

## Welcome to Chilham



Lying high above the River Stour, the village of Chilham offers a taste of history amidst some of the finest countryside in the South East.

This beautiful ancient village, with its medieval square, and the imposing presence of Chilham Castle, gives access to an exquisite landscape of woodland and open country with breathtaking views. Should the outdoor activities prove too strenuous, Chilham also offers a traditional brand of Kentish hospitality in its many pubs and cosy accommodations. It also provides the perfect base for exploring the area.



### So why not come and Enjoy Chilham for yourselves?

Information on the history of Chilham can be found in the 'Guide to Chilham' available from the Church, Post Office and elsewhere locally. For further historical information visit [www.chilham-parish.org.uk](http://www.chilham-parish.org.uk)



## Further information

Chilham is located half way between Canterbury and Ashford, where the A252 joins the A28.

**By train:** Chilham is 45 minutes from London via Ashford on the new High Speed route from St Pancras to the Channel Tunnel. It is also on the London Charing Cross and Victoria routes via Ashford and Canterbury.

**By bus:** Bus No 652 runs from Ashford to Canterbury Bus Station via Chilham on Monday to Saturday. [www.traveline.org.uk](http://www.traveline.org.uk)

**Parking:** Please use Taylor's Hill Car Park less than 100 yards from the village square via the A252. Parking is free, disabled facilities and public toilets are available.

**Ashford Tourism Information Centre**  
[www.ashford.gov.uk](http://www.ashford.gov.uk) or 01233 629165

**Canterbury Visitor Information Centre**  
[www.canterbury.co.uk](http://www.canterbury.co.uk) or 01227 378100

**Rural Ways in the South East** [www.ruralways.org.uk](http://www.ruralways.org.uk)

**Kent Downs AONB Unit** [www.kentdowns.org.uk](http://www.kentdowns.org.uk)

**Heart of Kent** [www.visitheartofkent.org.uk](http://www.visitheartofkent.org.uk)

**Visit Kent** [www.visitkent.co.uk](http://www.visitkent.co.uk)

**Explore Kent** [www.kent.gov.uk/explorekent](http://www.kent.gov.uk/explorekent)

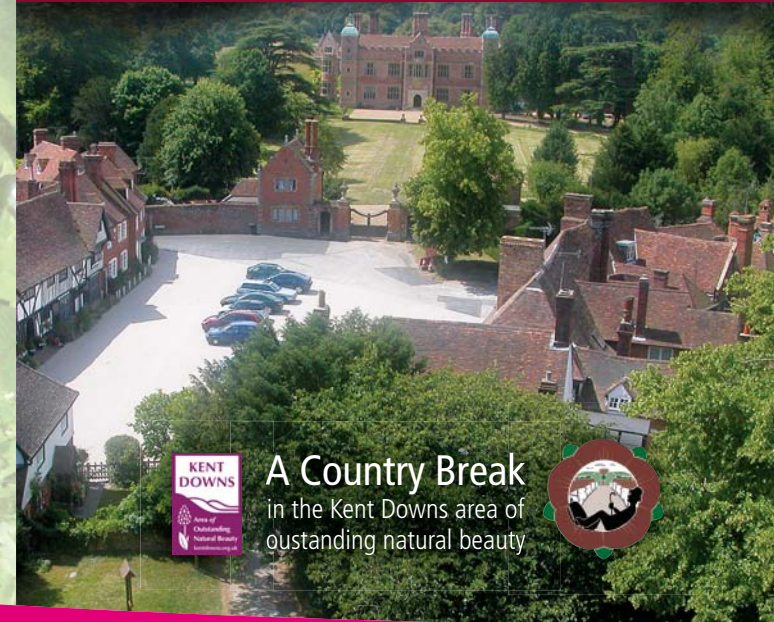


# Enjoy CHILHAM

and the surrounding area



Film location for Miss Marple, Poirot and Jane Austen's Emma



**A Country Break**  
in the Kent Downs area of  
outstanding natural beauty



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[www.enjoychilham.co.uk](http://www.enjoychilham.co.uk)

## Attractions



**1. Badgers Hill Farm and Cidery**  
Maidstone Rd, Chilham CT4 8BW -  
01227 730573 In the farm shop try their  
homemade cider and explore the vast  
array of foods and crafts. Take tea in the  
old glasshouse, then take a small stroll to  
meet the animals roaming the orchards.



