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ROBIN'S WAY DAY 2- HEVER

Monday 05 October

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Monday 05 October 10:00-12:00



DAY 2: HEVER CASTLE CIRCULAR ROUTE (KENT)

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LENGTH: 4.5 MILES (7.2 KM)

DURATION: 2 TO 2.5 HOURS

DIFFICULTY: MODERATE

START / END: THE MEDIEVAL ST PETER'S CHURCH RIGHT BY
THE ENTRANCE OF HEVER CASTLE & GARDENS HEVER RD,
HEVER, EDENBRIDGE TN8 7NH

SUITABILITY: THIS WALK IS **NOT** SUITABLE FOR WHEELCHAIR, STROLLER, AND BUGGY USERS DUE TO PUBLIC FOOTPATHS & STILES AND UNEVEN TERRAIN ACROSS MEADOWS

GENTLE SLOPES, FIELD PATHS, AND WOODLAND TRACKS

A lovely walk without any steep sections through quiet woods and meadows with a great variety of trees and birdlife. The route starts at the medieval church of St Peter, last resting place of Anne Boleyn's dad and right by the entrance to Hever Castle (her childhood home). Later on there's a short stretch on a road but it doesn't detract much. The final stretches are really pleasant and cut through fields. At the end of the walk a large historic pub, the [Henry VIII](#), beckons you in. Usually a quiet walk, you won't meet many others. Be warned though that some paths between points 2 and 3 are a bit rutted – no big problem but care should be taken. Since summer 2019 there is a short path diversion after about half a mile: it's easy to follow (it's because a footpath bridge has been removed).



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WALK WITH ROBIN HEVER CONT'D



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USEFUL INFORMATION

Moderate (gentle slopes, field paths, and woodland tracks; can feature very muddy patches in winter/spring) so make sure to dress comfortably for the terrain:

- Well broken-in walking shoes or trail shoes
- A waterproof jacket (essential), or umbrella

Transport: Hever station can be reached [via East Croydon, Hurst Green or Oxted from London](#). Trains run hourly. By car, the best way from south-east London is to drive through Biggin Hill and Westerham and past Chartwell and Four Elms.

Start / End: The medieval St Peter's Church right by the entrance of Hever Castle & Gardens Hever Rd, Hever, Edenbridge TN8 7NH

Hever Castle Grounds: You can combine the free external countryside walk with a paid ticket to tour Hever Castle, the childhood home of Anne Boleyn, featuring its famous Lake Walk and Italian Gardens.

Toilet Facilities: Available at Hever Castle and the Henry VIII pub. There are no public toilet facilities along the open countryside trails of the circular walk.

Walk 9: Hever circular

A few miles south of Ide Hill is this gem on the Weald with quiet meadows, woods and a sandstone outcrop. The castle and church set a Tudor theme. Great for woodland birds. 4½ miles

How long? 4½ miles (7km).
2½ hours
Public transport: Trains serve Hever hourly (sometimes more frequently) on London Bridge to Uckfield line via East Croydon.
Parking: near, at Hever Castle car park opposite church (free)
Start of walk: St Peter's Church next to entrance to Hever Castle
Sleep stops? None
Easy to transport? Yes, because until Point 3 you are following the waymarked Eden Valley Path. At Point 3 the right turn is obvious and from there it's straight on to Point 5.
Walk highlights: Sandstone outcrop and holloway on Eden Valley Path at Hill Heath, St Peter's church in Hever, Stock Wood, willowflower meadows, beautiful woodland
Description (and pub): A lovely walk without any steep inclines through quiet woods and meadows with a great variety of trees and birds. The route starts at the medieval church of St Peter right by the entrance to Hever Castle. Just before Hill Heath there is a really fun section of path between tall green sandstone boulders. A hidden Wealden rocky outcrop. Later on there's a bit of the walk for a few hundred metres on Uckfield Lane so take care (especially with kids), but the final stretch is on back on footpaths and pleasant, cutting through fields and woods. At the end of the walk a large historic pub, the Henry VIII. The walk is one for spring, summer, early autumn – especially muddy in late autumn/early winter. Click here for GPS A&T trails map Click here for GPS OS map Covered on Ordnance Survey Explorer 147 map.



