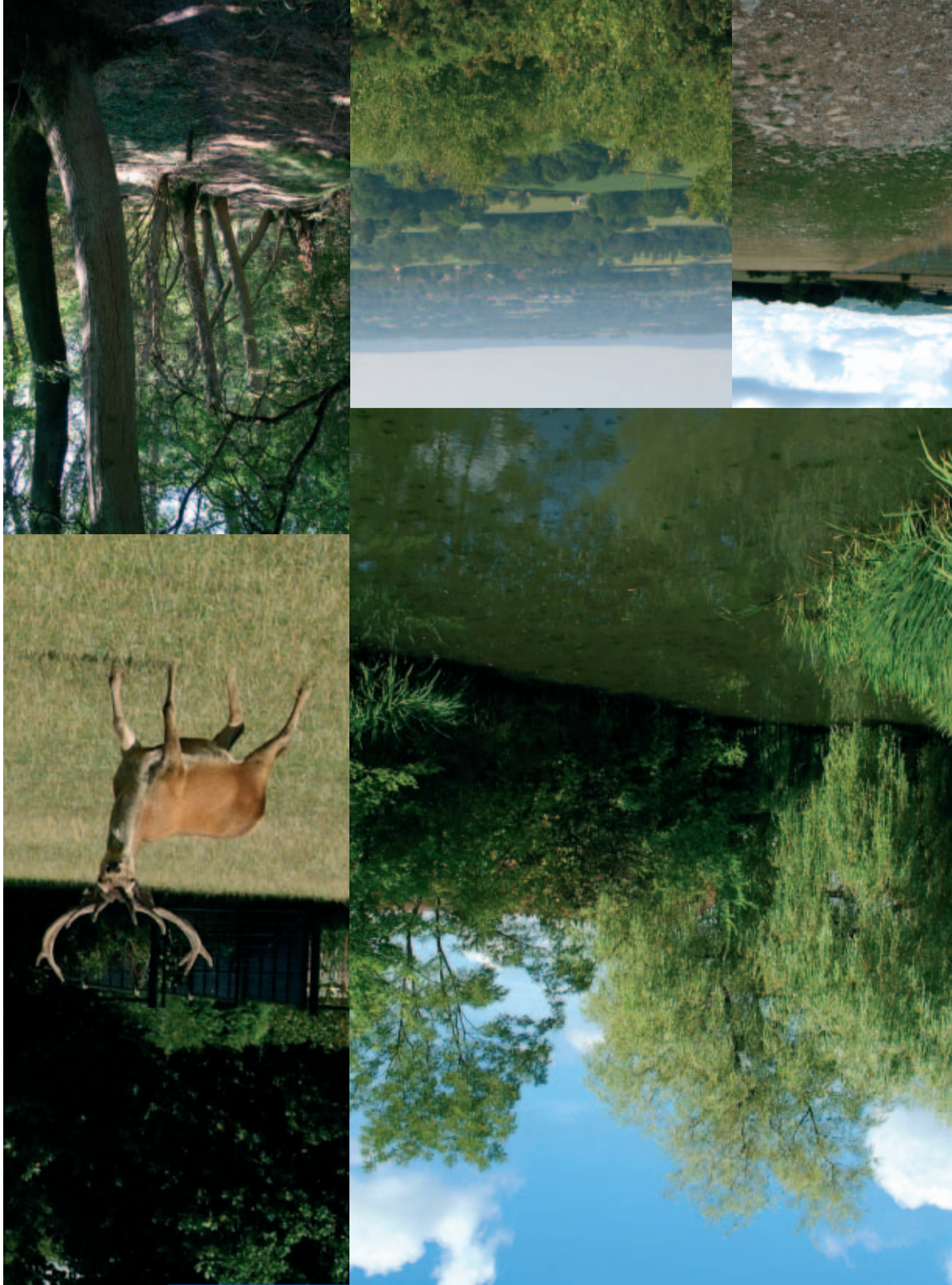
Lying between the Greensand Ridge to the north and the High Weald to the south, Kent's River Eden meanders through Edenbridge and surrounding villages, towards its confluence with the River Medway at Penshurst. On either side of the river lies tranquil farmland, broken by quiet country lanes, whilst the rolling hills and woodland conceal a wealth of historic properties and beautiful gardens.

Throughout the valley there are many Kentish towns and villages waiting to be explored – such as Chiddingstone, Edenbridge, Hever and Penshurst – which are rich in heritage and have many stories to tell. Medieval buildings, coaching inns, courtyards, gardens and historic churches all offer a step back in time.

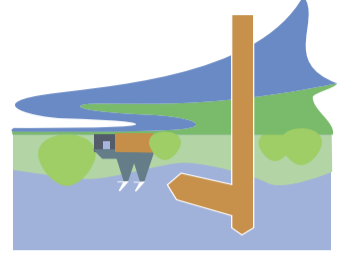
Exploring beyond the Kentish villages you will discover this is superb walking country, with fine views, miles of footpaths and, for the more adventurous, several long distance routes which cross the area.

The routes used are believed to be public rights of way, unless otherwise stated. However, Edenbridge Town Council accepts no responsibility for any error or subsequent change.

