

Walk 1 - Molash - Deep in the woods with the chalk and chestnut

Difficulty:- 3.3 miles (5.25 kms) 1 short steep incline, 2 barriers, 1 gate.

Time:- 1.5 hours (no stops).

Bus:- No frequent service.

Start and parking:- The George Inn, Molash. The publican says "You can use the car park if you use the pub" (please ☎ 01233 740323). There is some parking just off the A252 Molash, by the War Memorial triangle.

Food stop:- The George Inn.

Key:- L = Left; R = Right; Ride = Forest Road; RoW = Right of Way/Footpath

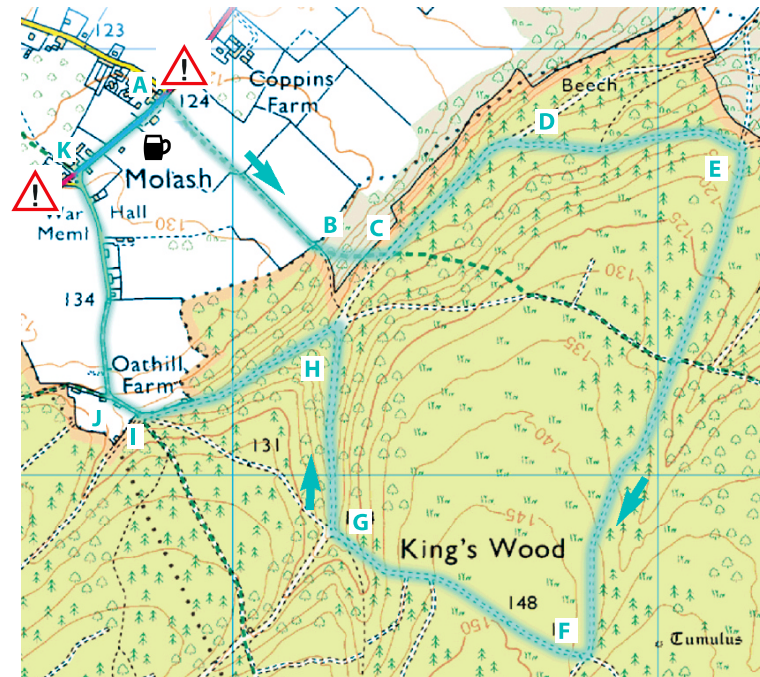
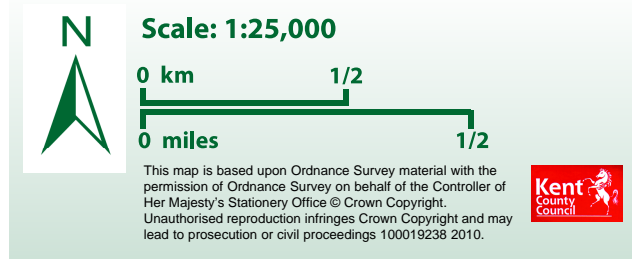
Start at footpath (opp. Church Lane, Molash) with George Inn on your right A. Cross 2 fields and enter King's Wood (KW) via stile. Look left whilst crossing the fields to a typical Kentish scene of an old cherry orchard around the farm buildings. Behind them are a few oast house crows above the trees and, as a backdrop, Perry Wood on the small hill.

Take steep path downhill. L after 20 metres, opposite a large hole/pit, to the bottom of the valley B. The path goes through some hornbeam/hazel woodland. **At the bottom of the slope join a grassy ride, go left, leaving the public footpath. (If you missed L turn you will reach a small pond).** L again, into Cutlers Valley, through/over 2 bar gate C. Walk straight ahead past path to right.







Look out for marjoram, wild basil, perforate St John's Wort, wild parsnip, spindle, wild privet and deadly nightshade. Adders (snakes) are often seen in this ride (forest road), so take care. The Forestry Commission (FC) and Kentish Stour Countryside Partnership (KSPP) widened this ride by felling conifers in 2004-06 to open up the valley. **R at ride (forest road) up into woods through/over 2 bar gate D.**

R at cross rides, just before brow of hill E. R at 2nd cross rides on to path F, straight ahead ignoring any small side paths. R at wide cross rides downhill G. The "Ring" sculpture is to your left and a large trumpet shaped sculpture further down to your right.

L at pond H. Look for sculptures suspended in the trees to your right called "Super Kingdom". **Straight ahead to gated stile and RoW sign I.** **R at Oathill Farm to tarmac/cement road – Pound Lane J. Cross A252 at village green/War Memorial triangle turn to R K. Cross A252 again at the George Inn.**



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-  Hazard
-  Walk 1
-  Public footpath
-  Permissive footpath
-  Access land
-  George Inn, Molash
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- Consider other people
- Inform others where you are going



Deadly nightshade

