

Five Ashes* – Heathfield

*Park in Criers Lane, Five Ashes

Leave Criers Lane, (TQ558252), cross the A267 and go along the track to the left of the bus stop

At the end of the track turn right and exit onto a lane

Turn left along the lane and continue for about ½ mile

At a crossroads take the road to the right

Turn left along the driveway to Allens Farm

At the farmhouse turn right and proceed straight on through the farmyard

A very short length of track leads to a six bar metal gate, go through the gate

Continue on uphill along a slightly overgrown sunken lane

At the top cross over the stile and go straight across the field

Go through the kissing gate and turn right along the tree line, the TV mast at Cross in Hand is clearly seen ahead of you

After a short distance go through a five bar gate on the left and continue to the right along the track

Shortly go through a gate on the left hand side and then straight ahead across the field

Cross over a couple of stiles heading for an electricity pylon, just beyond the pylon cross over a third stile

Go through a gap opposite into an area of woodland

The path emerges, by way of a bridge, into a field

Turn left and follow the path up the edge of the field

At the end of the path go through a gate on the left and then proceed uphill towards the left hand end of the tree line

Make for the left side of the red brick building ahead of you

Go through the gap between the brick building and the wooden barn

Continue straight on and through the gap in the hedge where there is a private air strip, an electric fence on the far side prevents livestock from getting onto the landing strip

Continue downhill and through the gap in the hedge, (not gated at time of inspection, 13-10-2017)

Carry on downhill to the bottom of the field and enter the woods

Cross over a bridge and follow the path uphill to more open ground and straight across a wide woodland track

Shortly after the path bears slightly left and crosses a bridge and a stile into a field

Go uphill past the left side of the Silver Birch copse to the top right hand corner

Go through the five bar gate, go straight ahead and turn left, carry on past the weather boarded building on the right and turn left and then right

Continue along this tarmac drive which passes over the disused Heathfield to Tunbridge Wells railway line and exit onto Marklye Lane

Turn right along the lane and continue for about ½ mile to the main A265

Cross over the main road and proceed along Tower Street to the recreation ground where the Sussex Diamond Way ends

