

Roman Road, Street and Elmgrove Farm

A circular walk to the south west of Plumpton Green, starting and finishing at the George V Playing Fields, opposite Plumpton Station. Reaching the neighbouring village of Streat, it passes along a Roman road with lovely views of the Downs.

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Plumpton parish includes the villages of Plumpton and Plumpton Green. The parish lies at the foot of the South Downs, near Brighton and Lewes, in East Sussex. The southern part of the parish is within the South Downs National Park.

Public transport

Plumpton is served by two bus services (166 and 824, Monday to Saturday) and a frequent train service (London Victoria to Eastbourne, Hastings and Ore, daily including Sundays). There is also a daily train service from Brighton via Lewes.

For information about bus times telephone **0844 477 1623** or visit www.countryliner-coaches.co.uk For train times telephone **0845 127 2920** or visit www.southernrailway.com

Pubs and shop

Plumpton has four pubs: the Half Moon at the south end of the village, beneath the Downs; the Winning Post and Fountain Inn, both in the centre of the village, and the Plough, at the north end of the village. There is also a pub, the Jolly Sportsman, in East Chiltington. The Plumpton village shop is open daily and has a delicatessen.

Please follow the Countryside Code

- Be safe, plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people

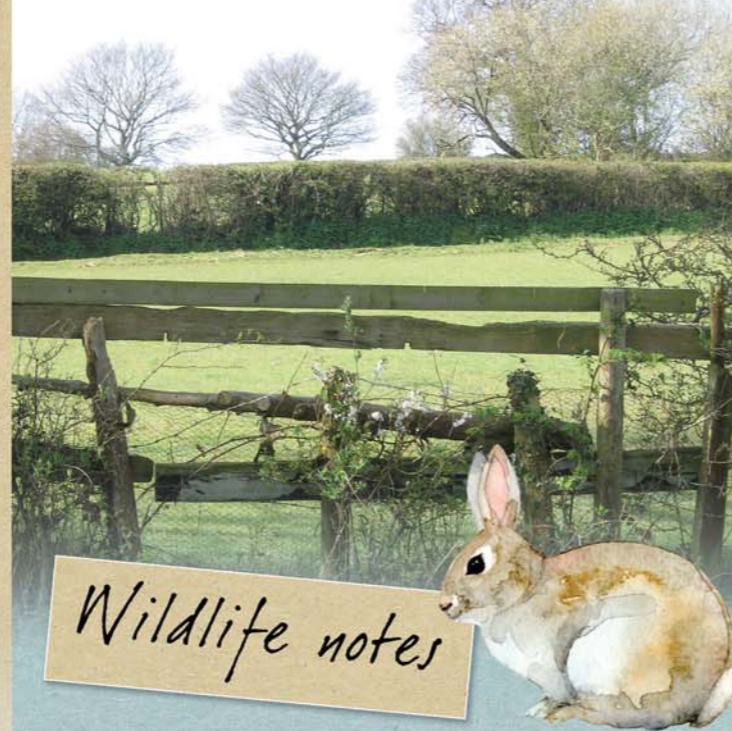


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Wildlife notes



Despite the arable landscape the stream on the left of the field at point 3 is fringed with a good range of woodland species. The canopy species of ash and oak have an understory of hazel, spindle and hawthorn and there is a good ground flora.

At the footbridge (point 6) you may hear the rustle of aspen leaves in summer. This is an uncommon tree in Sussex and there are several here, suckering along the streamside.

Streat Church (point 7) has good views of the Downs and is a good place to listen for the mews of buzzards as they ride the thermals.

The field at point 11 is rough grassland and is rich in small mammals. Barn owls can be seen quartering the field and flocks of fieldfares feed on the fruits in the species-rich hedges in winter. If you have been quiet in approaching the Bevern Stream (point 14) you may glimpse a kingfisher. Little egrets have also been seen here – they have been spreading rapidly in England in recent years.

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Cross the stile and turn immediately left, then left again, keeping to the edge of the field until you reach a short path in the left hand corner. Go through a wooden gate and then turn right to go through a metal gate.

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Continue for about 100 yards to a stile on your right. Cross the stile and continue on the path as it crosses three fields and stiles in a straight line to reach Riddens Lane.

