



2 1/3 - mile circular walk from The White Lion, Selling.

This short circular walk allows you and your family to explore the beautiful countryside surrounding the village of Selling. Selling sits within an area of outstanding natural beauty in The North Downs.

Over 70% of the North Downs are farmed. In this area the main farming activity is fruit farming. This walk will take you through apple and pear orchards.

Woodland is the second largest land-use after farming. Along this route you'll pass through a small section of Perrywood, used mainly for wildlife conservation and quiet recreation. The wood is a mix of native deciduous, conifer and sweet chestnut plantations. This habitat supports a variety of wildlife and plants. Keep your eyes open for woodpeckers, nightingales, dragonflies, lizards and butterflies to name but a few along this route.

This is a walk for all seasons. In the Spring enjoy the beautiful scented blossom of the orchards. In the Summer look out for a host of insects and butterflies attracted to the abundance of wildflowers. In autumn enjoy the heavily laden apple and pear orchards and in winter enjoy the hilly terrain that will keep you warm until you reach the cosy fire back at The White Lion for some well-earned refreshment!

Information – Please note the public footpaths should remain as published here and are generally marked by wooden posts with small yellow circular markers or signposts. Please take care of passing traffic when walking on roads as well as on all footpaths for trip and slip hazards. Please be aware that the landscape is farmed and is subject to change from time to time. Please also be mindful of the Countryside Code, leaving gates as you find them, taking your litter home and being considerate to the local community and respecting others enjoying the countryside. **There is 1 stile on this route.**

Start/Finish – The White Lion, The Street, Selling ME13 9RQ – Open 7 days a week from 12.00hrs. – Telephone: 01795 383100

Paths – A variety of mud, grass, stony tracks, agricultural fields, woodland paths and country lanes.

Distance & Time – Approximately 2 1/3 miles. Allow 1 – 1 1/2 hours. This is an easy walk. At its lowest point you will be 265ft above sea level and at its highest point you will be 358ft above sea level. In total you'll climb approximately 202ft

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1. From the front of the pub, turn left and walk approximately 50 meters along the Selling Road looking out for a footpath signpost on the right hand side of the road directing you along an enclosed footpath (Path number ZR652) which leads you out into an orchard.

2. Walk directly uphill heading for the gap between the trees. On the far side of the trees you'll find a wooden footpath marker post. Follow the directional arrow leading you directly through the apple orchard, then on through the hedge and on through another apple orchard in the same direction until you reach a hedgerow at the far side of the orchard.

3. Turn right, following the directional arrow on the wooden footpath marker heading downhill, until you reach a farm track. Cross directly over the farm track and follow the direction of the footpath marker walking uphill along the edge of the pear orchard ahead of you, keeping pear trees on your left and a row of mature trees on your right.

4. When you reach the junction of orchards and an opening in the hedge on your right, continue walking in the same direction you have been, keeping pear trees on your left and a row of mature trees on your right.

5. At the end of the orchard, turn right through the corner of the hedge and follow the well-defined enclosed path climbing the stile into a small field. Bear right and follow the edge of the field keeping a hedge row of trees to your right until you reach a gate/climbing fence.

6. Go through the gate/climb fence into a garden. Follow the gravel driveway ahead of you until you reach a lane (Sign for Puddledock) and turn right. Walk along the lane for a short distance until you see a Bridleway signpost (ZR654) directing you left along an enclosed well-defined path for approximately 200 meters entering woodland, until you reach a crossroads of paths and a wooden footpath signpost

7. Turn right at the crossroads and follow the grassy path downhill through the woods until you reach a short wooden footpath marker directing you right, through the trees and out into a field.

8. Follow the directional marker diagonally across the field to the opening in the hedge ahead, where you'll come to a country lane.

9. Turn right and follow the lane for approximately 1/3 of a mile or 600 meters until you reach a T-junction.

10. Turn right and walk approximately 100 meters then turn right and follow the country lane for a further 1/3 mile or 600 meters until you pass several properties on both sides.

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11. After passing 'Grove Bungalow' on your left, look for a footpath signpost (ZR649) at the entrance to 'Grove House'. Turn left here and walk along the driveway passing a cottage and a coach house building with a bell tower. Keep to the right and continue walking along the fence enclosed grassy footpath where you'll reach a gate.

12. Go through the gate and emerge into an orchard. Continue to walk in the same direction you have been, keeping woodland to your left and orchard on your right. As the wood ends, you'll walk alongside a row of trees on your left. When the trees end bear slightly left and continue in the same direction heading uphill, now with a hedge on your right.

13. At the far corner of the orchard head along the well-defined footpath to the right of the wooden fence passing a property on your left. The path then emerges beside Selling Village Hall, where you'll reach a road.

14. Turn right and walk along the pavement for approximately 150 meters where you'll find the White Lion Pub on your left.

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