



## Selling East - 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ mile circular walk from The White Lion, Selling.

*This circular walk allows you to explore the beautiful farmland 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. On this walk you'll see mostly arable farmland as well as livestock farming.*

*Along this route you'll no doubt encounter partridges and pheasants. Landowners in the area often employ a gamekeeper to raise game birds on field edges and in woodland for game shooting during late autumn and winter.*

*Woodland is the second largest land-use after farming. Along this route you'll see and pass through small areas of woodland which are mainly formed of a mix of native deciduous trees.*

*This is a walk for all seasons. In the Spring enjoy bluebells in the woods. In the Summer look out for a host of insects and butterflies attracted to the abundance of wildflowers. In autumn enjoy the harvested fields 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 4  $\frac{3}{4}$  miles. Allow 2 – 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  hours. This is an easy to moderate walk. At its lowest point you will be 133ft above sea level and at its highest point you will be 333ft above sea level. In total you'll climb approximately 427ft

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**1** From the front of the pub, turn right and follow the pavement for approximately 150 meters along The Street until you come to a lane with a signpost to 'St Marys Church'. Turn right and follow the lane, passing the village school on your left for 300 meters until you reach a crossroads.

**2** Cross directly over the crossroad, heading slightly uphill along the dead end road passing 'Old Oast Cottage' on your left and 'St Mary the Virgin' Selling Church on your right heading for the footpath gate directly ahead of you just past 'Ye Olde Timbers' & 'Primrose Cottage.' Go through the gate into a field and head for the gate you can see across the far right hand side of the field.

**3** Go through the gate and follow the well-defined track through the hedgerow where you'll emerge into a field. Bear slightly left and walk across the corner of the field towards the gap in the hedge. On the far side of the hedge continue to follow the directional arrow on the footpath marker post, heading in the same direction you've been walking directly across the field as it begins to head downhill.

**4** On the far side of the field continue in the same direction you've been walking along an enclosed footpath leading you downhill beside a pumping station on your left. Then climb the steps where you'll reach a lane.

**5** Cross directly over the lane and climb the steps ahead of you (Footpath ZR645) where you'll emerge into a field. Bear right and head directly across the corner of the field heading uphill towards a gap in the hedge.

**6** Go through the gap and turn immediately left following an enclosed path uphill. At the top of the hill you'll come to a farm roadway, here continue walking in the same direction you've been walking passing a farmhouse (Saffrey Farm) on your left with a pond in a field at the front and a property on your left (Saffrey Barn) then onwards along the track passing further properties on either side until you reach a lane.

**7** Turn left and follow the lane for approximately 700 meters or just under ½ mile until the point where the lane bears round to the right. On the left you will find a footpath marker signpost (Footpath ZR664). Bear left into the field along this footpath and walk along the edge of the field, keeping a hedgerow to your right and open field to your left. Where the property boundary ends continue walking in the same direction directly across the field to a gap in the hedge ahead to the left of farm buildings.

**8** Go through the gap, cross the lane and follow the vehicular track (Footpath ZR398) ahead of you to the left of the farm building for approximately 500 meters until you reach a junction of tracks. Here bear slightly left and continue forward between an avenue of large trees (These are lime trees and you're now walking along part of the DEFRA conservation walk)

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Do not walk to the end of the avenue of trees Walk for 200 meters until you see a well-defined track cross your path. Here turn left and follow the well-defined path through the trees and emerge into a field.

**9** Bear left and follow the well-defined path across the field for approximately 600 meters heading towards the furthest area of woodland. At the far side of the arable field turn left and walk approximately 25 meters along the grass verge until you find an opening on your right leading you downhill into woodland along a well-defined path until you reach a gate.

**10** Go through the gate into a grass valley running from left to right and continue walking in the same direction to the bottom of the valley. Turn right and walk approximately 600 meters heading for the fence and gate you can see ahead on your left.

**11** Go through the gate and after a short distance bear left and walk up the valley side along a well-defined path towards the corner of an area of woodland, then onwards uphill, keeping woodland on your left, heading diagonally across field. At the top of the hill head for a gate leading into woodland.

**12** Go through the gate and walk a short distance downhill before climbing the stile on your left into a field. Turn immediately right and walk downhill to the bottom of the valley keeping the wood close to your right hand side. Follow the footpath along a strip of grass as it heads uphill towards a row of

trees. Climb up the steep bank between the trees and go through the gate into a field

**13** Walk along the edge of the field directly in front of you, keeping the fence close to your right hand side until you reach another gate. Go through the gate and bear left walking diagonally across the field towards a wooden footpath marker post and a gate ahead leading into woods.

**14** Go through the gate and follow the well-defined path through the wood until you reach a lane. Turn right and walk a short distance until you reach a lane turning on your left, signposted Perry Wood  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile and Chilham  $3 \frac{1}{2}$  miles.

**15** Turn left and follow the country lane for a further 600 meters until you pass several properties on both sides.

**16** 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.

**17** 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.

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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.

**18** 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.

**19** 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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