Introduction

Worth Way links through East Grinstead to Forest Way Country Park. This 10 mile/16km route ends near Groombridge, East Sussex, and similarly to Worth Way, follows the old railway line. The route is accessible to pedestrians, cyclists and horse-riders. West Sussex and East Sussex County Councils manage Forest Way.

A number of public footpaths and public bridleways link with Worth and Forest Ways. Other promoted routes include four Worth Way circular walks, the Sussex Border Path and the High Weald Landscape Trail. Ordnance Survey Explorer Map 135 shows details, or alternatively contact one of the sources listed on the back of this leaflet.

Worth Way Code

- Take your Litter home.
- Leave flowers and fungi for others to enjoy.
- Respect other users by:
  - Cyclists: slow down, give way and leave plenty of room for walkers, horses and people with disabilities.
  - Do not obstruct cyclists.
  - Keep dogs under proper control (byelaws apply).
  - Clear up after your dog.
  - Do not cantor or gallop.
  - Do not surprise people – they might not have heard or seen you.

Further contacts

For further information on Worth Way and the West Sussex section of Forest Way contact West Sussex County Council Countryside Services, Northern area Countryside Team.
Tel 01293 542088.
Email: countrysides@westsussex.gov.uk
www.westsussex.gov.uk

For further information on walking and other countryside activities in East Sussex and for a copy of the Forest Way leaflet contact East Sussex County Council.
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Worth Way from Three Bridges to M23 lies within Crawley Borough. West Sussex County Council manages the remainder of Worth Way.

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Rowfant Station
The station included a passing loop, level crossing and signal box. The old station still survives.

St Nicholas Church, Worth
A fine Saxon Church dating from the tenth century. It is an early example of a cruciform plan which later became the general layout throughout England. A Norman-looking northeast tower was added in 1871.

Crawley Down Pond
Constructed in the mid nineteenth century as one of five ornamental lakes on the Tiltwood Estate. The pond was re-landscaped in the late 1970’s to form a local feature.

East Grinstead High Street
A very old and previously important market town boasting the longest line of medieval buildings in the country. There are many interesting buildings including St Swithin’s Church, a very prominent landmark, and Sackville College.

Forest Way Country Park
This linear Country Park passes through the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

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Worth Way Circular Walks
National Cycle Network Route
High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
Parking
Public Telephone
Public House
Railway Station
Church