



## Selling West - 5 mile circular walk from The White Lion, Selling.

*This circular walk allows you to explore the beautiful countryside surrounding the village of Selling. Selling sits within an area of outstanding natural beauty in The North Downs. The numerous hills provide a number of viewpoints along the route showcasing the areas beauty.*

*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 as well as the Champagne Tattinger vineyards producing Sparkling English Wine.*

*Woodland is the second largest land-use after farming. Along this route you'll pass through South Blean Woods, a 358 hectare protected wood of mixed 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 as well as the grape harvest 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 are 2 stiles 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 5 miles. Allow 2 - 3 hours. This is a moderate walk. At its lowest point you will be 183ft above sea level and at its highest point you will be 359ft above sea level. In total you'll climb approximately 419ft

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**1** From the front of the pub, turn left and walk approximately 300 meters along the Selling Road passing properties and Selling Cricket Ground on your left. As you bear round to the right look for a 30-mph speed sign (2<sup>nd</sup> sign you'll pass) next to a large wooden brown gate. Behind the sign you'll see a gap in the hedge marked with a footpath marker signpost (ZR666) leading you into a field on your right.

**2** Go through the gap and bear left passing through trees until you reach a tarmac driveway. Turn right and follow this driveway for a short distance until you reach the wooden footpath marker post. Bear left and follow the mud track passing a pond on your right. The mud track leads through a gap in the hedge and emerges onto a lane.

**3** Cross directly over the lane and follow the lane opposite for just over ½ mile until you reach a T-junction directly opposite the entrance to 'Three Beeches'.

**4** Turn left and after a short distance go through a gap in the hedge on your right marked by a footpath marker signpost (ZR661). Bear left and follow the edge of the orchard until you reach the corner. Turn right and continue to follow the directional wooden footpath markers around the edge of the vineyard & orchards until you reach the end of an orchard with farm buildings ahead of you.

**5** Turn left passing through a metal gate and follow a row of trees. Pass through a gate and walk down steps to a lane opposite 'Stone Stile Farmhouse'. Bear right towards the nearby T-junction and turn left along the lane for approximately 250 meters until you reach a gap in the hedge on your right marked with a footpath signpost (AE5).

**6** Go through the gap and turn immediately left walking along the edge of a pear orchard. At the end pass through a gap and taking care, cross directly over the road. Pass through a gap beside a wide gate into the vineyard. Keep left and follow the edge of the vineyard uphill for approximately 1/3 of a mile.

**7** Approximately 50 meters from the top of the vineyard look out for a gap beside a gate in the hedge on your left hand side leading to a lane. Go through the gap and turn right walking uphill along the lane until you reach a T-junction. The entrance to 'Phyllis Farm' will be directly opposite you.

**8** Turn left and head downhill along the lane until you reach 'Grove Lane' on your left. Follow 'Grove Lane' until you pass 'Gorewell'. A weatherboarded property on your left. Continue forward through trees where you'll find a footpath signpost & stile (AE3)

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**9** Climb the stile and follow the well-defined enclosed path, that opens up into a meadow heading downhill.

Keep to the right hand path where the path forks and walk under several large trees until you reach a stile. Climb the stile and emerge onto a lane.

**10** Cross directly over the lane and follow the footpath signpost (AE2) heading along a concrete driveway passing properties, then farm buildings on both sides and eventually through apple orchards following a wide mud track heading to woodland.

**11** At the edge of the woodland where the track bears right, turn left and walk along the edge of the orchard – keeping the wood to your right. At the end of the orchard follow the well-defined path through heathland (marked - Big Blean Walk) until you reach the edge of the wood.

**12** Pass through the wooden barriers following the direction of the footpath marker along the well-defined and well-marked woodland path as it meanders all the way through the wood. At a track junction, bear left and continue through the woods until you reach a large gate and an information board regarding 'South Blean Woods Nature Reserve'.

**13** Pass through the gate and walk towards the lane. Cross the lane keeping to the left of 'Skyfall' and follow the enclosed footpath (ZR663) between properties until you

emerge into an apple orchard. Continue to head in the same north-westerly direction along the wide avenue between the apple orchards for approximately ½ mile until you eventually emerge onto a lane.

**14** Turn left and follow the lane passing underneath a railway bridge and onwards passing 'Haze Close' & 'Bridge Cottages' on your right. Continue to follow the pavement until you reach the road junction and taking care, cross immediately over the road and pass between the barriers and along the footpath to the right of property number '4' (ZR651)

**15** Continue walking in the same direction passing flats on your right and garages on your left, then on passing a concrete bollard and along the backs of properties through a gate and along an enclosed footpath through farmland for approximately ½ mile.

**16** When you reach a crossroads of footpaths with a gate ahead of you, turn immediately left passing through a metal gate into parkland. Follow the footpath along a row of tall trees for approximately 300 meters passing Selling Cricket Ground on your left.

**17** Pass through the gate at the end onto the road and turn right. Follow the road for approximately 200 meters where you'll return to The White Lion on your right.

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