

## **Sharpthorne to East Grinstead – 6 miles** (Start point TQ373324)

Parking in car park in West Hoathly at TQ365326 and in East Grinstead town centre.

At the Organic Café (good refreshments) turn left into Station Road.

Follow the road downhill.

At the site of the old West Hoathly station go straight ahead on private lane, under bridge of the Bluebell Railway and pass New Coomber Farm on the right.

Take path straight ahead between fences and enter Wood.

Follow path downhill, over bridge, bear left and uphill. The path goes straight ahead with Blacklands Activity Centre on either side.

At the road turn left down the hill to Weirwood Reservoir.

Turn left down West Hoathly Road, ignoring turning on right at the bottom of the hill. Continue across Willetts Bridge then continue up the hill.

At the start of the climb up the hill, turn left onto the permissive path in front of the "Welcome to West Sussex" sign.

A short rough path over tree roots then passes along the left hand edge of a vineyard up to the foot of Stone Hill Rocks.

Turn right at the rock outcrop and the path leads back onto West Hoathly Road.

Turn right onto the road, go down the hill for a short distance, then turn left at TQ383348 and rejoin the SBP.

Follow the lane until you reach double gates across the road, then turn sharp left and follow the path along the side of Weir Wood Reservoir, keeping the chain-link fence to the right.

Ignore three public footpath signs turning off to the left, (including the High Weald Landscape Trail) and a number of permissive paths into the Standen NT estate.

Turn left at the Public Bridleway sign, TQ398353, then through a field gate at the far right hand corner of the field.

Turn left up the track and pass left then right through Busses Farm.

Just past the farmhouse, turn right at the Sussex Border Path fingerpost and head across the field to a gate in the field boundary.

Follow the track straight ahead through two fields, keeping the woodland edge to the left.

At the junction with two footpaths keep on the bridleway, go over the footbridge, up the hill then turn left to reach a lane.

Upon reaching the bridge over the Forest Way (old railway line), take a right turn down a track which joins the Forest Way.

Turn left here and continue for a mile to reach the A22 near a roundabout.

Turn left and walk along the pavement to reach a mini roundabout. Note the McIndoe statue (world renowned plastic surgeon in WWII) on the right outside the Sackville College.

Continue into East Grinstead High Street, continue to the end of the High Street and another mini roundabout.

Turn right down London Road

At cross roads with traffic lights continue straight on.

Before next mini-roundabout cross road at pedestrian lights and then turn left down Station Road, past Mid Sussex Timber to reach East Grinstead Station.

