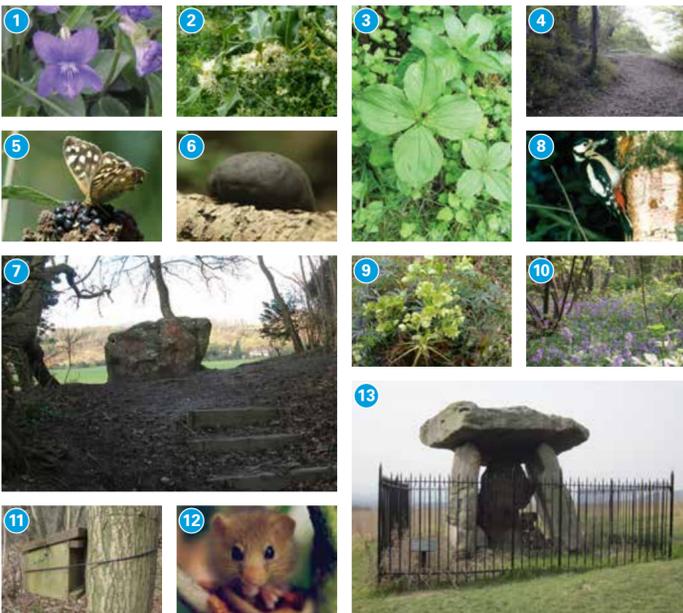


# What to look for on the walks...



### Ancient woodland (All walks)

- 1 Dog Violet
- 2 Holly
- 3 Herb Paris
- 4 Westfield Wood (Walk C)
- 5 Speckled Wood Butterfly
- 6 King Alfred's Cakes
- 7 The White Horse Stone
- 8 Great Spotted Woodpecker
- 9 Stinking Hellebore

### Other woodland (Walk E)

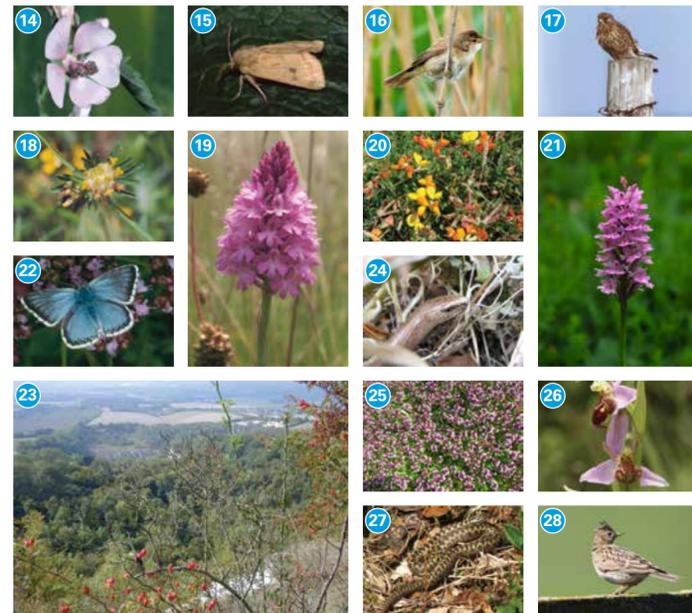
- 10 Bluebells
- 11 Dormouse box
- 12 Dormouse

