

LINGFIELD *POWER AND FLOUR AT HAXTED*



5½ miles (8.8km) 2hrs Ascent: 66ft (20m) 1

Paths: Field edge paths can be overgrown or muddy, farm tracks and country lanes, 15 stiles

Suggested map: aqua3 OS Explorers 146 Dorking, Box Hill & Reigate; 147 Sevenoaks & Tonbridge

Grid reference: TQ 385435

Parking: Free council car park in Gun Pit Road, Lingfield

A lowland walk and a remarkable water mill.

1 Walk down High Street, turn **L** into Old School Place, and take footpath through churchyard. Turn **R** into Vicarage Road, cross over into Bakers Lane, and continue beyond Station Road on to footpath across railway. Swing **L** as you approach **Park Farm**, then fork **L** on to gravelled farm track.

2 Proceed over stile into open field. After few paces further on, dodge through gate on **L**; continue with hedge on **R**. At top corner of field, turn **R** through small gate, heading past prominent oak tree towards gates on far side of field.

3 Cross lane, climb stile opposite, and take waymarked route beside **Eden Brook**. Cross brook on wooden bridge, then head across field to stile by metal gates. Turn **R** along road to **Haxted Mill**.

4 Turn **R** over stile on to Vanguard Way, recross river; bear **L** towards stile on far side of next field. Turn **L** on to road then fork **L** just beyond bridge.

5 Turn **R**, along drive towards **Starborough Farm**. At farm, take stile by metal gates, cross drive to Badger House, and then follow waymarked path across field towards corner of small wood. Cross footbridge and stile, and follow path along **L-H** edge of next 4 fields.

6 Turn **R** in corner of 4th field, keeping hedge on **L**. Continue over bridge and stile into **Lingfield Hospital School** sports ground. Keep ahead to gap in far hedge, then cross lane, where footpath continues at stile.

7 Cross 2 small fields, enter woods by stile, and pass children's adventure playground. Beyond woods, bear **R** through gates near school buildings, and follow winding path through fields to **railway crossing** near Lingfield Station. Turn **R** up Station Road then, just opposite station, turn **L** up path to **Star Inn**. Cross over Church Road, and turn **R** through charming 16th-century Old Town into churchyard. Finally, retrace your steps to car park.

