

k156 Smarts Hill from Penshurst

Penshurst is on the B2176 NW of Tunbridge Wells

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Details

Distance:	7km (4½ miles)		
Total Ascent:	138m (453ft)		
Time:	2 hrs	Grade:	2
Maps:	OS Landranger® 188		
	or OS Explorer Map™ 147		
Start/Finish:	Penshurst, Kent		
Grid Ref:	TQ526438		

Quiet country paths

⑤ Go SW from the T-junction through Penshurst to reach a primary school. Go W (right) on a track ('The Warren'). Climb gently and bear SW past a farm house before crossing fields on a clear path to reach a bridge over the River Eden. Cross the bridge and continue W on a clear path to reach the drive to Salmans Manor. (1½ km)

① Go S (left) on the drive to reach a junction. Go SW (half-right) leaving the drive to follow a path (yellow waymark) that climbs through woods to reach a road. Go SW (right) on the road for 350m to reach a waymarked crossing path. (1 km)

② Leave the road and go SE (left) up some steps and across a field to reach a stile just beyond South Park Farmhouse. Cross the stile and continue SE between two fences (passing Smarts Hill trig point en-route) before bearing NE to reach a track via a stile. Go SE (right) on the track to reach a road at The Bottle House Inn. Go E (left) on the road to reach a junction. Go SE (right - signed 'The Spotted Dog') to pass the pub and a converted chapel. (1 km)

③ After the last house go NE (left) on a clear path that descends to a lane. Go N (left) on the lane for 25m before heading SE (right) on a path that descend to a farm access track. Go E (right) on the track to reach Nashes Farm. Continue E on the track until it ends at a gate. Go over the stile next to the gate and go N (left) on a clear path that crosses a stile and then joins the River Medway. Follow the river bank N to a bridge. Cross the river and go E (right) round a field to reach a crossing path. Go N (left) and then NE to a road. Go NW (left) on the road to return to Penshurst and the start. (3½ km)

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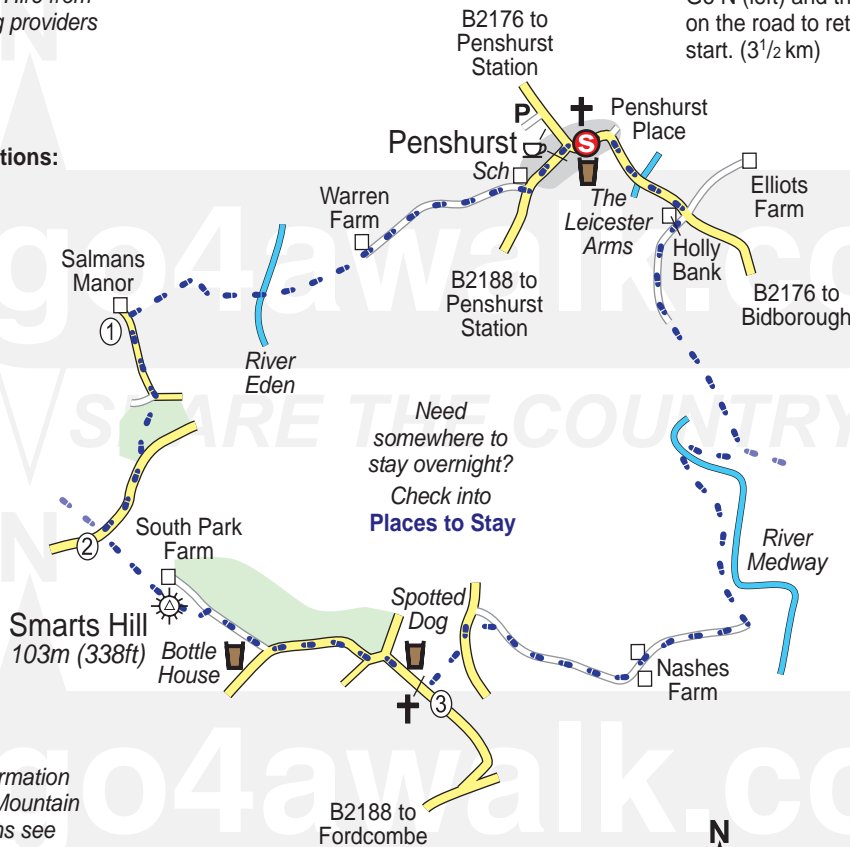
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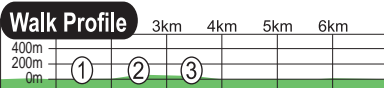


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