

## **Eastbourne Legal Walk 2021 – Walking Directions**

Starting from the Citizens Advice office, turn left along St Leonards Road to The Avenue. Turn left along Station Parade and right at Prezzo into Southfields Road. Continue along Southfields Road past the Royal Mail sorting office and, after 350/400m, turn left into Dittons Road.

As you reach the end of Dittons Road, bear right onto Compton Place Road. After approx 150m, Compton Place Road turns right and Paradise Drive continues ahead: look for the footpath going up a set of steps to the left, next to the Paradise Drive street sign:



Proceed up the steps and continue across the golf course, looking for the fingerposts that mark the public footpath which proceeds in a straight line across the fairway, and head through the gate in the iron fence which takes you onto Gaudick Road:



**NOTE:** Please exercise caution when crossing the golf course. Please also show consideration for golfers. Whilst this is a public right of way, courtesy and golfing etiquette dictate that walkers should not distract golfers about to take a shot, by talking or by walking past them. Please allow the golfers to complete their shots before continuing.

From Gaudick Road, turn right at the crossroads into Carlisle Road and bear round to the right into Paradise Drive (again! You are at the other end of the Drive now!). About 200m on, just after the junction with Link Road, look for the footpath on the left which will take



you up onto the Downs. Once on the footpath, keep left on the path itself – don't continue onto the wider track:

As you climb towards Warren Hill, ignore the first path that bears to the left and continue on the path up the hill. As long as you are ascending at this point, you are basically going the right way! There is a myriad of paths that criss-cross each other around here – as long as you keep bearing to the left and don't go back downhill, you'll be ok!

That said, the best route is as follows. After the first path to the left that you ignored (as per above), take the next path to the left:



After that, follow the path round the top of the "bowl" with the houses of Upper Carlisle Road and Cranborne Avenue below you on the left hand side, keeping the woods on the slope also to your left.

Keep following the top line of the woods round to the left – don't take the path to Warren Hill Car Park. The path leaves the line of the woods and heads towards, and across, Beachy Head Road at the intersection with Warren Hill:



Once across the road, initially follow the signposts for the South Downs Way, which bears round to the left and heads off across the Downs rather than staying right next to the road. You will pass one fingerpost – keep straight ahead – then at the second fingerpost, stop following the South Downs Way! Instead, turn left down the hill and, for a short while, back towards Eastbourne. [However, if you would prefer to continue to Beachy Head instead, see note at the end of these directions].

As you descend the hill, ignore all paths off the left! Ignore also the first path to the right which goes back up the hill. Take the second path to the right, turning away from the town once more. After a few level metres the path continues downhill (past a bench on your right), and at the next junction of paths bear right and follow the path down and round the edge of Whitebread Hole (the St Bede's playing fields):





After this, the route is quite straightforward! Follow the track around the back of the playing fields and on towards Beachy Head for around  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile (just over 1km) until it turns ninety degrees to the left, towards the sea. As you approach the cliff edge, turn left again and follow the cliff (at a safe distance) all the way back towards Eastbourne. As the path approaches Holywell, it becomes an asphalted track which emerges onto Dukes Drive with The Kiosk on your left. [Note: if you took the Beachy Head variant, this is where you rejoin the main route.]

Turn right down Dukes Drive, towards the town. After around 300m, follow the access road to the left (indicated by a brown tourist signpost marked "Holywell Promenade (Western Pde)") which will take you down to the seafront. Follow the seafront for just under a mile (approx 1.5km), to the Western Lawn near the big wheel where our volunteers and a goody bag awaits you!

Very well done for completing the walk – and thank you hugely for your support!

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[NB. There is an alternative for those who prefer to stay on the top of the Downs and walk to Beachy Head itself. Note that this variant involves a much steeper final descent than the main route. Instead of turning left off the South Downs Way, continue following the South Downs Way/SDW signs for 1 mile/1.6km to Beachy Head, then return by the same route to this point. Then turn right and descend towards Eastbourne, emerging at the foot of the hill by The Kiosk. Continue towards the town on Dukes Drive. From here, follow the remaining directions above. This route covers the same overall distance as the main route.]

