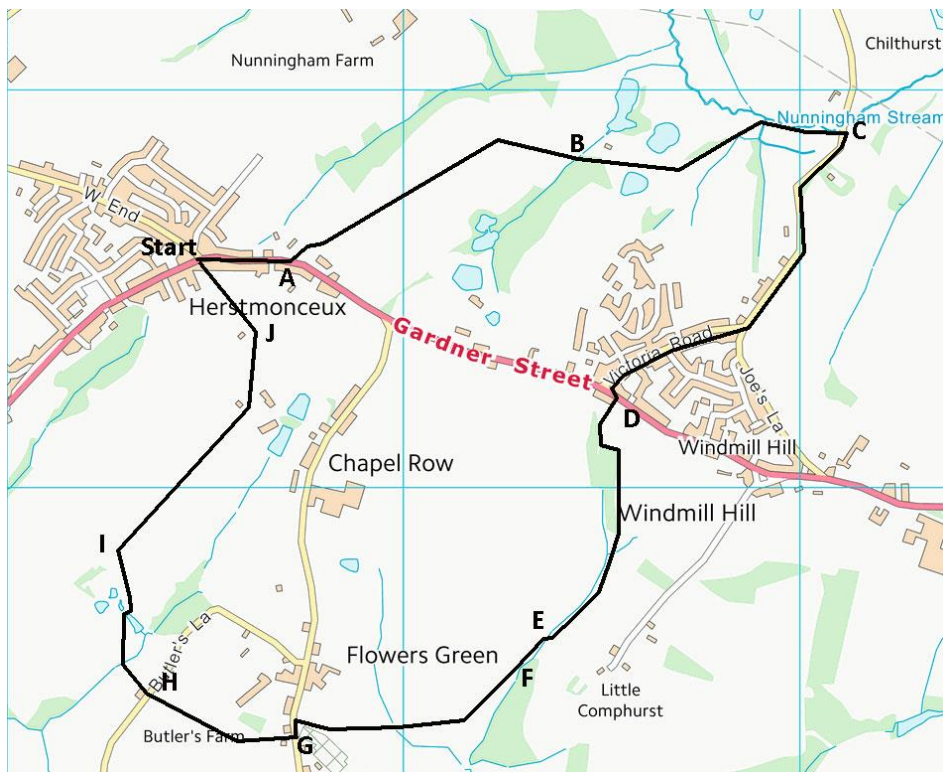


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To the right of the barn

The path is indistinct but in crosses this large paddocked field straight as a die. Head for a block built barn on the horizon. Pass to the right of the barn and out through a double kissing gate into another open field. Bear left and follow the path past a large oak tree to the final kissing gate(J) into Herstmonceux Recreation Ground. Keep to the right and walk down back to the centre of the village.



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Walk 4: Herstmonceux – Brick Farm Lakes – Victoria Rd – Flowers Green

Walk Overview:

Distance:	3½ miles
Time:	2 hours
Description:	An easy ramble using footpaths, stiles and road. Not suitable for pushchairs. The ground can be muddy and overgrown in places. The road section will need care.



View over to Brick Farm lakes

This walk has a road section with no footpath. Care will be needed, but you will be rewarded with one of the most beautiful examples of a steep sided Sussex lane.

Starting in the centre of Herstmonceux follow the main road east and as it starts to rise locate the footpath on the left opposite the large detached white house(A). Pass along an enclosed path before entering an open field via a stile.

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A: Starting footpath



Walk between two lakes



Steep sided road

Head diagonally right to join a track. Continue along the track as it passes into a large open field divided into paddocks. The track continues straight until it leaves the next field through the far boundary hedge. Be careful to follow the path that travels obliquely to the right to meet the left hand corner of a wood(**B**). The path through the wood is indicated by posts, but don't worry if you go awry as the wood is narrow. On leaving the wood the path continues ahead between two of the Brick Farm fishing lakes.

The footpath is now indistinct and remains so until the road. Leave Brick Farm via a stile and turn left following the edge of the field to the water meadow at the bottom of the slope. Cross a footbridge into the meadow and head for the next footbridge about fifty metres ahead. On the left is the steep sided Nunningham Stream. Follow this to the road, leaving via a stile(**C**).

Turn right along the road and cross over to the left hand side where the verge is more walker friendly. Follow the road as it winds up through the cutting and comes out at the "The Rocks". Continue along the road to the junction with Joes Lane. Leave Joes Lane alone and continue right round the bend and use the footpath on the left to the top of Victoria Road and its junction with the A271. Cross over via the bollards and locate the footpath between Millers House and the bus stop(**D**).

Follow the footpath as it moves around the small wood on the right and finally comes out into the bottom of a small valley. Cross over a footbridge and take the footpath on the right as it skirts the field along the bottom hedge. In snowy weather this field used to be where the local children would take poly bags and toboggans to race down the slope. Exit the field and make your way through the undergrowth to another footbridge leading to the next field(**E**). On entering the field turn left. Follow the line of the ditch on the left for about a hundred metres until it reaches a dog leg by an oak tree(**F**).

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D: Down the path



F: Bear right by the oak



G: Right into the drive



Butlers Farmhouse

The ground falls away to the left. Your route takes you right into the open field. The path is indistinct so head in the direction of the farm buildings in the distance. As you top the small rise you will see ahead a pair of footpath gates crossing a farm track. Go through these and immediately bear right up to another farm track that is at right angles to the one you just crossed. Turn left along the track as it descends the hill. At the bottom of the slope there are two footbridges. Cross by either one to enter the next field.

Follow the path parallel to the left hand boundary of the field to a footpath gate. Exit via the gate and continue along an enclosed path for about fifty metres before coming out into Church Road. Turn left and shortly after turn right into the drive of Little Butlers(**G**). This is a private house so please keep to the right of way. After a few metres the path moves left to the boundary of the garden. Follow the path to a stile that will take you back out to open farm land.

The footpath traverses the field diagonally to the far corner. Exit the gateway and turn immediately right. The path is indistinct but follows the line of the hedge over the brow down to a field gate opposite Butlers Farmhouse. Use the stile on the left of the gate and cross Butlers Lane to a stile on the right of the farmhouse(**H**). Skirt around the fenced garden of the house and descend to the left hand corner of the field where there is a footbridge crossing a small stream.

Once over the footbridge bear diagonally right to the far corner of the small field. Go through the gap in the hedge and continue ahead for about forty metres to a farm track. Turn right and pass between two overgrown ponds. Turn immediately left after the ponds, then right through a kissing gate into an open field. The footpath crosses the narrow field diagonally left before exiting via another kissing gate(**I**).