



Gateway to the Weald



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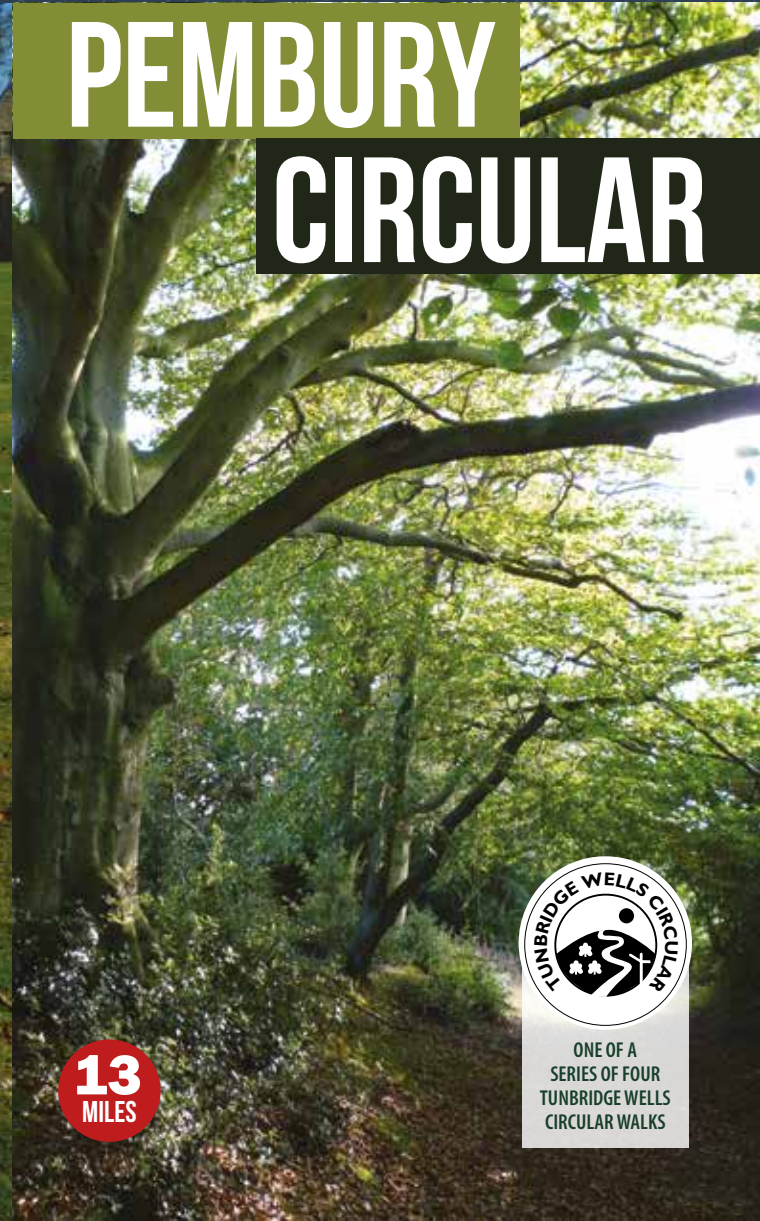
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TUNBRIDGE WELLS
CIRCULAR WALKS

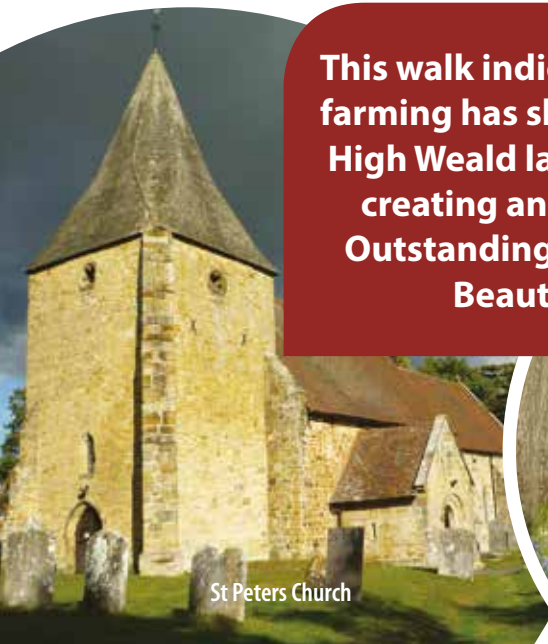
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A bracing ramble through the iconic High Weald countryside, taking in beautiful Kentish orchards, secluded woodland plus small irregular shaped fields of pasture and crops.

Beginning at High Brooms station, the walk leads off through Barnett's Wood Local Nature Reserve towards the south of Tonbridge. You'll Progress clockwise along the route through the pretty parkland at Somerhill and onwards to Tudeley where you will turn southwards back to Tunbridge Wells via the orchards to the east of Pembury complete with glorious views before reaching the small village of Hawkenbury.

This walk indicates how farming has shaped the High Weald landscape, creating an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.



St Peter's Church



High Woods



Summerhill Park

INTERESTING FEATURES

BARNETT'S WOOD LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

is a haven for wildlife on the edge of Southborough. The Kent High Weald Partnership manage the habitats which include woodland, ponds, hedges and meadows to promote biodiversity thereby maintaining a much loved local greenspace.

Be sure to admire the viaduct which was built in 1845 for the Tunbridge Wells to Tonbridge railway. It has 26 arches of varying height.

HISTORIC SOMERHILL PARK, once part of the vast South Frith estate, is an imposing 17th century Grade I listed Jacobean mansion surrounded by 18th – 19th century parkland. It was home to the Goldsmid family for a century.

During the Second World War the mansion served as a prisoner of war camp and underwent extensive restoration in the late 1980s before becoming the home to the Schools of Somerhill.



St Peter's Gate



Viaduct

It's worth taking a slight detour to the **CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS** at Tudeley which contains delightful stained glass windows painted by Marc Chagall, who was commissioned by Lady Rosemary d'Avigdor-Goldsmid of Somerhill in memory of her daughter Sarah who tragically drowned near Rye in 1963.

ST PETER'S CHURCH AT PEMBURY dates back to Norman times. Worshipping takes place in two buildings the upper church and the old church. The two buildings vary greatly in character and are well worth a look around.

The orchards and fruit farms at **DOWNINGBURY AND PIPPINS** were once hop gardens which were prevalent in this part of Kent, producing hops for the brewing industry at its height in the late 19th century.

The far reaching views at **BAYHALL** suggest a different type of farming – a mix of dairy and arable in larger field patterns.

PEMBURY CIRCULAR

13 MILES



- Start/Finish
- 13 miles (21km)
- Take the train
- Gate
- Stile

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