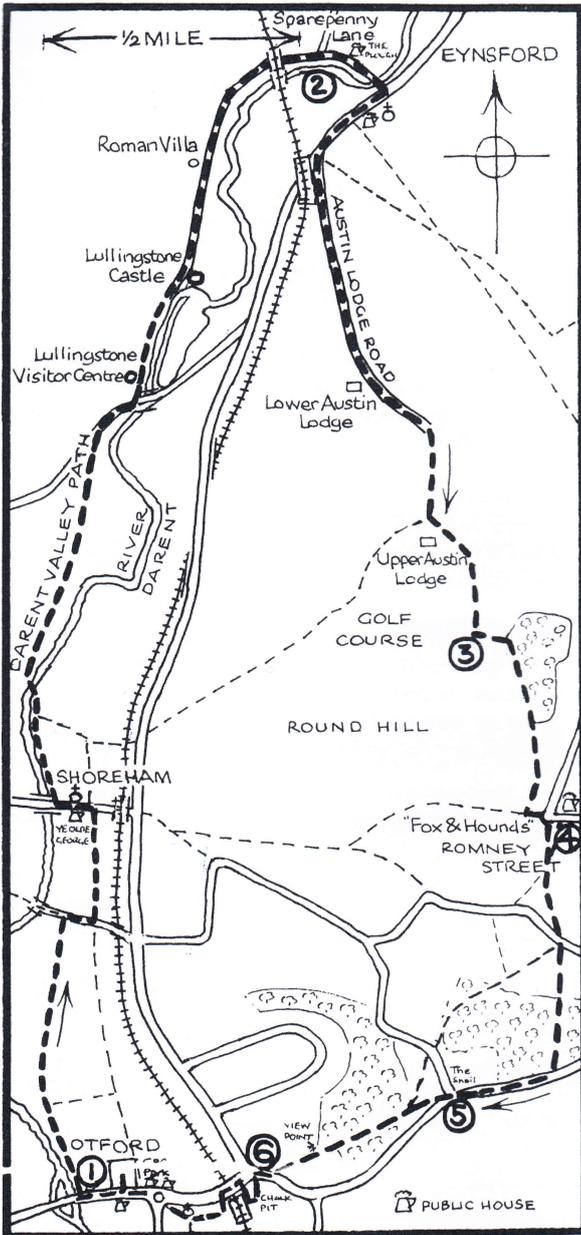


EYNSFORD

Approx 10 miles - Allow 5 hours



This walk uses both the Darent Valley Walk and the North Downs Way. There is a wide variety of interests from Roman Ruins to views of Canary Wharf.

1. From the Car Park return to the High Street and turn right. Walk down the High Street until you are signed to take the Darent Valley walk. Take this walk as posted until you enter Eynsford. Leave the Darent Valley Walk at Sparepenny Lane and continue to walk through the village. Refreshment stops here both at The Plough and a good light meal and sandwich cafe near the ford.

2. After the Ford turn right and walk along the road to the Station. Turn left and walk in front of the Station to Austin Lodge Road. Stay on this road for approximately 20 minutes, passing by Lower Austin Lodge Farm and through the Lodge Gates to a fork in the road. Take the left hand fork marked 'No Entry' and continue through the hamlet of Upper Austin and golf course.

3. At footpath sign turn left up the hill between hedges. Continue bearing right on this footpath walking through the edge of woodland and on the brow of the hills, always keeping the wooded areas to the left. As the woods peter out emerge onto open hillside and to right the view of Canary Wharf. Cross stile on the left and follow signs to the "Fox and Hounds" P.H. Not open Monday lunchtime.

4. Take the footpath in front of the "Fox and Hounds" diagonally right across the field to stile and turn left. Keeping left follow f.p. straight through a gate and next left stile. At narrow field take the stile at the bottom right (not following curve of field to left) and almost immediately another, and walk down to a country road. Cross slightly left and take the footpath signed to the left walking uphill by the side of the woods. Following this onto an open field on a steep hill to take footpath at the bottom left hand corner. Walk through woods to the road. Turn right and walk to The Snail, a triangular area of land.

5. The NDW is posted opposite to the point of entry, follow this down to the road (picnic seat and viewpoint).

6. Turn right and then left through Chalk Pit and right onto the Station path to road. Cross railway bridge and immediately down steps. In Station Car Park take the footpath on the right downhill and walk back to the village centre past Becketts Field and the Church to the Car Park.