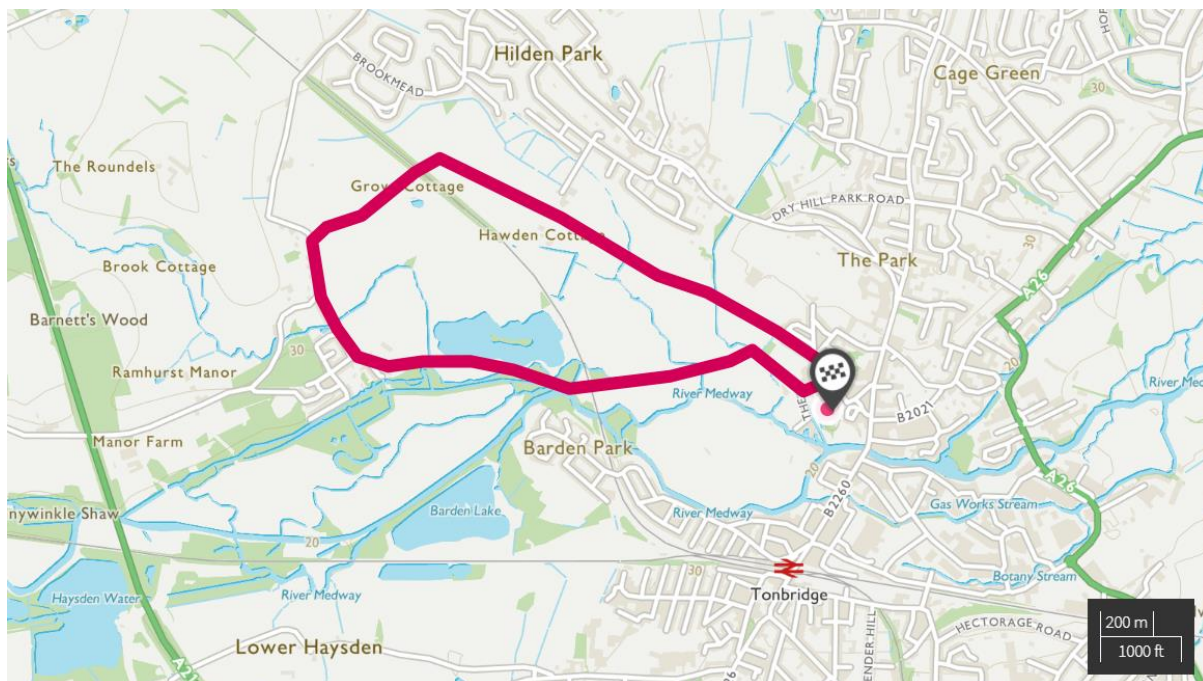


# Walk Tonbridge Festival – The Orchard Tea Room

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**Description:** A short circular walk from Tonbridge Castle to the Orchard Tea Room, a pop up bake sale serving tea and cake to walkers in exchange for donations to Sustain.

**Length:** 3.1 miles / 4.97 (approximately 1.5 hours, longer if stopping at The Orchard Tea Room)

**Grade:** Not too tough

**Good for:** Tea and cake!

**\*\*The Orchard Tea Room is only open on 19 Sep 2021 between 11am-4pm\*\***

1. Begin your walk at Tonbridge Castle. Leave via the Castle Gate and then follow the path past the car park and downhill. When you reach the road turn left, walking past Slade school.
2. Take the path to your right at the entrance to the Swimming pool car park, then follow the stream as it snakes between the sports fields. Keep going on this path until you reach the railway line.

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3. Walk under the very low railway bridge and then take the path to the right before crossing the concrete foot bridge.
5. Keep going straight until you meet a junction in the path. At this point, turn right and cross over the little bridge. Stay on this path until you reach Hunter Seal and The Powder Mills.
6. Turn right down Powdermills walking downhill towards the Oast house. Then when you reach the junction, follow the road with care for 275 metres and The Orchard Tea Room (Hawden Bungalow) will be through the wooden gate on your right.
7. Upon leaving the tea room, turn right through the wooden kissing gate and then continue through the next wooden gate and follow the track to the left for 550 metres until you pass under the railway bridge.
8. Go through the metal kissing gate and then continue you along the track for approximately 100 metres and then take the path on your right, cutting through the field.
9. Go through the kissing gate and then continue to the end of the grassy track. Go through two more kissing gates and then walk to the end of the next field before walking through one more metal kissing gate.
10. Walk across the next field and then cross the wooden bridge leading through the hedge. Having crossed the bridge you will emerge onto the playing fields, continue straight ahead until you reach a tarmac road.
11. Follow the road straight on until you come to a narrow concrete bridge. Cross over this and then continue on this path between the hedges until you emerge onto Hawden Road. Walk to the end of Hawden Road and then join Stafford Road, following this past Slade school.
12. When you reach the junction with The Slade, cross the road and take the path uphill through Castle field. Once you reach the top of the path turn left and follow this round and through the castle gate, ending your walk at Tonbridge Castle.

*The Orchard Tea Room is a pop up tea and cake sale raising money for our festival charity Sustain. Please give generously.*

*Please check with the volunteers at the tea room for allergens and ingredients when ordering.*

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When enjoying this walk, please remember to follow the countryside code:

## ***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*

*Don't have BBQs or fires*

*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*