### Walk E

- 13 Kit's Coty

### Burham Marshes (Walk D)

- 14 Marsh Mallow



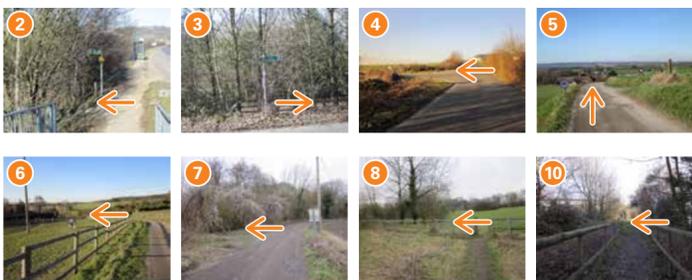
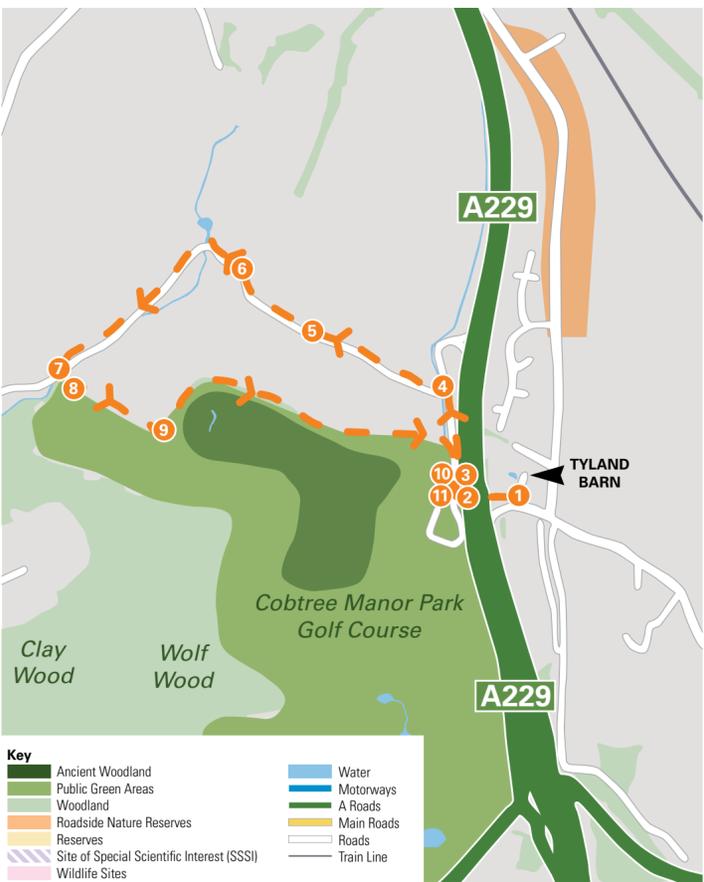
- 15 Marsh Mallow moth
- 16 Reed Warbler

### Chalk Downland (Walk E)

- 17 Kestrel
- 18 Kidney Vetch
- 19 Pyramidal Orchid
- 20 Bird-foot Trefoil
- 21 Common Spotted Orchid
- 22 Chalkhill Blue

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## Walk A Ancient Woodland (1.2miles / 2km, flat)



- PLEASE NOTE: The numbers in the walk description match the numbers on the map
- 1 Cross the footbridge.
  - 2 Turn left to the side road, **not** the dual carriageway.
  - 3 Turn right on the road, pass a path on the left.
  - 4 Turn left on the track. Ignore the private signs.
  - 5 Keep straight on.
  - 6 Follow the track past stables, ponds and houses.
  - 7 Turn left off the track just before the 10mph sign. Ignore the opening before this.
  - 8 Turn left between two fences along the edge of the golf course.
  - 9 Keep on the path between the fences.
  - 10 Just before the car park turn left off the path to meet the road.
  - 11 Cross the road to the steps and the bridge to return to Tyland Barn.

**Westfield Wood**  
This picnic site and viewpoint is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). It is managed by Kent Wildlife Trust to improve the chalk grassland and woodland habitats there by encouraging more chalk downland specific plants and animals. Already marbled white, chalkhill blue and adonis blue butterflies can be spotted here, along with bee, fly and man orchids.

**Burham Down**  
These areas of chalk downland, woodland and scrub, with two large disused chalk quarries, have excellent views. Chalk woodland flowers and some which like sheep, cattle, horses and rabbits as well as scrub control. This stops and more vigorous plants from crowding out the wild flowers adapted to chalk grassland. Caterpillars and other insect larvae live on the plants. The area is also home to adders and slow worms. The scrub provides nesting sites for a wide variety of birds and dormice that live in the woodland.

