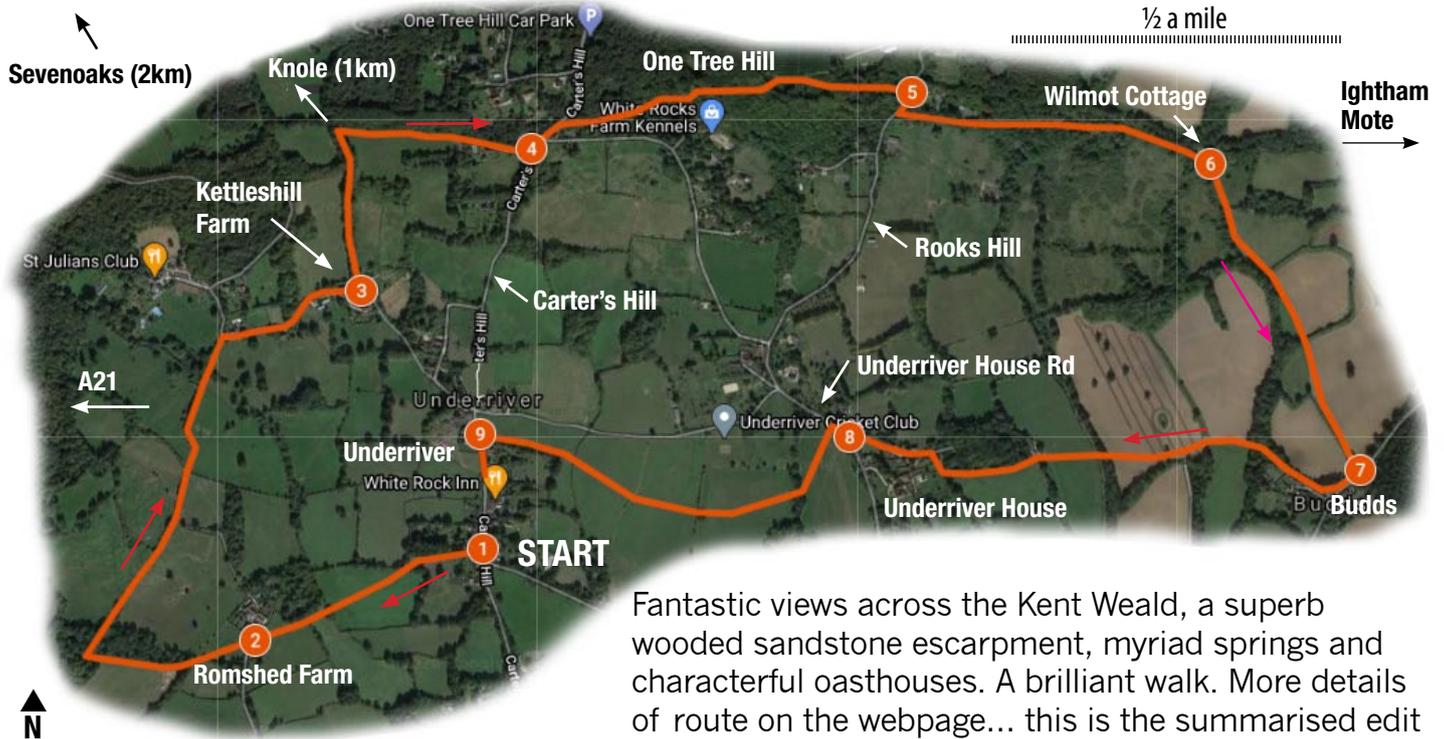


Walk 26: Underriver and Budds



Fantastic views across the Kent Weald, a superb wooded sandstone escarpment, myriad springs and characterful oasthouses. A brilliant walk. More details of route on the webpage... this is the summarised edit

How long? 2 hours/5 miles
 Public transport: Nearest stations, Hildenborough, Sevenoaks
 Parking: Underriver village or One Tree Hill NT
 Steep slopes? Moderate between points 3 and 5
 Pub: White Rock Inn, check open
 Distance from SE London: 24 miles (50mins by car)
 See OS Explorer 147 map
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THE WALK

Point 1-2 (900 metres) After parking in Underriver take the SR158 footpath heading west almost opposite Underriver's church – actually directly opposite a cottage with '1891' written on it. Cross over a stile into a tiny recreation field adjacent to the village hall then follow the path west into woods briefly then to the left past fields to organic Romshed Farm. Many of the farms on this route are positioned to take advantage of springs. Look out for the yellow-tipped posts showing walkers the way. As you get to the farm one rickety stile somewhat hidden behind metal cage structure close to barns marks Point 2.
Point 2-3 (1.9km) Cross the stile then a farm track and enter a horse paddock field with some equestrian

fences in it. Still heading west. Pass a solar panel array to the right of you and through the horsey field. Keep following the yellow-tipped poles. Over another stile and go along a larger sheep field with trees on the right. Ahead, in George's Shaw woodland, at a T-junction, we change direction: turn right (north-east) and follow this enjoyable broad path, now with Romshed Farm below and to the right (south). After nearly a kilometre you pass a lovely pond on the left. When you reach a tarmac lane take the right fork and go past the front of the Coach House. Next you'll see Vineyard Cottage to the right and then the track bends left (northerly) and you're at Kettlehill Farm and its superb oasthouses (Point 3).
Point 3-4 (1km) Walk past the oasthouses then turn sharp left (north) on to a sunken path going uphill (very muddy in winter). Nearing the top turn off sharply to the right (east) through a gate and follow the edge of a sloping south-facing grassy field with a barbed wire-topped fence on your right and lovely Weald view beyond. After half a mile or so the path comes out on Carter's Hill opposite a house – Point 4.

Point 4-5 (1km) Turn left uphill and soon after the house you will see the path on the right, heading east. Take this path through woods (note path from the One Tree Hill car park soon joining you from the left). After 200 metres you reach a glade with a view over the Weald to the south. Continue on the path eastward, keeping the steep escarpment cliff on your immediate right. Turn right as you reach an orchard and descend gradually in woodland with the 'cliff' just to the right. As the path descends, you'll come to a beech growing out of the side of the ridge. Soon after this you descend steeply to Rooks Hill lane.
Point 5-6 (900 metres) Turn right on Rooks Hill and walk a few metres downhill on the lane before resuming east on the footpath - signposted the Greensand Way on your left. After a few hundred metres you pass an Ightham Mote estate sign – a superb section. Continue east, then descend some steps to reach Wilmot Cottage.
Point 6-7 (900 metres) In front of Wilmot cottage turn right on the path heading downhill south. Sadly, the fields at the bottom can be very barren. Soon, reach Mote

Road and a hamlet called Budds or sometimes Budds Green.

Point 7-8 (1.2km) Turn right at Budds across the green and look for the path heading roughly west (on the right) by the near-side of the large house. This path will take us all the way back to Underriver. Walk past a swamp on a kind of wooden boardwalk and come out in a field. Continue on this path straight, ignoring the farm track off to the left. Tractor tracks mark the correct path which is nearly dead straight ahead. In the next field look for the yellow path marker up by the barns. You may glimpse the chimneys of grand Underriver House up ahead. Walk alongside a small wood (Ducks Grove) on the right and follow the path as it turns sharp right by yet another spring stream and you'll go past a kind of lawn then come out by some cottages. Follow the path to the left as it joins a lane serving attractive cottages. The path here now joins a country road (Underriver House Road) at Point 8.
Point 8-9 (1km) Turn right (north west) up the lane then soon left over a stile into fields. Follow the obvious path through five fields back to Underriver visible ahead.