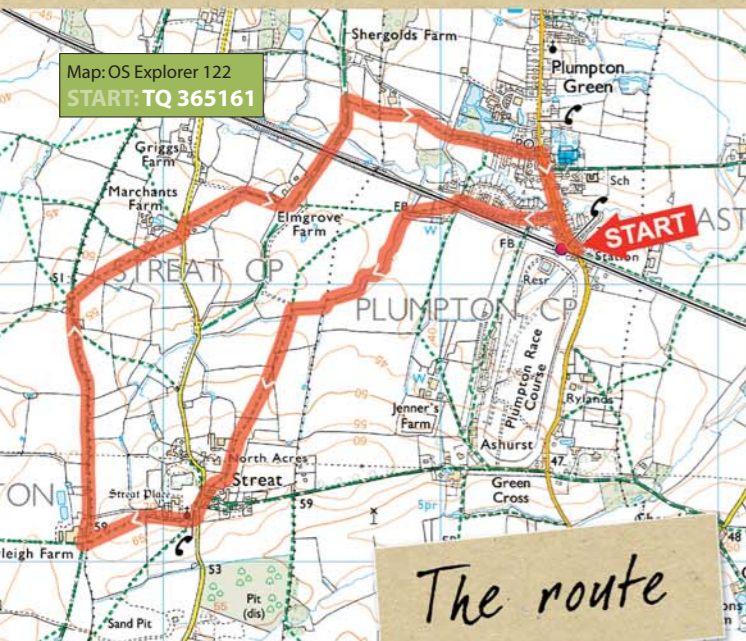
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Turn right and then almost immediately left to follow the lane to Station Road. At the village shop turn right and continue back to the George V Playing Fields.

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Continue across the footbridge, passing under the railway and on over another wooden bridge over a stream. Pass through a metal gate to arrive on a wide grassy track.





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Pass through the kissing gate and cross the railway line, taking care. Go through the kissing gate on the far side and take the stile immediately on your right into the first of three small fields.

3

Cross this and the next field diagonally via two further stiles. Continue diagonally across the third field to the far left corner and go over yet another stile onto a grassy track. Go through a gate immediately on your right and walk along a short stretch of track and into the open field ahead.

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Either turn immediately left, ignoring the official footpath sign, and follow the permissive path around the perimeter of the field. At the second main corner cross a footbridge on your left, set back but visible from the field.

Or cross the middle of the field and turn left to join the permissive path. Follow the path and at the corner of the field cross a footbridge straight ahead, set back from the field.

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Keep to the right hand edge of the field, making for a gap in the hedge ahead. Continue into a second field and at a gap in the hedge on your right turn right and follow the path as it goes diagonally left over this field to an opening in the hedge with a footbridge. Turn right and follow the edge of the second field, ignoring a gap on your right.

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Eventually, go over a footbridge on your right, immediately followed by some steps and a stile. Cross the paddock diagonally left to go through a squeeze stile onto Streat Ridge.

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Turn right and walk a short distance to the junction with Streat Lane. Turn left, passing the gates to Streat Place on your right, and take the broad track on your right (a Roman road) past Streat Church, Streat Barn and Streat Cottage, ignoring any stiles on either side until you come to a T junction at Hayleigh Farm.

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Turn right and walk along the track for about three quarters of a mile. At this point there are stiles to your right and left. Take the stile to your right and walk diagonally left across the field to a plank bridge and a stile hidden in the corner.

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Cross these and keep walking in the same direction across the next field, as indicated by the yellow arrow on the stile. Go over a stile and then go through a metal gate next to the field gate on the right. Keep to the left side of this field and cross the next stile and plank bridge to emerge onto Streat Lane.

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Turn left along the road and, after a few yards, follow a signpost for Plumptown Green on your right, crossing a footbridge and stile into a field.

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Cross the field in a diagonally left direction to the access drive to Elmgrove Farm. Turn right and proceed along the drive until you reach a stile on the right.

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Cross the stile, turn left and head to another stile and plank bridge. Cross these and follow the path in front of the farmhouse and duck pond across the field to a stile in the hedge, ignoring a path running left and right across your route.

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Leave the George V Playing Fields and turn right along Station Road. After about 200 yards turn left into East View Fields and, keeping to the left side when the road forks, continue to the path in the top left hand corner, which leads you to the railway crossing.

