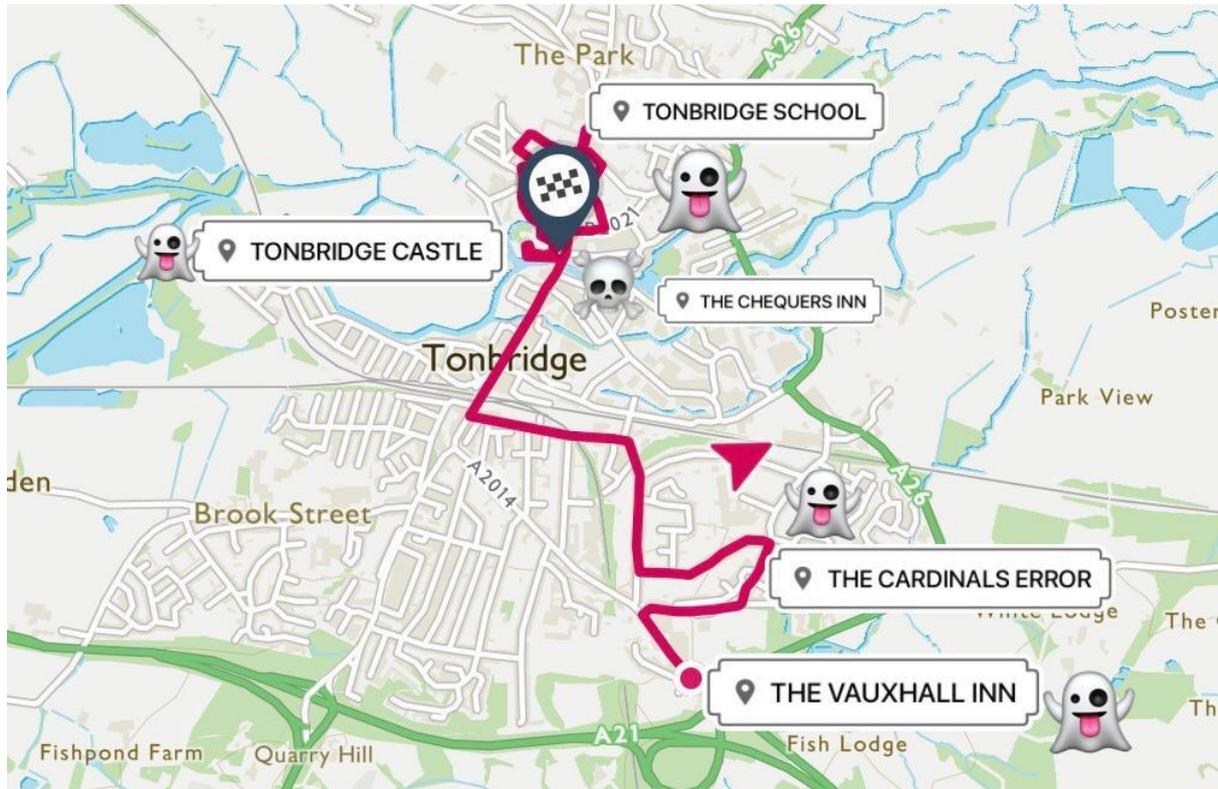


Walk 16 – Ghost Town

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Description: A historic walking tour, exploring the dark secrets of Tonbridge and the forgotten ghosts of its past. Murder, betrayal and persecution can all be found on this short accessible walk around the town.

Length: 2.96 miles / 4.75 km (approximately 1.5 hours, longer if stopping for refreshments en route)

Grade: Not too tough

Good for: A spooky walk

1. Begin your walk at the Vauxhall Inn.
2. Upon leaving the pub, turn left and walk along Pembury Road for approximately 300 metres, before turning right into Tudeley Lane.

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3. Walk past Weald of Kent school (once the site of a [prisoner of war camp](#)) and then follow the road round to the left as it becomes Lodge Oak Lane. After 150 metres you will reach the Cardinals Error, the most haunted pub in town.
4. Upon leaving the pub, turn right and continue down Lodge Oak Lane for 60 metres. When you reach Kings Road, turn left then follow the road to the end.
5. At the end of the street turn right onto Goldsmid Road. Walk downhill and on the left-hand side of the road you will be able to spot a blue plaque dedicated to Colin Blythe.
6. Continue downhill, cross over the road at Pembury Grove, then continue round the bend onto Priory Road.
7. Continue along Priory Road, crossing the junction with Lavender Hill. On your right you will see the station car park, this is roughly where the priory once sat.
8. At the end of Priory Road, cross the road with care and then cross over Quarry Hill Road, heading towards the High Street. Walk downhill past the station and then when you cross the junction with Barden Road you will see the Hovis sign on the side of the Honeymoon restaurant.
9. Walk on up the high street as you continue through the centre of Tonbridge. Cross over Big Bridge and you will come to the Chequers Inn the oldest pub in Tonbridge. Margery Polley was burnt at the stake near here.
10. Cross over the road after the Chequers and turn right into East Street, one of the oldest and most characterful streets in Tonbridge. Just after the Man of Kent pub you will see Stafford House, originally home to Judd School.

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11. Turn left into Church street and then walk to the end of the road before turning left past the entrance of the Parish Church.
12. Continue along the brick paved path through the cemetery and at the end you will emerge onto Bordyke.
13. Turn right out of Bordyke, walking past Ferox Hall and then cross the road opposite Tonbridge School, before turning left and walking back down the High Street and turning right into Lansdowne Road.
14. Continue straight ahead down Lansdowne Road as you enter the narrow streets of The Slade. When you reach the junction at Lodge Road turn left and then turn left again into Fosse Road. At the end of the road you will see the 'Fosse', part of the original earthworks that defended the town.
15. Turn right and as you walk down the alleyway you will follow the course of the Fosse to Stafford Road.
16. Turn left up Stafford Road and then when the road joins The Slade, cross over with care and then walk up through Castle Field. At the top of the field, turn left and pass through the Castle gateway. Rumoured to be haunted by a ghost called Elizabeth Lewis and her dog!
17. Walk clockwise round the castle lawn and then leave the castle grounds via the slope before turning left along Castle Walk, ending your walk at Big Bridge.

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Respect other people

Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors

Park carefully so access to gateways and driveways are clear

Leave gates and property as you find them

Stay on footpaths but give way to others where it's narrow

Protect the natural environment

Leave no trace of your visit - take all your litter home

Keep dogs under effective control

Bag and bin your dog poo.

Enjoy the outdoors

Plan ahead, check what facilities are open, be prepared

Follow advice and local signs and obey social distancing measures