



THE BORE PLACE WALKS

EXPLORE THE FARM



RED TRAIL 4.6KM
BLUE TRAIL 2KM
GREEN TRAIL 2.2KM

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LOCATION: Bore Place,
Chiddingstone, TN8 7AR

EXPLORER MAP: 147

STILES: several stiles, gates
& squeeze gaps

PARKING: Bore Place car
park (free)

REFRESHMENTS AND

FACILITIES: the nearest
pub is The Little Brown
Jug in Chiddingstone
Causeway

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: the
nearest train station
is Penshurst. For local
bus and train services
in Kent, check out Kent
Connected

CHOOSE A ROUTE TO SUIT YOU



Red trail 4.6km
allow 2 hours



Blue trail 2km
allow 40mins



Green trail 2.2km
allow 45mins



WALK DESCRIPTION

The Bore Place farm walks weave their way through the fields and woodlands of the 500-acre organic dairy farm, offering panoramic views across this Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The trails start and finish at the Bore Place car park and are waymarked by colour-coded directional discs and tall oak posts with painted lines at the top.

Using the map to guide you, leave the car park. For the Green trail, turn left back down the Bore Place driveway following the waymarkers, turn hard right at the Old Forge, and cross a stile in the hedge. Continue straight ahead up the hill, crossing two stiles until you reach the point where you merge with the Red trail before Batfold Wood. *Go to final paragraph for continued Green trail description.*

For the Red and Blue trails, follow the track through the farmyard passing the milking parlour on your left, bear right continuing past the straw barn and then the large barn, on your right. Look for the entrance to the Market Garden on your right where you will pick up more waymarkers to follow. Turn right to cross the Market Garden to a squeeze gap. Head diagonally left up the field, towards the gate at the top.

Pass through the copse to the next field known as The Mount and then trace the woodland edge on your right-hand side. When you get to the end of the field, turn right through a gate. This next field

LOOK OUT FOR

- **Organic dairy herd**
- **Wind turbine**
- **Brown hares**
- **Views of Bough Beech Reservoir**
- **Bluebell woodlands**
- **Wild service trees**
- **Wildlife-rich ponds**
- **Nightingales in spring**

Find out what else there is to see on the walks with our seasonal spotter sheets for families - available from the Bore Place Reception or downloadable at

www.boreplace.org/walks



DID YOU KNOW?

Bore Place is home to the Commonwork Trust, established by Jenifer and Neil Wates in 1977, to explore ways of living and working sustainably.

Bore Place House is a Jacobean grade II listed manor, rumoured to have hosted Henry VIII.

There are approximately 250 milking cows in the Bore Place organic dairy herd.

Energy from wind, solar and biomass installations reduces Bore Place CO₂ emissions by 50%.



can be very muddy after wet weather so be careful. Do not follow the farm track here but look for the next waymark post in the fence line over to the left and pass through the squeeze gap next to it. Then walking roughly parallel to the track, look for another waymarker post at a gap in the hedge ahead, where you pass over a small footbridge to bring you out into the next field. Now continue straight ahead along the edge of the fields until you reach the pond and rest area near the bottom of Forge Field.

From here, you can either follow the Blue trail the short distance back to the car park or continue along the Red trail by heading through the gate at the bottom of the field to Bore Place Road. Turn left and follow the road towards Bushy Wood Place. Keep an eye out for a wooden marker post on your right-hand side where you will turn right off the road into Bushy Wood.

On leaving the wood, turn right to follow the edge of the field. Cross over a stile into the narrow woodland, pass over the stream and come out of the woods on the other side. Here the route doglegs bearing left and then right across the field ending up at a stile and wooden marker post at the road. Cross the stile on to the road and cross the road. Head right for 30m looking for the path on your left to take you into woodland. Here you will pass overgrown ponds on your right. Continue through Kilnhouse Wood, over the stile and across Kiln Field, looking for waymarkers and a stile in the hedge on the left.

Red and Green trails merge here. Now go straight on, heading uphill, directly across the next field for Batfold Wood. Cross the stile into the wood. On leaving the wood, a resting place and stunning views over Bough Beech Reservoir greet you. Walk along the top edge of the field

to the next waymarker. From here you can turn left to pick up the footpath to Bough Beech Reservoir and the Kent Wildlife Trust reserve, or turn right to head back towards Bore Place. Cross the field keeping left into the next field where the Bore Place wind turbine is located. Go diagonally across this field, left of the turbine. Find a squeeze gap in the fence then cross the stile ahead. This brings you back to Bore Place, from where you can retrace your steps bearing right down the farm drive to the car park.



A view of the Bore Place estate

TRAILS SAFETY CODE

Please....

- Keep to the trails.
- Take litter home.
- Leave gates as you find them.
- Don't touch electric fences.
- Walk single file through fields of long crops.
- Keep dogs under control. In fields with cattle or other livestock, please keep dogs on leads and walk well clear of the herds.
- Respect wildlife.

Please note that cars are parked at owners' risk.

The Commonwork Trust is not liable for theft or injury while walking the trails.



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