



START OF WALK:

1. From Memorial Hall Car Park take Left path over King George's Playing Fields.
2. Follow yellow markers over stiles and track into field.
3. At junction take Left fork past house and go down across fields into woods.
4. At T-junction turn Right and cross Furnace Brook.
5. Continue and turn Right onto Little Trodgers Lane and go uphill past Heronry Wood (on your Right).
6. Go westward down concrete road on Left at sign Long Gill.
7. After cattle grid turn Left over stile. Go downhill, through wood, over stream until reaching junction with lane.
8. Turn Right (northward) up lane.
9. Proceed to T-junction in front of large white bungalow and turn Left onto concrete road.
10. Bear Right round bend. Cross stile on Right, go through two gates crossing road to Great Trodgers and up to stile at corner of wood.
11. Go over stile for 40m into wood and past yellow arrow.
12. Go over stile into wood.
13. At junction with track turn Right and exit wood.
14. Turn Left skirting wood to stile. Turn Left onto A267 and follow grass verge.
15. Turn Left down made-up bridleway and follow for approximately 1km, passing lake on Right. Continue over stream and up hill to metalled track of Bassetts Lane.
16. Turn Left onto Bassetts Lane and continue to sharp bend.
17. Turn Right onto footpath and continue uphill across field and down to footbridge over stream.
18. Then head uphill through woods.

19. Cross the field and ignore track going Right.
20. Go through gate uphill with hedge on Right then downhill.
21. Go Right inside edge of wood.
22. At gate, turn Left uphill through the woods, on sunken lane, to exit on to Little Trodgers Lane.
23. Turn Right onto Little Trodgers Lane and take 1st Left (20m) down footpath beside Old Place Farm and Cottage. Go on to woods.
24. Just inside wood, turn Right onto footpath and return to car park. **END**



ENVIRONMENTAL AND HERITAGE FEATURES TO LOOK FOR

- ◆ **Coralroot bittercress**
See the photograph by the map and look out for this uncommon plant in woods and on verges. It flowers from late April to May.
- ◆ **Site of the old Mayfield Furnace**
Long before the Romans came, iron was being worked in the High Weald, including Mayfield, an area rich in the key elements - iron ore, wood for fuel and water. The Mayfield Furnace was worked from the 16th until the late 17th Century. In Elizabethan times, Sir Thomas Gresham owned the forge and this furnace where ordnance was made, including the cannon in Mayfield High Street. The noise from the forges must have echoed day and night, and flames from the furnaces lit up a vast area.
- ◆ **Woodland**
The walk passes remains of ancient woods. The extent of woodland, and the pattern of fields, hedges and woods, can be seen from high points on the walk.

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THE FIGURE-OF-8 WALK AROUND MAYFIELD, East Sussex

Welcome to Mayfield which is an ancient and beautiful ridge-top village in the High Weald

This leaflet is provided to help you enjoy one of the many beautiful walks around this picturesque village.

Length & Terrain: this walk is 4.5 miles long, to the North of the village, and includes woodland and lanes, some steep paths, with a short section along the A267. There are sweeping views across this unique and secluded countryside. Mayfield is rich in small woods, hedges, fields and wild flowers.

Grading: Medium to Hard in places. **Warning:** At the time of producing this leaflet, some stiles were in poor condition and due to be replaced.

Access: From Memorial Hall Car Park.



Species rich hedges with view towards Mayfield


Local Heritage initiative



THE FIGURE-OF-8 MAYFIELD WALK

Bluebells carpet many of Mayfield's woods in the Spring and show that this is ancient woodland