**About the reserves**  
You can visit on the walks

**A note from the author**  
I am a volunteer and education tutor with Kent Wildlife Trust. I have been a keen walker and interested in wildlife most of my life. This project has given me an opportunity to pull these threads together and encourage people to explore Kent and enjoy the animals and plants which live here. I hope you enjoy the walks. If you have any comments please let me know at Tyland Barn. Please see the contact details at the bottom of the page.  
*Helen Knell*

Kent Wildlife Trust is developing a living map project where the public can contribute to our knowledge of the wildlife in Kent. If you would like to tell us about what you saw on your walk please go to: [www.livingmap.org.uk](http://www.livingmap.org.uk)



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### Walk C Westfield Wood (3.7miles / 6km, steep hills)

- 1-6 are identical to Walk B (pink route)
- (Now follow the Blue route numbers)
- 7 Turn right through the underpass.
- 8 Turn left, following the North Downs Way.
- 9 Go straight on over the railway.
- 10 Enter the nature reserve, follow the byway.
- 11 Turn left off the track onto the North Downs Way.
- 12 Take the path left off the North Downs Way at the fingerpost.
- 13 Turn right up a steep bank.
- 14 At the top of the hill turn right on a faint path along the ridge.
- 15 Meet the North Downs Way at the stone post, turn right.
- 16 Bear right at the fork.
- 17 At the fingerpost turn left and retrace your steps through the underpass. Turn left on the road. Take the 2nd path on the right over a stile, **not** the North Downs Way.

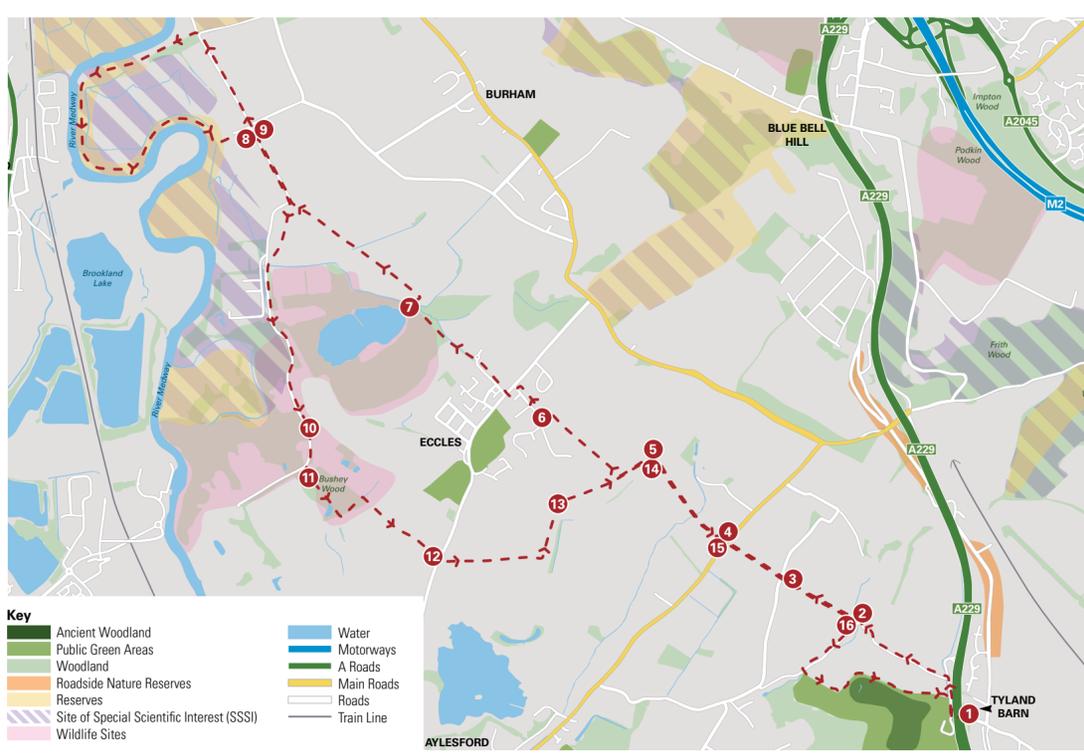


### Walk B Chalk Downland & Ancient Woodland, (2.1miles / 3.4km, some hills)

- 1 Cross the footbridge.
- 2 Turn left to the side road, **not** the dual carriageway.
- 3 Turn right on the road; pass a path on the left.
- 4 Turn left on the track. Ignore the private signs.
- 5 Turn right onto a track.
- 6 Go through the gate and follow the road.
- 7 Take the first path on the left over a stile.
- 8 Bear right into the wood.
- 9 Go straight on through four gates to meet the track.
- 10 Turn right and pass the buildings.
- 11 Turn left off the track at the 10mph sign. Ignore the opening before this.
- 12 Turn left between two fences along the edge of the golf course.
- 13 Keep on the path between the fences.
- 14 Just before the car park turn left off the path to meet the road.
- 15 Cross the road to the steps and the bridge to return to Tyland Barn.

