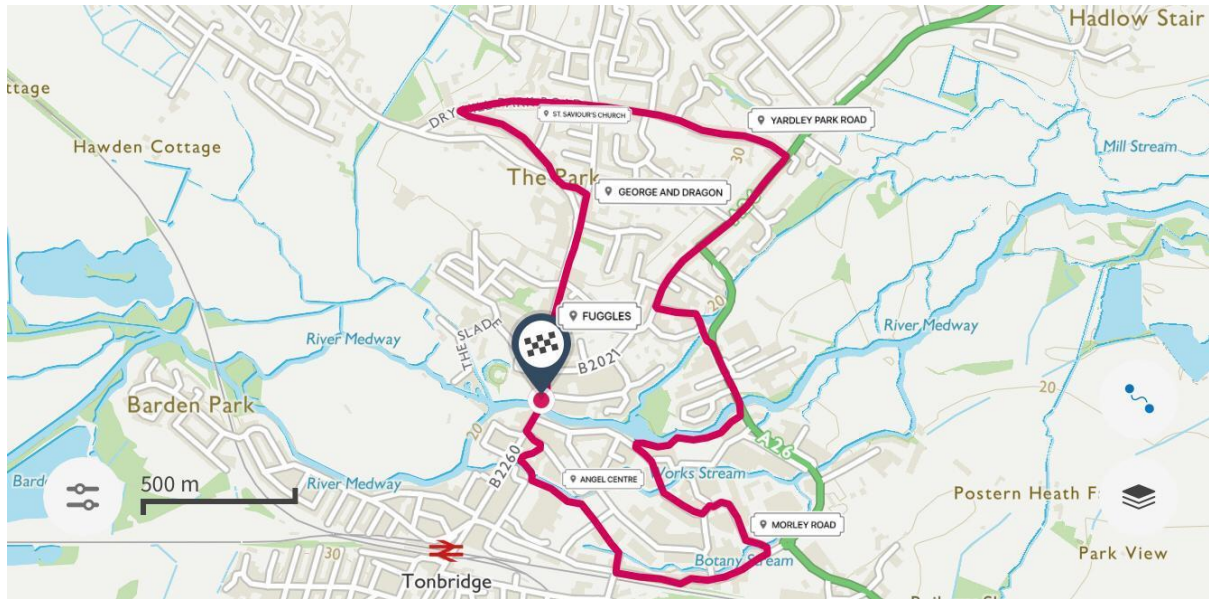


Walk 18: Finding Gandhi

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Description: A photogenic history walk exploring the growth of the town and its industrial past.

Length: 3.56 miles / 5.7 km (approximately 1.5 hours, longer if stopping at pubs enroute)

Grade: Not too tough

Good for: Urban photography and a (nearly) mud free walk.

1. Begin your walk at Big Bridge, Tonbridge High Street. Turn right and walk down the High Street before crossing the road when you reach The Humphrey Bean.
2. Turn left into Botany and then just before Waitrose turn right, following the path alongside the Gasworks Stream until you reach the bridge.
3. Cross over the stream and then turn left, following the path besides the chequerboard and the Angel Centre. Continue on this path until you reach a second bridge, then turn right, following the path between Sainsbury's car park and the farmer's market.
4. When you reach Avenue Du Puy, cross the road using the pelican crossing and then continue down the alleyway between the car park and the footpath. Cross over the Botany Stream and walk up Strawberry Vale before turning left into Vale Road.
5. Follow Vale Road through the houses and then when you reach the junction continue straight ahead with Pipers electric centre and the former Colas site on your right.

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6. Just before the roundabout, cross the road very carefully and turn left into Morley Road and follow the pavement round.
7. Turn right into Walters Farm Road and continue along the road with care until you reach the bridge. Cross over and continue straight on between Ashby's Point and Bridleway House.
8. At the end of this road turn left onto Medway Wharf Road, walking past Hillsong Church and then when you reach Town Lock turn right and follow the path along the river towards Vale Road/Cannon Lane Bridge.
9. Once you reach Vale Road, turn left towards Aldi and then continue along the pavement until you reach the square/pedestrianised area with benches.
10. Cross over the bridge and turn right into Mill Lane and then follow the road anti-clockwise until you come to the junction with Hadlow Road and then turn right and continue on past toll gate house and Mitre Court.
11. Cross over at the Pelican crossing and then continue down Hadlow Road before turning into Yardley Park Road.
12. Walk up Yardley Park Road and continue until you reach the junction with Shipbourne Road.
13. Cross over with care and continue down Dryhill Park Road past St Saviours. When you reach Dry Hill Road (not Dry Hill Crescent) turn left and continue to the end of the street.
14. Turn left onto Old London Road and then cross the road to the George and Dragon.
15. Turn right onto Shipbourne Road and then continue down High Street until Bordyke. Cross the junction with care and then continue down High Street until you reach Big Bridge.

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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