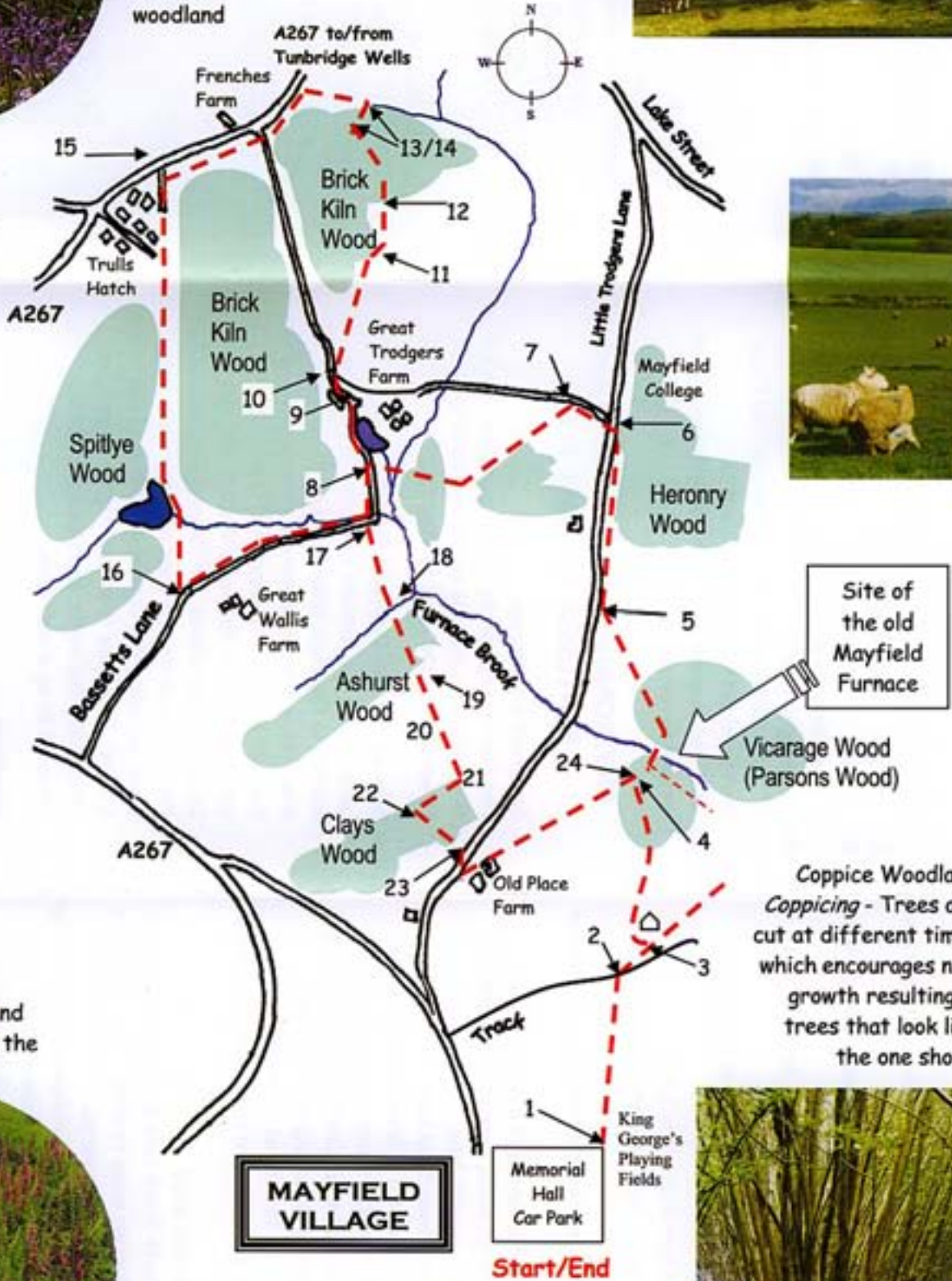
The current landscape is due to agriculture. Without grazing and cultivation, the High Weald would revert to scrub and woodland within decades



Coralroot Bittercress grows around Mayfield. It is only found in a few other places in England. Height 30-70cm.



Recently felled woodland showing new growth in the absence of shade



Site of the old Mayfield Furnace

Coppice Woodland
Coppicing - Trees are cut at different times which encourages new growth resulting in trees that look like the one shown



MAYFIELD VILLAGE

Memorial Hall Car Park

Start/End

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