THE WALK
Points 1-2: 1.5km
Start at Hever Castle car park by St Peter's Church and Henry VIII pub or walk to the car park from Hever station on the Eden Valley Path. Walk through 100 years of history on the Eden Valley Path (197) and end by a gate that shows a little ledge. Follow the path through woods, with fields to your right, and a tree trunk and a fence turning away to the right on a track going out through woods. Then coming out of the woods to the left with two houses ahead.
Point 2.5: 1km (You are now at the point where the path turns off to the right, danger of missing turn off)
When you reach the second of two houses (Belly Cottage) look eastward on the Eden Valley Path, which angles off to the back to the right to lead to the path (197) marked.
Pass a fairly small meadow with very tall grass trees look and the square, into Hever Lane, then walk by a large, attractive field with woods to your right. Watch out for bracken. Look for hickories, hawthorn, poplars, oaks, and hollyhocks. See the other end of the path turn right and you will cross a stream and become enclosed by woods and grass slightly up on steps. Cross a hedgerow and another end of the path junction. Pass a large ancient yew tree and then green sandstone rocks – an ancient holloway, after you emerge from the holloway you are about to leave the Eden Valley Path – look out for a path leading south west to the right, next to a steep rise with some jumping hedges. In it if you reach a line of tall Hawthorn trees you will see the path leading through the woods. The path is marked with a blue sign. The path is a little bit of a detour, but it is a good one to take.
Point 3-4: 700m
You've hopefully found the abandoned path through the woods and heading west to follow it through meadows to Stock Wood. In the south west corner of the meadow is a stile, perhaps now replaced by a gate. The path then goes by young pines and between sandstone walls of yellow hedges, and enter Stock Wood (you're not in the sign).
Point 4-5: 1.5km
Walk through Stock Wood, opening paths off to the right and left to a large straight line, don't deviate, emerge, onto a meadow (and to a well-kept green path). Look out for three sunsets on the left and another sign, pass a small wooden gate on the right, behind a hedge and enter Hever Wood. Continue all the way to a junction of country lanes. A long straight, but a lovely one.
Point 5-6: 1.5km
Turn right down the quiet lane a few hundred yards to Wilkes Farm. Then, turn left on lane opposite the farm house (Don't get lost!) and, after a few hundred metres, turn right again on the lower Uckfield Lane. Carefully continue down the road. You can see the right on Uckfield Lane then turn left, at the bridge after 300m on the left, or as per map, cross Uckfield Lane and follow Uckfield Lane for 200m looking out for a slightly taller but signed bridge through a holloway gate in the hedge on the right. If you miss this path you have another chance to join it 300m further on, next to the farmhouse gate.
Point 6-7: 1km
Follow this footpath north as it turns left through several fields (after with hedges), pass the church (single and eventually across a lane, past the primary school, back to the church and Henry VIII pub.
Checklist: Anne Boleyn's bed (Elizabeth I's grandfather's) bed at St Peter's church with other members of the Boleyn family. Hever is a wonderfully described 1419 book of someone called Margaret Clapton. See also the website: www.hever.org.uk
Pub: In a lovely location. Roughly 100m north of the station is a pub (The Henry VIII) and a pub (The Henry VIII) and a pub (The Henry VIII).
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Download the walk map



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How long? 4½ miles (7km), 2½ hours

Public transport: Trains serve Hever hourly (sometimes more frequently) on London Bridge to Uckfield line via East Croydon.

