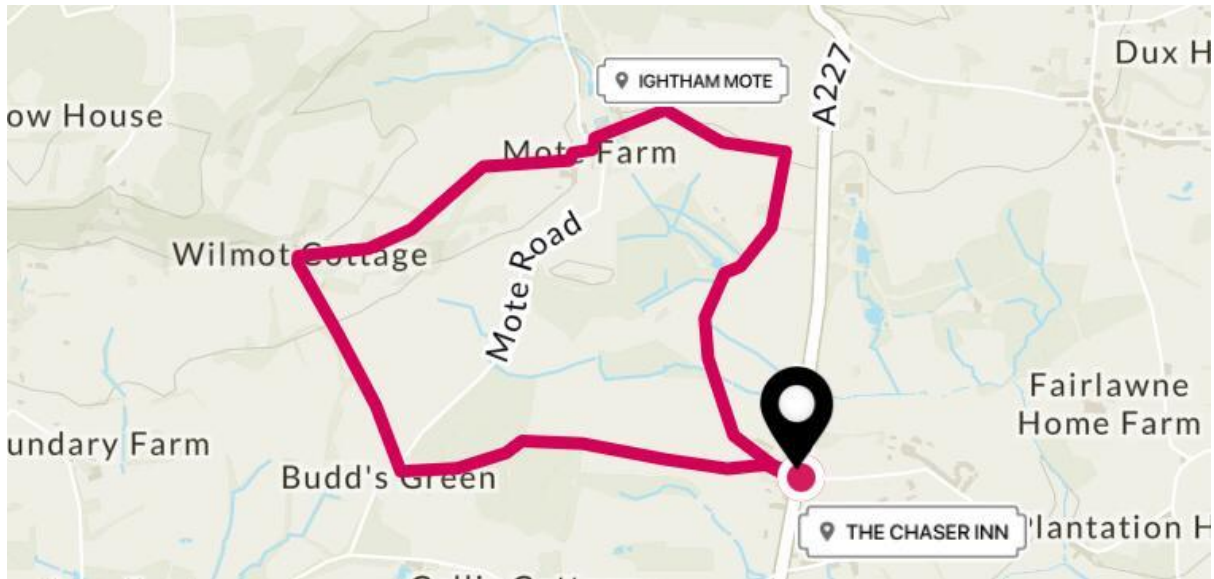


Walk 20a: The Driver

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Description: A glorious but challenging circular walk from Shipbourne to Underriver via Ightham Mote, with the option of a family friendly short cut.

Length: 3.5 miles / 5.7km (approximately 1.5 -2 hours, longer if stopping at Ightham Mote)

Grade: Not too tough

Good for: Historic houses, beautiful views and stunning woodland.

1. Begin your walk at The Chaser Inn, Shipbourne. Turn left into the church car park and then walk through the gate and past the church. Walk through the second gate and then turn right before climbing the stile and then following the path between the staked trees.
2. After 100 metres climb two stiles and then follow the path between the fences. Go through the gate and then climb another stile before following the track to the right, towards the cricket pavilion. Cross the stream and then continue straight on as the track merges into the field. At this point stay left and follow this uphill as you walk besides a large field.
3. Climb the stile at the top of the field and then continue straight on, crossing a driveway and then passing through the wooden gate. Continue straight on and then after 150 metres turn left through a large five bar gate.
4. Follow this lane for around 650 metres. At the end you will emerge into the National Trust property, Ightham Mote. Do not be swayed by their signage, follow the blue bridleway arrow and continue straight ahead as you walk downhill and past the manor House.

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5. Follow the driveway round to the left and out to the right of the large iron gates. Turn right and then walk along Mote Road with care for 15 metres before turning left into Mote Farm, then follow the gravel track as it curves round to the right and then continues uphill.
6. After 600 metres you come to a fork in the track. At this point continue straight on following the track down towards the woods. Walk on for another 500 metres until you come to Wilmot Cottage.
7. Turn left through the gate and walk downhill through the overgrown field.
9. Go through the kissing gate and then follow the path between the brambles and the fence then continue straight on through the next field and over the little wooden bridge.
10. Go through the gap in the hedge and then follow the path around the right-hand side of the field- heading towards the two oast houses.
11. When you reach the gate, climb the stile and cross the road with care. Just before the oast houses you will see another stile, climb over this and then continue on through the woods.
12. Walk through the woods for 450 metres and then when you reach the T junction turn right and continue for another 250 metres before climbing a stile into a field.
13. Follow the path through the field, aiming for the church tower in the distance.
14. When you reach the church yard, go back through the gate and then back through the car park, ending your walk at The Chaser.

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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