**2. Chilham Castle Gardens**  
The Square, Chilham  
[www.chilham-castle.co.uk](http://www.chilham-castle.co.uk) Open to the  
public on selected days giving access to  
25 acres of formal gardens and historic  
parkland.



**3. St Mary's Church - The Square,**  
Chilham [www.chilham-parish.org.uk](http://www.chilham-parish.org.uk)  
Featured in the book 'A Thousand Best  
Churches' by Simon Jenkins, the XIII  
century church is noted for its stained  
glass windows and fine monuments.



**4. Stour Valley Arts at Kings Wood**  
[www.stourvalleyarts.org.uk](http://www.stourvalleyarts.org.uk)  
1500 acres of ancient woodland with a  
selection of imaginative sculptures and  
works of art. The approach from Chilham  
offers fine views of Godmersham Park,  
once the home of Jane Austen's brother.



**5. River Stour & Chilham Lakes**  
[www.kentishstour.org.uk](http://www.kentishstour.org.uk)  
The Great Stour meanders past Chilham  
and its man-made lakes which are  
perfect for nature walks and a spot of  
bird watching.



**6. Perry Wood - [www.faversham.org](http://www.faversham.org)**  
150 acres of ancient woodland and  
heath land with numerous footpaths  
winding their way through to the famous  
'Pulpit', with its stunning views.



**Chilham Village Halls - Maidstone**  
Road. [info@chilhamvillagehall.com](mailto:info@chilhamvillagehall.com)  
This historic building holds regular  
antiques auctions, craft fairs and jazz  
evenings, and is popular for weddings etc.

## Food, Drink & Shopping



**7. The White Horse**  
The Square, Chilham.  
01227 730355  
[www.thewhitehorsechilham.co.uk](http://www.thewhitehorsechilham.co.uk)



**8. The Woolpack Inn** – ★★★★★  
The Street, Chilham.  
01227 730351  
[www.woolpackchilham.co.uk](http://www.woolpackchilham.co.uk)  
Pub, restaurant and B&B



**9. Shelly's Tea Rooms**  
The Square, Chilham.  
01227 730303  
[www.shellystearooms.com](http://www.shellystearooms.com)



**10. The Star Inn**  
Selling Road, Old Wives Lees.  
01227 730213



**11. Rose and Crown**  
Perry Wood, Selling.  
01227 752214  
[www.roseandcrownperrywood.co.uk](http://www.roseandcrownperrywood.co.uk)



**12. Bagham Barn Antiques**  
**Centre** Canterbury Road,  
Chilham. 01227 732522  
[www.baghambarn.com](http://www.baghambarn.com)  
A three storey complex housing  
28 dealers and restorers.



**13. Chilham Shop, Farm Shop &**  
**Plant Centre** - Canterbury Road,  
Chilham. 01227 730348  
[www.chilhamshop.co.uk](http://www.chilhamshop.co.uk)



**14. Chilham Post Office**  
The Street, Chilham.  
01227 733894



**15. Tudor Lodge Gift Shop**  
The Square, Chilham.  
01227 730596  
[www.bloomsburystore.com](http://www.bloomsburystore.com)

## Accommodation

### Bed & Breakfast



**16. Castle Cottage** – ★★★★★  
School Hill,  
Chilham.  
01227 730330  
[www.castlecottagechilham.co.uk](http://www.castlecottagechilham.co.uk)



**17. Pond Cottage** – ★★★★★  
Selling Road,  
Old Wives Lees.  
07795 424070  
[www.pondstays.com](http://www.pondstays.com)



**18. Woodchip House** – ★★  
Maidstone Road,  
Chilham.  
01227 730386  
[www.woodchiphouse.co.uk](http://www.woodchiphouse.co.uk)

### Self Catering



**19. Flint Cottage**  
**at Cork Farm** – ★★★★★  
Long Hill,  
Old Wives Lees.  
01227 732414  
[www.corkfarm.com](http://www.corkfarm.com)



**20. Monckton Cottages** – ★★★★★  
Mountain Street,  
Chilham.  
01227 730256  
[www.moncktoncottages.com](http://www.moncktoncottages.com)