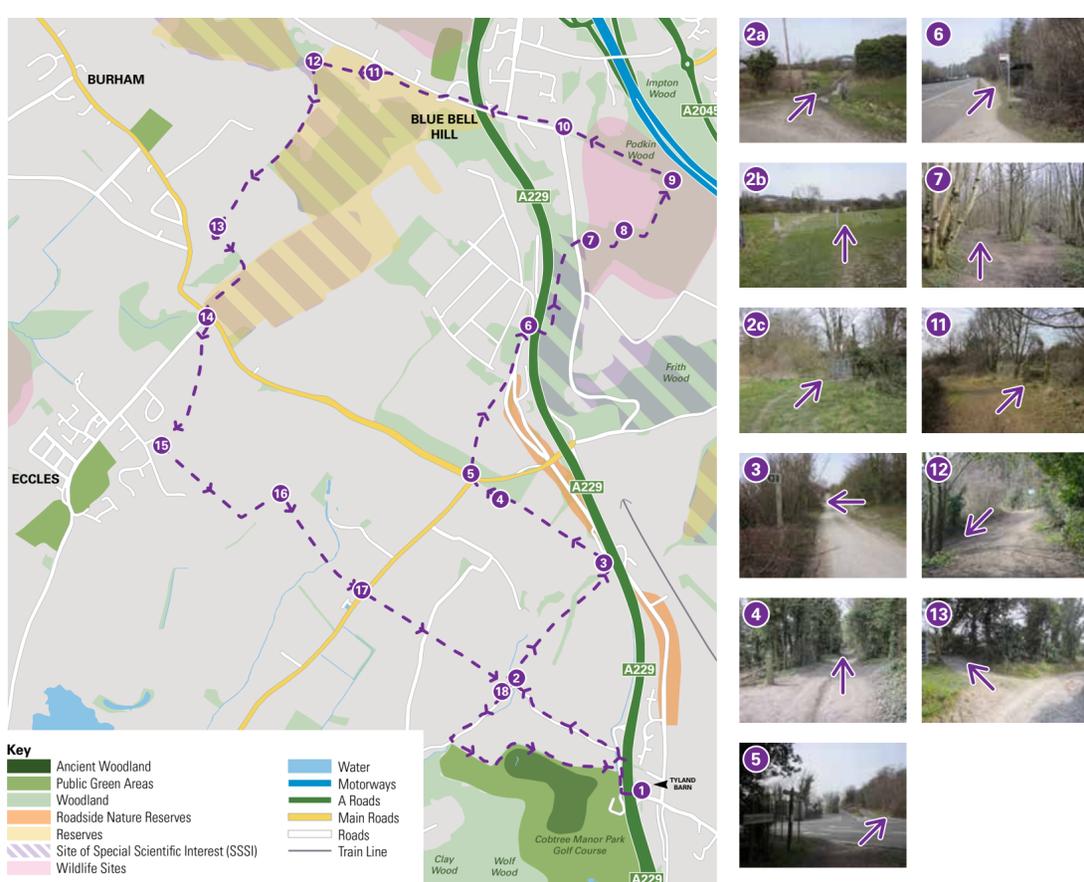


### Walk D Burham Marshes (9miles / 14.5km, flat)



- 1 Cross the footbridge, turn left down the steps, turn right on the road, pass a path on the left, turn left on the track (ignore the private signs). Follow the track through the gate for Great Cossington Farm.
- 2 a) Just before the houses, turn right through a kissing gate onto a faint track. b) At the end of the hedge on the right, turn right diagonally across the field to the stile to the right of the houses. Cross the stile and go between two fences to the road.
- 3 At the road turn left and almost immediately right up steps and beside a garage. Cross the field heading for the house and cross a stile to the road. This is a busy road – *Take Care!*
- 4 Cross the road, follow the hedge through two kissing gates and over a footbridge. Follow the field boundary to a gate, cross a track, go through a kissing gate. Follow the side of a pond then follow the field boundary uphill to a kissing gate.
- 5 Turn left on a wide track between a hedge and vines. At the top of the hill turn right keeping the hedge on your left. At the corner of the field bear left through a hedge then follow the path across the field to an alley between houses and the road.
- 6 Turn right on the road then left at the main road beside the Red Bull Pub. Take the first right (Eccles Row) towards the school. At the end of the road carry straight on along the path until the reservoir taking the right fork, **not** through the blue gate.
- 7 Turn right through a green barrier towards the houses. Turn left on the path opposite the pylon on your right (this is a well used path but isn't a right of way). At the road turn right towards the church.
- 8 At the church (worth a visit) carry straight on the road. Just before the barrier, turn left on a path and follow this (beside a wall) on top of a bank and beside the river. Turn left off the bank back to the church.
- 9 At the church, turn right on the road (Medway Valley

### Walk E Blue Bell Hill, Burham Down, Frith Wood, Kit's Coty (7miles / 11.3km, very hilly)



- 1 Cross the footbridge, turn left down the steps, turn right on the road, pass a path on the left, turn left on the track (ignore the private signs).
- 2 a) Pass the stables, where the track bends left, just before the ponds, turn right onto a track. b) Keep straight on through the gate then two kissing gates. c) Turn right through another kissing gate and into a small wood. Turn left, keeping the wood on your left, to the road.
- 3 At the road turn left, take the next path on the left (North Downs Way).
- 4 Straight on at the path junction.
