

The text for these Walks always leads you in a clockwise direction – Lengths shown are only approximate, as is the time to complete the walks, which is based on an average speed of 2 mph.



Beatons Wood Walk A circular walk of ½ mile inside Beatons Wood. Depending on an early or late Spring, there are carpets of white wood anemones (*Anemone nemorosa*) followed by the bluebells (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*). Paths make for easy walking with plenty of seats. This is the only Walk suitable for wheelchairs and mobility scooters. Can take ½ to 1 hour.



The River Walk (Blue). From Gate & Sign *F* head straight to Sign No *1* and the narrow pathway to Sign No *2*. Turn left to Sign No *3* then right along the hedge line to Sign No *4*. Through the gate turn right and follow edge of field to Sign No *5*. Through bridle gate turn left and follow riverbank to Sign No *6*. At Sign No *6* head right towards Sign No *7* or over style to Sign No *10* (Parkwood Farm Walk). At Sign No *7* straight on to Sign No *8*. At Sign No *8* turn left and continue to Sign No *9*.



The Wild Garlic Walk From Sign No *9* head over narrow metal foot bridge Sign No *14b*. Over the collapsible style and walk along path through the wood to Sign No *14a*.



The Parkwood Farm Walk (Green). From Sign No *9* walk along the riverbank towards Sign No *10*. Go straight ahead along farm track to Sign No *11*. At Sign No *11* you have a choice to turn left and visit the Parkwood Farm dairy, or head right through the gate and sharp left towards Sign No *12*. Turn right and walk across the field to Sign No *13*. Turn right towards Sign No *14a* (Wild Garlic Walk) or to Sign No *15* on the river bridge. Across bridge to Sign No *16* then walk along riverbank to Sign No *17*.



The Lagoon Walk (Red). From Gate & Sign *F* turn right along Beatons Wood edge to Lagoon. Turn left along lagoon towards Sign No *9*. You can shortcut to Sign No *18*. At Sign No *9* turn right through the copse to Sign No *17*. Right to Sign No *18* and walk along the side of the Lagoon. Straight ahead to Sign No *19*. Straight ahead to Sign No *20* or turn right down steps to Gate & Sign *D* entrance to Beatons wood.



Primrose Farm Walk (Yellow). From Gate & Sign *B* or *C* across field to Sign No *21* through field gate Turning right and follow concrete road to Primrose Farm. Through farmyard to Sign No *22*. Across grass field to Sign No *23*, through bridle gate to Gate & Sign *A* entrance to Beatons Wood.



The Arlington Bluebell Walk and its development

In 1972 Park Mead our local Primary School was fund raising to build an outside swimming pool. Carolyn McCutchan, a Parent Governor suggested opening Beatons Wood for one weekend for the public to pay and see the masses of bluebells. It was so successful that we were asked to repeat it the following year. With help from the East Sussex County Council, who were promoting Farm Open Days, we as farmers were grateful to be guided as to how to deal with crowds of the general public. We co-ordinated with our neighbour who owns Primrose and Parkwood farms and created Farm Walks over their land, thus giving added interest to our visitors.

In 1981 Bates Green Farm, helped by holding an annual Bluebell Walk for charity, was the national winner of the Country Life Farming & Wildlife Silver Lapwing Award for conservation.

In 1988 the new Arlington Village Hall was opened with generous financial help from the Arlington Bluebell Walk. Carolyn died in 2019, and her contribution to the village community is recognized by a bespoke weather vane depicting her pushing a garden wheelbarrow through the bluebells. After 50 years the Bluebell Walk has raised in excess of £1,000,000 for local charities. The formation of the Arlington Bluebell Charitable Trust will ensure that Carolyn's legacy of Bates Green Garden and mine of the Bluebell Walk will continue for generations to come.

John McCutchan

EMERGENCY CONTACT

07493 469494 or 07818 888440

www.bluebellwalk.co.uk



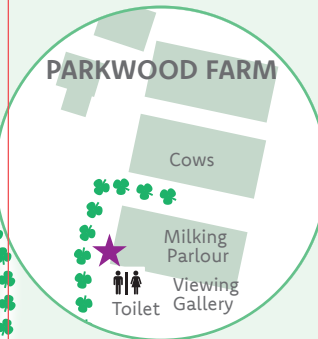
MAP & GUIDE



PARKWOOD FARM



PARKWOOD FARM



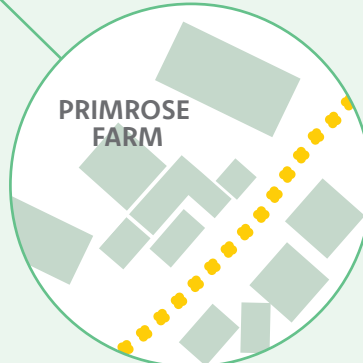
To help you enjoy your visit & be safe

- Please keep to the paths shown on this map
- Never touch electric fencing. Use the insulated gate handle to get past
- If you find a gate shut, ensure it is shut securely after you
- Be aware of barbed wire that forms part of a field fence
- Avoid badger and rabbit holes in your pathway
- Keep dogs on short leads at all times to avoid disturbing wildlife
- Dog mess is unpleasant, so 'bag it & bin it' in the litter bins marked on this map
- Some dog mess may contain the parasite *Neospora caninum* which is known to cause abortion in cattle
- Enjoy our English countryside, but please inform us of any perceived hazards
- Ensure children wash their hands after seeing the animals in the petting barn



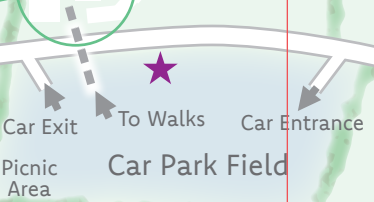
- Road
- Woodland
- Field Boundary
- Bridle Gates & Waymarkers
- Flexible Stile
- Dog Litter Bin

↑
To Hailsham & A22



PRIMROSE FARM

BATES GREEN FARM



www.bluebellwalk.co.uk

Circular Walks

(From Gate House & back)

- Parkwood Farm Walk** - 2.75 miles*
- The River Walk** - 2 miles*
- Lagoon Walk** - 1.5 miles*
- Primrose Walk** - 1.25 miles*
- Beatons Wood Walk** - 0.5 miles*

Only this walk is suitable for wheelchairs and mobility scooters

*Distances are approximate

Bluebell Walk Barn
Refreshments
Plant Stall
Cards and Gift Stall
Charity Book Room



BATES GREEN FARM

Entrance to Bates Green Garden

Entrance to Bluebell Walk

Gate House

Petting animals
Photography competition winners

Toilets

Toilets

Information Kiosk

No Through Road

To Arlington Village

Car Exit

Picnic Area

To Walks

Car Entrance

Car Park Field

To Arlington Village & A27

PRIMROSE FARM

Beatons Wood

Memorial Glade

Lagoon

Lower Pond

Upper Pond

Beehives

Winham Coppice

Cuckmere River