

Hassocks, Butchers Wood, Keymer, Hassocks



Distance: 2 miles

Hassocks Community Partnership Visitor Group
www.visithassocks.co.uk

How to Get Here

By Train: Frequent services from Brighton, Haywards Heath, Gatwick and London

By Road : A23 London to Brighton. If southbound take the A2300 via Burgess Hill. From Brighton use A23 then A273 Pyecombe to Haywards Heath. From east/west use B2116 Lewes to Henfield road. There is a station car park with pay and display parking. Two further car parks in the village operate disc parking. Discs £1 (May 2010) can be bought from local shops (check notices in car park for details) and kept for future visits.



The Countryside Code



The Countryside Code applies to all parts of the countryside. Most of it is just good commonsense, as it is designed to help us all to respect, protect and enjoy our countryside.

- Be safe, plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people

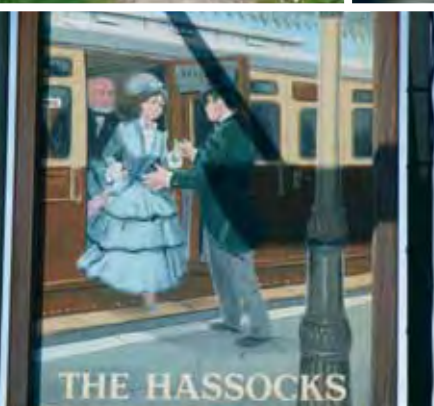
We hope you have enjoyed this walk.
Why not try one of the others in the series?

Route 2: Hassocks, Clayton, Jack & Jill Windmills, South Downs Way, Keymer, Hassocks (4 miles)

Route 3: Hassocks, Oldland Mill, Ditchling, Keymer, Hassocks (3 miles)

Route 4: Hassocks, Clayton, Hurstpierpoint, Hassocks (5 miles)

Route 5: Hassocks, Clayton, Wolstonbury, Hurstpierpoint, Hassocks (5 miles)



Route Description

An easy, mainly level stroll. Butchers Wood and the fields in the second half of the walk can be muddy in winter and following wet weather.

- 1 From the east side of Hassocks station (southbound platform entrance/exit) walk downhill past The Hassocks public house to the mini-roundabout. Turn right, cross the road and walk back towards the railway bridge. Just before the bridge, turn left up some steps and follow the footpath alongside the railway to reach Butchers Wood on the left.



Butcher's Wood is owned by The Woodland Trust and you are free to explore it but are asked to keep to the established paths. The wood is particularly attractive when the bluebells appear in late April.



- 2 If you continue the walk without visiting the wood, enter a field on your left beyond it, via a squeeze stile by a seat. (Walking through the wood will bring you to one of two exits onto the same Pheasant Field.) Follow an obvious path across Pheasant field to the farther (eastern) corner of the woodland opposite.



- 3 Walk downhill alongside this wood to emerge on a track at Woodbine Cottage. Turn right on this track and follow it across fields to Halfway House.
- 4 At Halfway House look for a post and yellow waymark at its entrance and follow in an easterly direction indicated to a distant stile.



- 5 Go over this stile and cross diagonally to a gap in the field boundary ahead. Cross another stile



then cross the field diagonally to cross a small stream via a footbridge. Go up through a small copse and cross field ahead towards houses in Dale Avenue. At the houses, follow the enclosed path which bears left then right to join Lodge Lane.

- 6 Turn left then left again at Keymer Fire Station into Dale Avenue. Follow this residential road back to the centre of Hassocks, turning left at the end to rejoin Keymer Road and walk back through the shops towards the station. (For northbound trains, use the underpass from the

station entrance where the walk began or walk under the railway bridge and up the steps to the west entrance/ticket office.)