- 5 At the road junction – *Take Care* – straight over and take the path uphill (North Downs Way to Kit's Coty). Pass Kit's Coty on the left. Climb the steps to the road, turn left along the pavement to the footbridge, cross the bridge.
- 6 At the road take the path on the right just past the bus stop. Climb up through the woods to the road.
- 7 Straight over through the wood. At the fork in the path after 50m bear left. Bear left again when you meet a path coming in from the right. Bear left again to a T-junction in the paths.
- 8 Turn right following the edge of the wood.
- 9 At the path junction just before the motorway turn left (waymarked) to meet the road at Podkin Meadow.
- 10 Turn right on the road, straight on at the junction to cross the bridge. Turn left into the Bluebell Hill picnic site, then turn right to follow the path along the top of the ridge. Go through a kissing gate, straight on where the North Downs Way goes off to the right.
- 11 Go through the next gate on the right, then left on a sunken track between two fences going downhill and passing another gate and notice board on the left.

- 12 At the path junction, turn sharp left going downhill past the chalk pits on the left.
- 13 Turn left (waymarked) between two hedges to meet a track, turn right to the road.
- 14 At the road turn left to the junction, straight over to Bull Lane, cross a stile onto a path. **Do not** use the paved path. Cross two more stiles, head for the pylon, cross two stiles close together, keep going in the same direction keeping the houses on the right. Cross another stile and head for the houses.
- 15 At the seat, cut back on yourself to the left, cross the field, through a hedge into a field of vines. Keep the hedge on your right and the vines on your left. At the end of the hedge turn left on a track, straight down the hill, then turn right through a kissing gate.
- 16 Go through the gate, straight ahead following the boundary, past the moat, through another kissing gate, cross the track, through a gate. Follow the boundary to a footbridge and through two more gates to the road which is very busy.
- 17 Cross the road, cross the field, go past a garage and down the steps to the road. Turn left and immediately right into a narrow field to a stile. Bear right across the field to meet a faint track, turn left to meet a good track.
- 18 Turn right on the track, pass the oast house then turn left on to a path at the 10mph sign, ignore the opening before this. Cross the stream then turn left to follow the path between two fences along the edge of the golf course. Just before the car park turn left to meet the road, cross the road to the steps and cross the bridge back to Tyland Barn.