**21. Orions Cottage** – ★★★★★  
The Square,  
Chilham.  
020 8295 5671  
[www.orionscottage.co.uk](http://www.orionscottage.co.uk)



**22. The Smithy** – ★★★★★  
The Square,  
Chilham.  
07905 331598  
[www.smithy-cottage.com](http://www.smithy-cottage.com)

# ENJOY CHILHAM



## WALKING

- **Long distance walking routes**  
North Downs Way National Trail  
[www.nationwnatrail.co.uk/northdowns](http://www.nationwnatrail.co.uk/northdowns)
- Stour Valley Walk  
[www.kentishstour.org.uk/SW\\_bklet.htm](http://www.kentishstour.org.uk/SW_bklet.htm)

- **Local routes**

Heritage Trails from Chilham Village Square – guides for purchase from local outlets

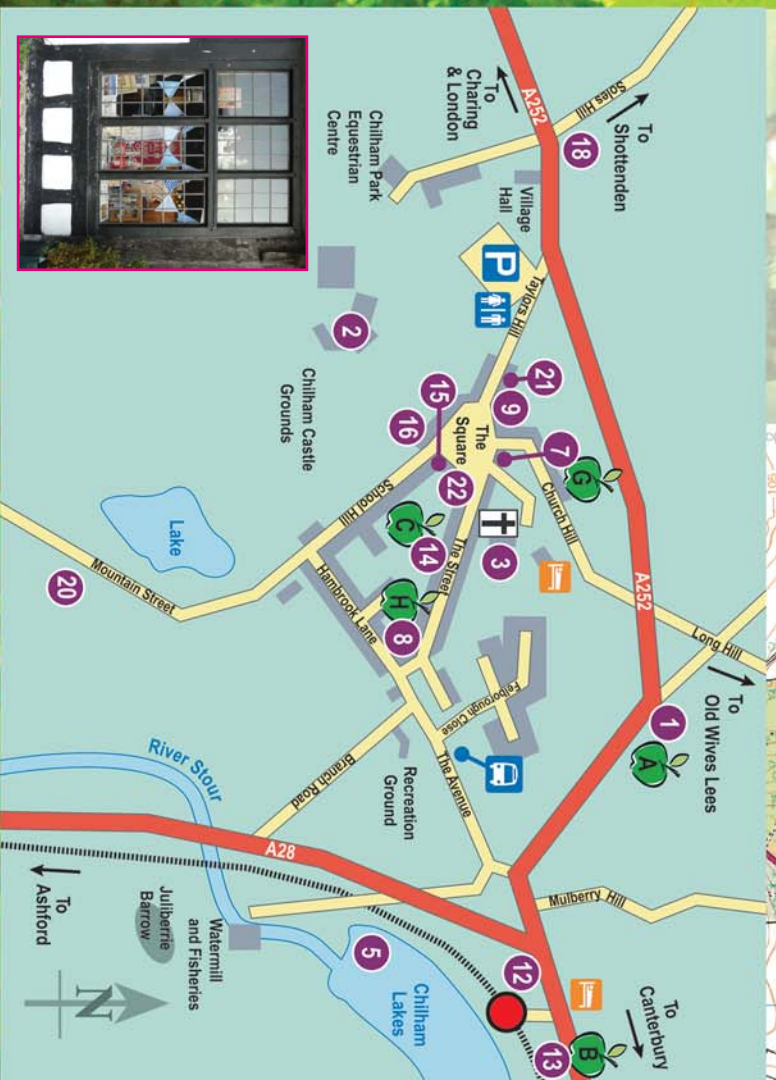
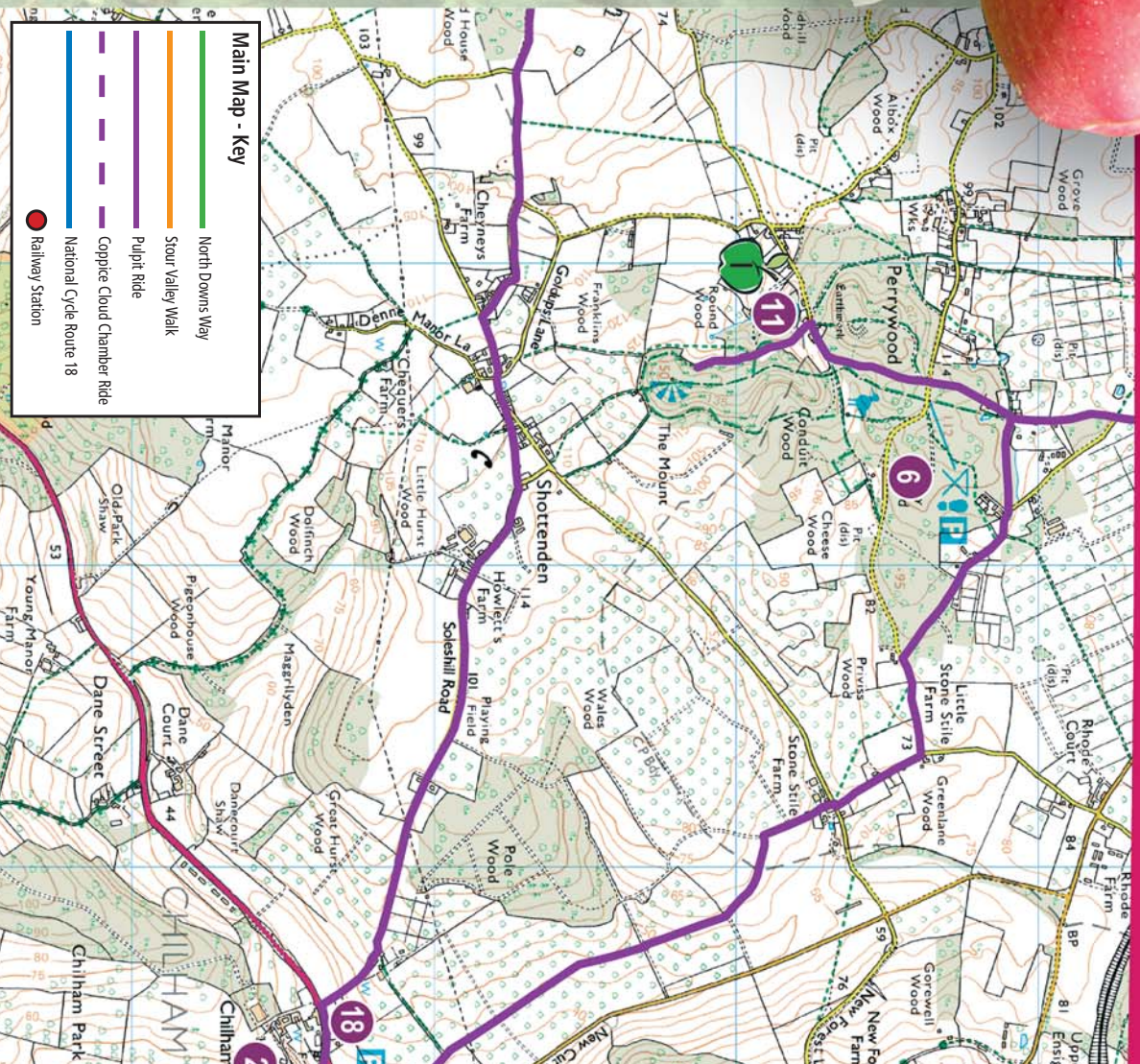
Train Rides to Ramble from Chilham Station  
[www.kentishstour.org.uk](http://www.kentishstour.org.uk)  
or call 01233 813307

