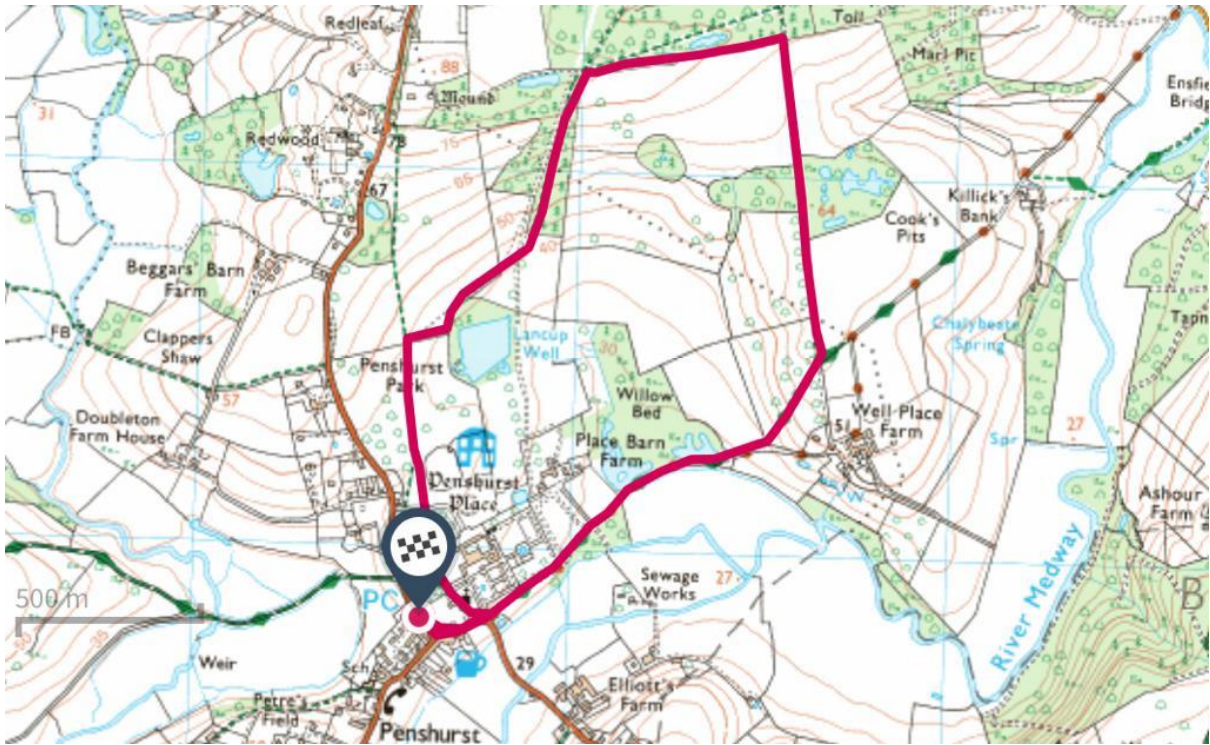


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Description: A Christmas cracker of a walk, taking you on a festive ramble around the Peshurst Estate.

Length: 2.93 miles / 4.7 km (approximately 1.5 hours, longer if stopping at Peshurst Place enroute)

Grade: Not too tough (this will be more challenging when muddy)

Good for: A Boxing Day walk

1. Begin your walk at Peshurst village hall. There is limited parking in the village and further up Peshurst Road, near the Fir Tree tea room.
2. Walk down Rogues Hill past the Leicester Arms pub and then turn left through the archway into Peshurst Place.
3. Follow the grass path between the driveway and the wall and when you reach the junction, continue straight along the driveway/road in the direction of Well Place.
4. Walk past two lakes and then turn left through the metal gate, before following the path uphill.

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5. Go through a second gate and then continue to follow the path uphill.
6. At the top of the hill turn left and continue along the flat path until you reach a large gate - then cross through the fence and continue straight on.
7. Continue along the concrete path, following this to the top of the hill before turning left and walking along a wide avenue of trees.
8. When you reach the end of this path, turn left and walk downhill. This is steep and slippery when muddy so do watch your step!
9. At the bottom of the hill walk past the giant oak tree and then follow the path to the right. On your right you will see the remains of the bear/Sidney oak.
10. Pass through the metal gate and then continue along the path past a lake ringed with hedge columns.
11. Go through the kissing gate and continue through Peshurst Park, heading towards the house.
12. Continue straight on and walk past the cricket pitch, keeping this to your left.
13. Keep going until you reach the metal fence and then cross through two kissing gates with a driveway between them.
14. Follow the path round, keeping Peshurst Place to your left. There will be a cluster of pine and fir trees.
15. Continue past the neatly trimmed hedge and wall surrounding the house until you reach a kissing gate that leads under a Holly bush and into the church yard.
16. Walk through the church yard and under the Guild house into Leicester Square.
17. Turn right and retrace your steps past the Leicester Arms pub and back to the village hall.

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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