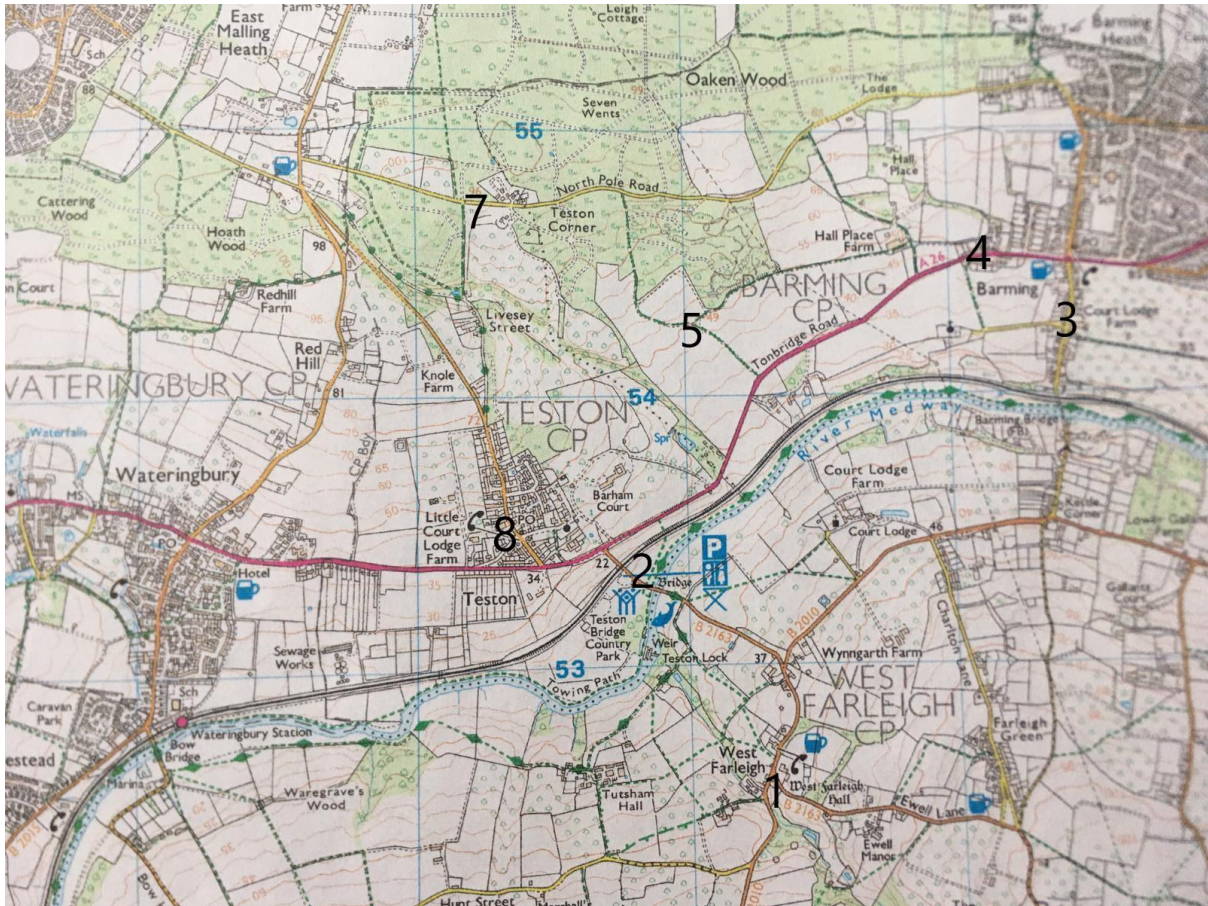


Oaken Wood

6 miles



1. Starting at the bench, take the footpath between it and the by the Tickled Trout pub. Head straight down, through a kissing gate until you reach the road (Mill Lane). Turn right and head towards Teston Lane and cross the Grade 1 Listed bridge.
2. Immediately take the stile on your right that is part of the Medway Valley Walk. Continue on this all the way to Kettle Bridge (also known as Barming Bridge or St Helens Bridge – see TheFarleighs.co.uk for more history).
3. Turn left up South Street and then left when you reach Church Lane. Walk along this road towards St Margaret's Church. Just before the church is a bridleway across the fields to Barming and the A26.
4. Upon reaching the Tonbridge Road, turn left. There is no footpath here but the grass verge is wide enough to walk on and it is only for a short way until you reach the next bridleway towards Hall Place Farm. When you reach the farm, turn left walking through the farm yard. This track passes through open fields, then hugs the side of the wood before being in open field again.
5. There is a footpath marker at #5 for reassurance and keep on uphill following the path. You will come to the woods, stay on the footpath to walk through them until you reach North Pole Road. Turn left onto the road and continue to the next signposted bridleway.
6. I did not mark #6 on the map!

7. You are now on the return journey downhill! Head through the woods and you will come to Woodlands Cottage. Walk through the cottage 5 bar gate and bearing left onto the bend of Liversy Street, continue until you reach the Malling Road.
8. At the post office crossroads, turn left towards Teston Church. Just before the churchyard is a footpath down to the Tonbridge Road again. Cross over the road to the B2163 for West Farleigh and over the bridge. We took the permission footpath on the left hand side of the road up about 10 meters until it is opposite Mill Lane to avoid the heavy traffic. Retrace your original footsteps back to the bench.