Picture of Edenbridge (above right) © Sevenoaks District Council



The Countryside Code



This leaflet describes and illustrates one of five walks produced by Edenbridge Town Council, with the support of the Hidden Britain Project. The project is an initiative to encourage tourism, and to highlight lesser known areas of the countryside. Starting in Swan Lane in the north of the town, near Edenbridge station and the Swan pub, this walk crosses farmland, goes through a herd of deer and passes a restored moat, once part of a Saxon manor. It is about 3½ miles (5.6 km), takes about 2 hours and there are 17 stiles. If parking in Swan Lane, please do so considerately. The town centre is about one mile away with its shops, pubs, a variety of places in which to eat and historic buildings (including the Eden Valley Museum).

- 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 control.
- Consider other people.

For more details, see

www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk

General guidance

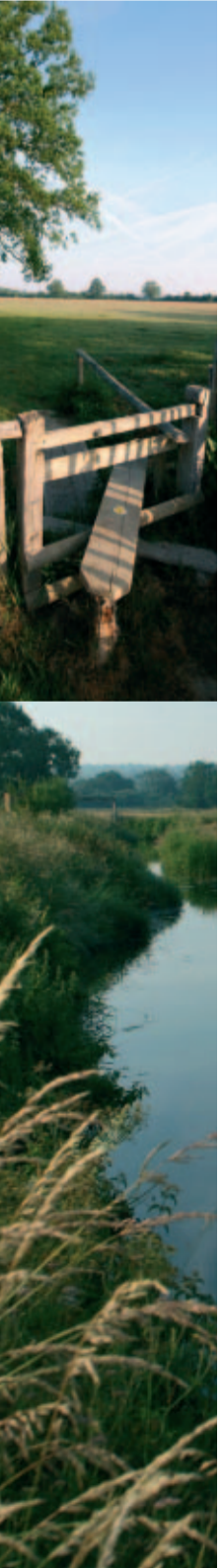
- Start gently and build up at your own pace.
- Wear comfortable shoes or boots, according to the description of the walk and time of year.
- Wear clothing suitable for the weather conditions. Loose fitting clothing allows you to move more freely – thin layers are better than thick chunky clothing.
- Let someone know where you are walking, and what time you are likely to return.
- Do not walk if you are unwell or in pain.
- It's a good idea to take a bottle of water with you.

Walking can

- Make you feel good.
- Give you more energy.
- Help you sleep better.
- Help you reduce stress.
- Keep your heart 'strong'.
- Reduce blood pressure.
- Help to manage your weight.
- If you are free of serious health problems you can start walking more, with confidence.
- The health benefits of walking and other forms of physical activity will be enhanced by a balanced diet and not smoking.



If you are looking for a taste of history, local culture, fine eating and drinking, or simply to enjoy the countryside, you'll find yourself at home in Kent's Eden Valley. Discover more about the Eden Valley on www.edenvalleykent.org which includes details on attractions in the area, accommodation, where to eat and drink, and other information.



1 From Swan Lane take Swan Lane Farm drive (SR393A) on right of property named Winterbourne. Allotments on left. Go through farmyard to iron gate and stile, and make for distant iron gate and stile. Cross stile and bear right to bridge over stream (SR393) with iron gate and stile. Cross and immediately turn left, walking round two sides of field to stile in far left corner.



2 Cross stile and continue right, skirting edge of field, to white house ahead called Appledore. On reaching Appledore cross stile to path bordering property and on to driveway. Pass through next two gates and continue ahead to road (Pootings to Four Elms).



3 Turn right up hill. Opposite Medhurst turn right to drive (SR394). Immediately after bungalow on left, but before farmyard, go over stile on left and cross field diagonally to stile in far right corner. Cross stile and pass through wire mesh gate. Walk through field with line of trees and stream on left. A deer herd is located here.

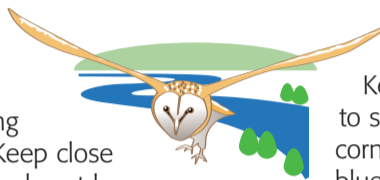


WALK 5 Marlpit Hill – Broxham – Marlpit Hill

Starts in Swan Lane; is about 3½ miles (5.6 km); takes 1½-2 hours; and uses SR393A, 393, 394, 595, 593 and 594. 17 stiles. Please park considerately in Swan Lane.



4 Cross footbridge on left by water trough. Pass through another wire mesh gate, over bridge and stile, and keep straight ahead. Immediately after gate on left, cross small wooden footbridge and enter Broxham Wood. Follow path down to another footbridge which comes out in a field. Turn left keeping Broxham Oast (private property) on right. Keep close to hedge at bottom of field around converted oast house. Pass through wooden gate and turn left down gravel drive, passing site of Broxham Manor and moat - a well restored moat on which stood a manor house in the 13th century. Broxham Manor was burned twice and then rebuilt on the right in the 18th century as the original site was believed to be unlucky.



5 With barns ahead turn right (SR595). Almost immediately cross stile on left. Follow path (SR593) over two stiles in two fields. Continue straight alongside third field. Pass pond on left (hidden by trees). Turn right before gate. Follow path to corner of field, keeping trees on left, and over stile through a gap in hedge. Cross field.

6 Walk through copse to footbridge over stream. Bear diagonally right across field, to pond on right. At gap in corner turn immediately right (SR594), keeping hedge on right, to footbridge. Keep straight ahead to stile in opposite corner, leading to bluebell wood.



7 Go through gate and turn left (SR595), keeping line of trees and pond to left. Follow path down hill to stile and footbridge. Retracing original route in reverse, cross bridge, follow path to stile on left, cross stile and field to further stile at farm buildings, and return along drive to Swan Lane.

