

## Stonegate Variations Walk Directions

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These directions are to be used in conjunction with the printed book Time Out Country Walks near London – Volume 2. (CW2). These directions provide:

- A link route from Burwash to be used in conjunction with the Stonegate to Robertsbridge long walk directions (20a), which gives the following options:

Walk option	Length	Stonegate to Robertsbridge walk options (via Burwash)
19d	12.5 km walk	Alternative short walk directions to Burwash + The link route from Burwash to link up with Stonegate to Robertsbridge 20b directions + main Robertsbridge walk directions from [2] until [3] + Along the River into Robertsbridge directions.
19e	15.2 km walk	Stonegate walk until [5] + The link route from Burwash to link up with Stonegate to Robertsbridge 20b directions + main Robertsbridge walk directions from [2] until [3] + Along the River into Robertsbridge directions.
19f	29 km long walk	Stonegate walk until [5] for an earlier lunch at The Rose & Crown + The link route from Burwash to link up with Stonegate to Robertsbridge 20b + main Robertsbridge walk directions.

**Length:** 7.3km (4.5 miles) to 29km (18 miles) – depending on option.

**Transport:** Hourly trains run between London Charing Cross and Stonegate.

Journey time is just over an hour. If finishing at Robertsbridge buy a day return to Robertsbridge (which is two stops down the line from Stonegate). If travelling by car it is probably best to park at Stonegate.

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**Toughness** 3 out of 10

## Alternative short walk directions to Burwash

### WALK DIRECTIONS

#### Burwash to Robertsbridge link

From the entrance to the church of St. Bartholomew's, turn left and *follow the footpath round to the right hand side of the church*, to go down some steps after 100 metres. In a further 50 metres exit the churchyard through a wooden gate along a footpath with fencing on your left-hand side, your direction 80 degrees.

In 150 metres *go through a wooden kissing gate into a field and in 50 metres go through a metal gate to veer right down across a field*, your direction 120 degrees, aiming for the far lower corner. *In 160 metres turn right over a stile to enter a lightly wooded area. In 30 metres exit via a metal gate into a field* to go along its left hand side, slicing its far left hand corner to *go through a wooden fieldgate* (TQ 68343 24802) *after 140 metres into the next field and turn half right* to go diagonally down across this field, your direction 110 degrees. In 160 metres at the lower left hand field corner *go through a car wide gap* (TQ 68502 24708) *into the next field and veer left down across it*, slicing its left hand corner, your direction 110 degrees. *In 90 metres* at a wooded field boundary cross a footbridge (flanked by two metal gates) over a small stream *into the next field* to go up across this field *aiming to the right side of a clump of trees*, your direction 100 degrees.

In 80 metres at the corner of the fenced in clump of trees continue in

the same direction to slice the left-hand corner of the field. In 40 metres *go over a stile* (TQ 68723 24657) *into the next field to go down across it aiming for a stile leading into wood*, your direction east. In 150 metres go over the stile into a wood. In 40 metres *turn right through a metal gate to leave the wood* to continue down the left-hand edge of a field with a hedgerow on your left. In 100 metres *at the corner of the adjacent field on your left, turn half left* to go diagonally across the field towards a metal fieldgate, your direction east.

In 200 metres go through the metal fieldgate.

The official footpath is as follows: Continue along the right edge of a field, with a stream on your right, your direction 60 degrees. In 180 metres, *at a car-wide bridge on your right, Turn left towards a metal fieldgate* (5 metres to the right of a large oak tree) 70 metres distant, your direction 350 degrees. [Although if the field is fallow then you may prefer to turn half left across the field towards the metal fieldgate in the far corner.]

*Go through the metal fieldgate* (TQ 69310 24778) *to turn half right* into the next field, your direction 45 degrees. Go up a gentle incline, passing by a shrub hill fenced in on your left, heading towards a car-wide field entrance just to the left of a mini pylon pole.

In 140 metres go through the car-wide field entrance. Continue towards two adjacent electricity wooden poles with a grey transformer box mounted half way up, your direction 50 degrees.

In 220 metres just to the right of the transformer box poles cross a footbridge flanked by two metal gates (TQ 69587 25009) to go up the left-hand edge of a field. In 70 metres go through a metal fieldgate to go along a footpath with dilapidated garden fencing on your right-hand side.

In 80 metres *turn left up a car-wide track*, your direction 290 degrees. In 50 metres go through a metal fieldgate into Borders Farm. Veer round to the right to pass a cowshed on your left and then a red-brick house. After 100 metres, *at a T-junction, turn right* along a lane. In 70 metres you pass the entrance to Borders Farm on your right.

35 metres *further on turn right over a stile* (TQ 69671 25280) to go down the left-hand edge of a field, your direction 160 degrees. *In 120 metres turn left over a footbridge* (TQ 69710 25175) *to then turn right* and continue in the same direction along the right-hand edge of a field.

After 50 metres veer right to go through a metal fieldgate to cross back over the stream and continue in the same direction along the left-hand edge of a field. In 60 metres, *where the left-hand field hedgerow curves to the left, go diagonally across the field towards the far corner*, passing under mini electricity pylon cables, your direction 100 degrees.

In 150 metres *go through a metal fieldgate*. Continue along with a stream on your right. *In 35 metres turn right to go through a metal gate* and over a car-wide bridge. Continue up the left-hand edge of a field, your direction 150 degrees.