Parking: easy, at Hever Castle car park opposite church (free) Start of walk: St Peter's Church next to entrance to Hever Castle Steep slopes? None

Easy to navigate? Yes, because until Point 3 you are following the waymarked Eden Valley Path. At Point 3 the right turn is obvious and from there it's straight on to Point 5.

Walk highlights

Sandstone outcrop and holloway on Eden Valley Path at Hill Hoath, St Peter's church in Hever, the **Henry VIII pub** in Hever, Stock Wood, wildflower meadows, beautiful woodland

Description (and pub)

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THE WALK

Points 1-2: 1.3km

Start at Hever Castle car park by St Peter's Church and Henry VIII pub or walk to the start point from Hever station on the Eden Valley Path. Walk through St Peter's churchyard on the Eden Valley Path (EVP) and exit by a gate then across a little bridge. Follow the path through woods, with fields to your right, and a lane to your left before turning away to the right on a track going continuing through woods then curving out of the woods to the left with two houses ahead.

Point 2-3: 1km (Pay attention at this point – danger of missing turn off)

When you reach the second of two houses (Bothy Cottage Two) continue on the Eden Valley Path, which angles off the track to the right (look out for the yellow EVP marker). Pass a lovely, small meadow with very tall pine trees (look out for alpacas), cross Rectory Lane, then walk by a larger, attractive field with woods to your right. Watch out for birds here like blackcap, tree creeper, goldcrests, coal tits and nuthatches. Soon the rather rutted path turns sharp right then left, crosses a stream and becomes enclosed by woods and goes slightly uphill on steps. Cross a firebreak then continue east (left) at a path junction. Pass a large ancient yew tree and then green sandstone rocks – an ancient holloway. After you emerge from the holloway you are about

to leave the Eden Valley Path – look out for a path heading south west to the right, next to a strip of meadow with horse-jumping obstacles in it. If you reach a lane or Hill Hoath Farm you've gone too far. Take the footpath through a kissing gate to the side (on the left of the meadow). The path is marked with a blue sign. (Pay attention at this point – danger of missing turn off.)

Point 3-4: 750m

You've hopefully found the aforementioned path through the kissing gate heading south-west so follow it through meadows to Stock Wood. In the south-west corner of the meadow is a stile, perhaps now replaced by a gate. The path then goes by young pines and between bramble/rosebay willow hedges and enter Stock Wood (you'll see the sign).

Point 4-5: 1.5km

Walk through Stock Wood, ignoring paths off to the right and left (so plough straight on, don't deviate) emerge, cross a meadow (used by radio-controlled plane enthusiasts – look out for their runway on the left) and another copse, pass a caravan (usually) on the right behind a hedge and enter Newtye Hurst Wood. Continue all the way to a junction of country lanes. A long stretch, but a lovely one.

Point 5-6: 0.8km

Turn right down the quiet lane a few hundred

yards to Wilderness Farm. Then, turn left on the lane opposite the farm house (Dyehurst Lane). Next, after a few hundred metres, turn right again on the busier Uckfield Lane. Carefully continue down this road. You can soon turn right on Pigdown Lane then turn left on the footpath after 300m on the left, or as per maps, cross Pigdown Lane and follow Uckfield Lane for 250m looking out for a slightly hidden but signed footpath through a kissing gate in the hedgerow on the right. If you miss this path you have another chance to join it 300m further on, next to the Greyhound pub.

Point 6-7: 1km

Follow this footpath north as it turns left through several fields (often with livestock), aim for the church steeple and eventually across a lane, past the primary school, back to the church and Henry VIII pub.

Choice fact

Anne Boleyn's dad (Elizabeth I's grandfather) is buried at St Peter's church with other members of the Boleyn family. Inside is a wonderfully decorated 1419 tomb of someone called Margaret Cheyne. See onthetudortrail.com

Pop in on way back...

Bough Beech reservoir has a nature reserve and viewpoint plus a short walk (17). Ide Hill and Emmetts Garden (see my walks).

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