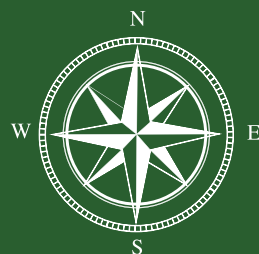
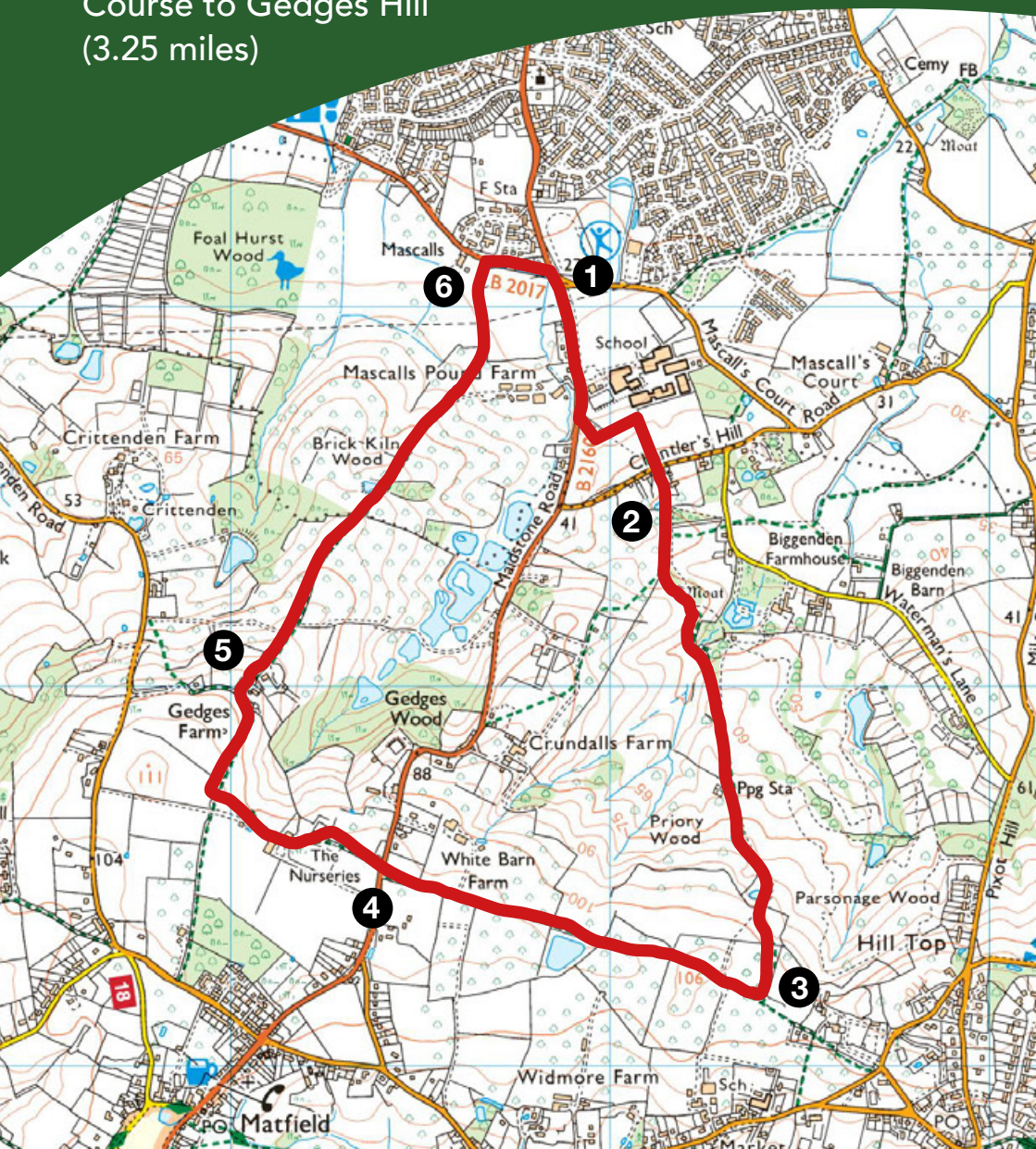


Paddock Wood Walk No.1



Through Moatlands Golf
Course to Gedges Hill
(3.25 miles)



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This walk takes you up onto the high ground south of Paddock Wood from where, on a clear day, you have excellent views across Paddock Wood and the Medway Valley to the North Downs.



1. Start at the entrance gate into Mascalls School grounds at the Maidstone Road/ Mascalls Court Road crossroads, follow the asphalt path alongside the hedge and out again through the school's main entrance. Turn left and, in a few yards, go up some steps and over a stile. Follow the path up the field to Chantlers Hill, cross the road and enter an enclosed path indicated by a finger-post.
2. Walk through some trees and into an orchard, keeping a fence to your left. On reaching a stile in this fence, go left following the direction of the yellow arrow. Skirt a small clump of young trees, walk down to the corner of the wood in front, and then bear right up the hill. The path from here across the golf course is defined by black plastic matting laid onto the ground. Follow it until you reach a pond on your right. Just past the pond, bear left to a stile into an orchard. Follow the line of trees until you reach a main path on the brow of the hill.
3. Turn right here, and follow a clear path along the hilltop through two orchards, then taking a short left and a right to find the path alongside a new reservoir built as part of the golf course irrigation system. You then shortly pass through a hedge and onto a driveway which takes you up to the main Matfield-Paddock Wood Road.
4. Take great care in crossing the road, and walk down the drive next to the postbox. On reaching the converted square oast, bear right and walk up to a T-junction with another path. Turn right and, on reaching Gedges Farm, turn right onto the driveway.
5. Walk down the driveway between houses, over a very elegant stile in a wrought iron gateway, down to another stile and into an orchard. Walk downhill, keeping the high hedge on your left hand side. On reaching the fence at the bottom, turn right and, after a few yards, go left over a stile into more orchards. After a short distance, a farm track bears right, keep going forward through a line of trees, picking up an enclosed path at the bottom. This path brings you right down to Badsell Road.
6. Take care as you cross Badsell Road to the pavement on the opposite side. Turn right to return to the crossroads and to Paddock Wood.