**[!]** *In 100 metres* (60 metres before the top left-hand corner of the field) *turn left through a metal fieldgate* (TQ 70036 24990) to cross the next field towards a metal fieldgate exit with a footpath arrow on the right post, your direction 80 degrees. *In 60 metres cross a car-wide bridge* and go through the metal fieldgate *into the next field*. *Turn right up a slight incline* towards the top right-hand corner of the field, your direction 120 degrees.

In 100 metres, at the top right-hand field corner, go over a stile (left of a metal fieldgate) and continue up the right-hand edge of the next field, with a wood on your right. In 180 metres, near the top right-hand corner of the field, ignore a metal fieldgate to the right. In a further 30 metres (with a cattle trough 10 metres to your left), go through a metal fieldgate up into the next field, initially, with a fenced in wood on your left, your direction south-east, towards a metal fieldgate at the top left-hand corner of the field.

In 180 metres go through the fieldgate to *continue up a lane* passing a red-brick house on your right and cowsheds on your left. In 100 metres the lane curves to the right and, after 80 metres, to the left by a two-armed footpath signpost. In 50 metres you pass the entrance to Fontridge Manor on your right and, after 80 metres, *reach a lane junction* with a small postbox on your right.

*Continue down the lane, and after 100 metres as the lane curves to the right, [!]fork left along a footpath*, your initial direction 130 degrees.

*In 40 metres cross a stile to follow the footpath arrow diagonally down across the field*, heading towards a fieldgate

with a small wood to the left of the fieldgate, your direction 100 degrees. In 200 metres, *having crossed the field, veer right* to go down the left edge of the field, your direction 140 degrees.

In 70 metres, at the bottom left-hand corner of the field, *cross a footbridge to then cross a stile. Turn left along the left-hand side of a field*, with mini pylon poles on your right, your direction 60 degrees. In 140 metres as you approach the second wooden pylon pole on your right, turn half right up a slight incline between the second and third wooden pylon poles.

After 200 metres, *at the rise of the hill*, go through a narrowing to *cross into the next field*. Continue along the upper ridge of this field, passing Willard's Hill Farm buildings on your right, *to reach the upper right corner of the field*. In 200 metres go through a metal gate **[B3]** to *cross a lane* to then go through a metal kissing-gate and continue along the footpath, bearing round initially to the left, with a wooden fence on your right, *to then emerge into a field* after 30 metres.

In 20 metres turn right onto a shingle track, with a mini pylon cable run on your left, your direction east. In 140 metres *follow the track round to the right to then turn left* to go down an enclosed car-wide path on the left-hand side of a field.

After 200 metres, at the left-hand corner of the field, *cross a footbridge to go up some steps and through a metal gate to go diagonally up across a field*, with the mini pylon cable run away to your right, *towards a stile*, your direction 80 degrees. In 180 metres, at the field edge, go through a

metal gate into the next field. *Continue in the same direction with a house up off to your right.*

In 200 metres, *go through a hedgerow field boundary and turn left* to go down an enclosed car-wide footpath (along the left-hand side of a field). After 180 metres, at the bottom of the field, *cross over a car-wide concrete bridge*, your direction 30 degrees.

**[!]** *On the other side of the bridge continue straight ahead to go along the left-hand edge of a field*, with the hedgerow on your left.

After 130 metres, at the left-hand corner of the field, go through a car-wide gap into the next field. Head uphill along the right-hand edge of the field. In 150 metres, at the top right-hand corner of the field, you come out onto a concrete car-wide track leading to Squibs Farm. After 20 metres you pass a footpath arrow on a post on your right. In 50 metres you reach a farm track crossroads, with a four-armed wooden footpath signpost 15 metres ahead.

*You now follow the main walk directions from [2].*

- You now resume the 20b Stonegate to Robertsbridge long walk directions, 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph commencing: "In 200 metres go through the metal fieldgate....".
- Follow these directions until the end to then pick up the main Robertsbridge walk directions at [2] in the text, which you follow until [3].
- You now have a choice:
  1. For the shorter Stonegate Robertsbridge walk (20d and 20e)

refer to the directions below.

(Along the river into Robertsbridge.)

2. If opting for the 29km long Stonegate Robertsbridge walk (20f) continue following the main Robertsbridge walk directions text.

## **Along the river into Robertsbridge**

*Turn right, your direction 140 degrees. After 180 metres at the end of this narrow strip of land, cross over a stile and continue along the left-hand side of a field bordering a stream.*

In 200 metres, at the end of the field, at a brick bridge off to the left, *continue along the riverside footpath with the river on your left, your initial direction 110 degrees. Having crossed over various stiles, after 1.4km you cross over a footbridge and then a car wide bridge to continue straight-ahead passing the semi derelict red bricked Mill on your left, to join a concrete car wide track.*

*In 160 metres at a T-junction with a road, turn right along the pavement to cross a bridge. In 400 metres you pass the Seven Stars pub on your left.*

In 50 metres *turn right along Station Road* to reach after 330 metres **The Ostrich** pub on your left and 25 metres further, on your right **Robertsbridge station** and car park.

## **Lunch and Tea places:**

Further details under Lunch and Tea Places in the Time Out Country Walks book – Volume 2. Reference: Stonegate and Robertsbridge walks.