

Nettlested, Wateringbury & Teston tour

7 miles



1. Start at the Bench next to the Tickled Trout public house. Take the footpath in between the bench and the Tickled Trout. Walk straight down and through the gate into the field below it. This leads to Mill Lane (note you will also walk a different Mill Lane later on in Wateringbury!).
2. Turn left and follow the Medway Valley Walk along the river.
3. You will come down to Wateringbury bridge where you will need to cross over the river and continue on the opposite side of the river.
4. At the first railway crossing that you come to you on your right hand side, cross over the Medway Valley line (Strood to Tonbridge) and follow the footpath that runs adjacent to Nettlestead Place and comes out into St Mary's Church, Nettlestead. Follow the footpath up towards the Maidstone Road and through the lych gate. Turn right towards the junction with Gibbs Hill and there you will see a concrete footpath sign at ground level. Follow it.
5. This path leads you to a playing field with playground. Keep going through the metal stile in a straight line into the arable field. Walking to the top right hand corner of the field you will come to a metal domestic gate into a driveway, walk through and onto the second Mill Lane of the walk. (note the interesting blue plaques on the route e.g. [Brooms Down](#) where the interior dark ring of Saturn was discovered) When you reach Wateringbury pond, take Love Lane on your right all the way up to the Tonbridge Road.

6. Directly opposite head uphill passing fruit orchards / nut platts on your right. When reaching the coppice at the top, turn right.
7. Further along turn left towards RedHill Winery. If their pop up wine bar is open, stop for refreshments!
8. When leaving, take their driveway passing the vineyards up to the main road – Red Hill. Cross over the road and diagonally on your left there is a footpath into the woods. A very short while later you will get to another road and the footpath continues directly opposite. This takes you onto Livesey Street which can be a little muddy. Follow it until it reaches the Malling Road in Teston.
9. Upon reaching Church Street and the villages stores and post office, take the left hand road, past the children’s playground. The next footpath you are looking for is just before the graveyard of the Parish church of St Peter and St Paul in Teston. It is in the hedge and goes downhill towards the A26 Tonbridge Road.
Cross over Grade 1 Teston Bridge and turn right at Mill Lane. Upon reaching the gate on the bend, Continue left in a straight line up hill all the way back to the bench. You will have a fine view of Smiths Hall in front of you.