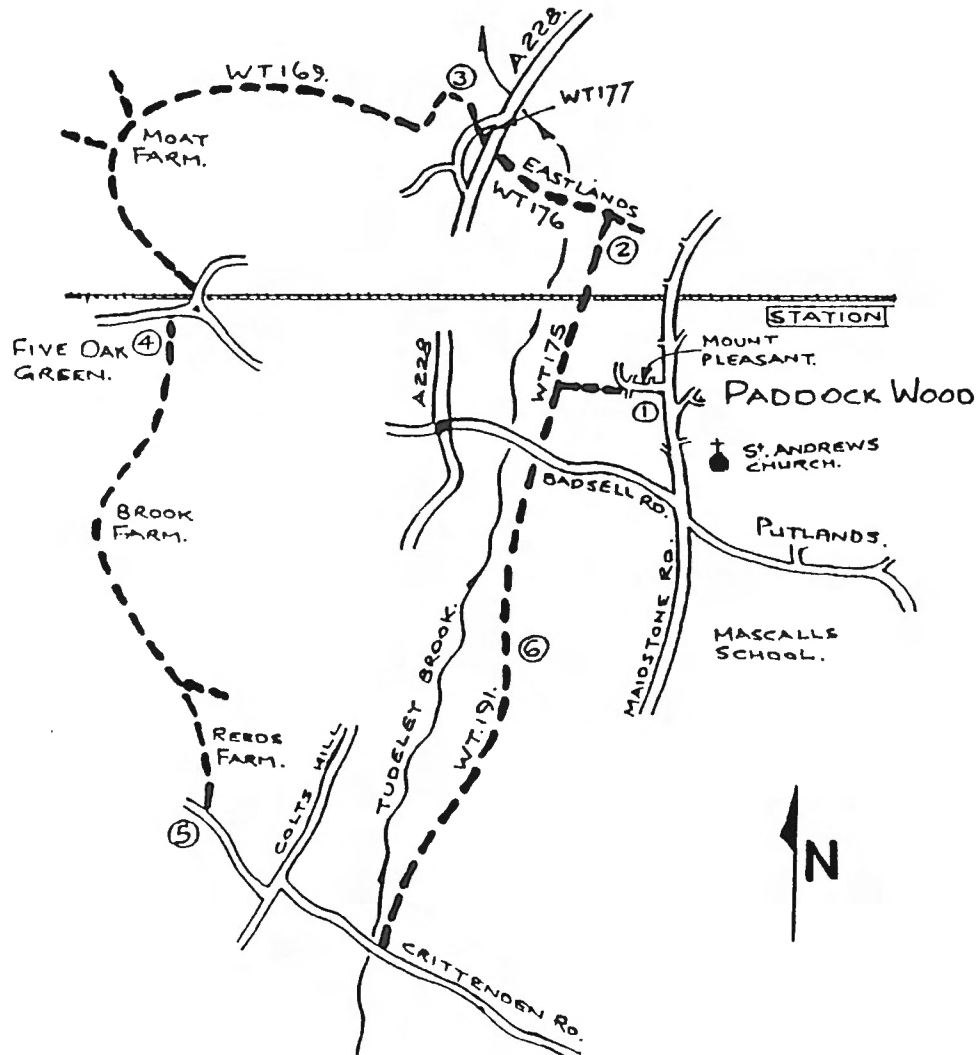


PADDOCK WOOD

WALK No 5

From Paddock Wood into the Parish of Capel (5 miles)

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1. This is a longer walk that crosses into Capel and goes through a mixture of arable farmland and orchards. It takes in some gently rising ground towards Colts Hill before returning to Paddock Wood along the course of the Tudeley Brook.



2. Starting at Mount Pleasant, walk past the Catholic Church and, where the road bears right at the top, go forward into an enclosed path. This leads to an open field. Just before reaching the footbridge on the far side, turn right, and follow the path over the level crossing to Eastlands.



3. Turn left over the Tudeley Brook and follow the wide farm track through to the A228 at Whetsted. Cross to the path opposite, and walk down to the road opposite Ploggs Hall. Turn right along the road, and then turn left onto a path just past the Old Chequers Inn.
4. This enclosed path leads to two stiles across a farm track into an orchard. Follow the yellow way-marks round and through the orchards of apples and pears (a riot of colour at blossom time) to Moat Farm.

Walk between the buildings, and turn left along the main farm drive to the railway bridge in Whetsted Road. Go over the bridge into Five Oak Green.

5. On the far side of the green, and slightly to the right, is an enclosed path that goes under the top storey of a house. Follow this through to a bridge and stile and go forward keeping close to the field edge. In the corner ahead, go left over a stile, and between fences through an orchard leading to a hop garden. Here turn left, and follow the path round and up to Reeds Farm on the Alders Road.

6. Turn left, and walk up to the road at Colts Hill, cross and continue walking down Crittenden Road. Just past the entrance to Badzell Farm turn left onto a path through an old metal farm gate. (Look for the signstone.) This path goes gently uphill through trees and out into an orchard. Turn left, and follow the hedge-line through to a second orchard. There are views across the Medway Valley to the Downs beyond.

7. Walk down the orchard between trees turning briefly right and left into the lower orchard, and then shortly over two stiles onto Badzell Road. **Be very careful as you cross to the path opposite as there is no pavement.** Continue along this path, following the stream. Return to Paddock Wood either by taking the same path back to Mount Pleasant, or continue to Eastlands and turn right along the track to reach the Maidstone Road.