

This is a pleasant walk starting from the village centre. You will follow the Sussex Border Path through woodland filled with bluebells in spring, and across fields.

Warning: Part of the walk is along Rusper Road. This means that you will have to walk on the verge, which on the whole is wide enough to walk on. However, you will have to walk on the road at one point. This is only for a very short time, and the rest of the walk makes up for this slight inconvenience.

1. Start from the Rusper Parish car park next to the St Mary Magdalene Church on the High Street. Walk out of the car park and turn left. Follow the path on the left hand side. When you reach the local recycling point opposite the entrance to Ghyll Manor Hotel walk out onto the left-hand verge.

2. At the road junction cross the top of Capel Road and take the right-hand road, signposted to Newdigate and Charlwood (this is Newdigate Road). The verge on the left side of the road is better to walk on. At the first group of houses on your right, before the road bends to the right, cross over, as the verge disappears. On both of the right-hand bends the verge disappears again. Please be careful walking on this part of the road.

3. Just after Squirrel Cottage and Squirrel Barn on your right you will see the house named Nutshell. To the left of the drive on your right cross the stile and follow the

footpath sign. Directly in front of you is a gate with an old metal step ladder over the fence to the left of it. Cross this and keep to the left edge of the field. Pass through the gateway or climb the stile. Keep walking along the left edge of the field, until you pass through another gate and cross a small footbridge into some trees and walk straight ahead. Look out for the abundance of bluebells here in the spring.

4. After about 200 metres turn right onto the Sussex Border Path. This is a junction with a three-way sign. The Sussex Border Path sign has a bird as its symbol. Walk straight ahead through the trees and out into a field. Here you should be able to spot the footpath sign in the far right-hand corner. Follow the footpath to this signpost. Carry on straight ahead and cross the small footbridge into the next field. Walk along the right-hand side next to the trees. In the right-hand corner of the field look out for the footpath sign and go down the slope into the trees and over the footbridge. Walk up the slope towards the right. At the top turn right immediately after the Sussex Border Path signpost across a ditch and into the trees, rather than walking along the edge of the field. Follow the well trodden footpath through the trees alongside the field.

5. On emerging from the trees you will see a four way footpath sign on your right. Turn right and walk up the track between two fields. At the top of the field pass through

a kissing gate and walk along a track between a hedge and a fence. At the end of the track follow the footpath up the gradual slope. Stick to the right-hand side of the field.

6. At the top of the field you will see the church tower on your right. You will also see a gate with a Sussex Border Path footpath sign next to it. Pass through and walk in between the buildings. Cross the road and turn right back towards the church where you started from.