Perry Wood Memories Trail [www.kent-downs.org.uk/PDF/MemoriesTrail.pdf](http://www.kent-downs.org.uk/PDF/MemoriesTrail.pdf)

Lost Landscapes Heritage Trails in Chilham  
[www.kent.gov.uk/publications/leisure-and-culture/explore-kentlost-landscapes.htm](http://www.kent.gov.uk/publications/leisure-and-culture/explore-kentlost-landscapes.htm)

Walkers Friend: 10 walks around Chilham available from local outlets or via  
[www.walkersfriend.co.uk/rid2.html](http://www.walkersfriend.co.uk/rid2.html)

- **Walk Awhile**  
For walking holidays through Chilham and Kent  
[www.walkawhile.co.uk](http://www.walkawhile.co.uk) 01227 752762

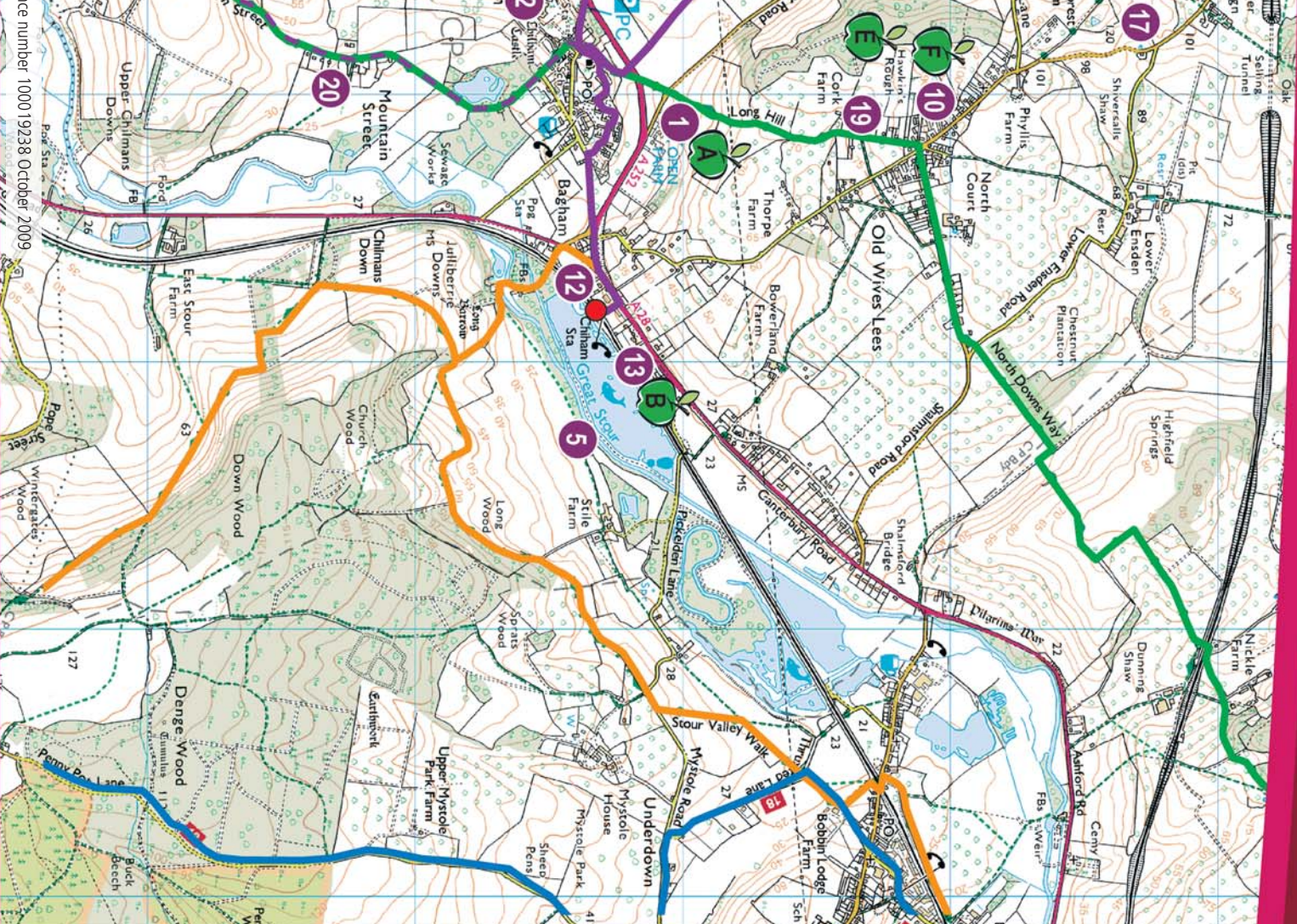


## LOCAL PRODUCE

The area abounds in rich pastureland and lush orchards producing including lamb, beef, apples, soft fruits and vegetables. Cf shops and pubs focus on providing the very best of this produce maps to identify where it is available:

- A** BADGER'S HILL FARM & CIDERY – Home made ciders
- B** CHILHAM SHOP – Local produce for sale – [www.chilhamshop.co.uk](http://www.chilhamshop.co.uk)
- C** CHILHAM POST OFFICE – Local produce for sale – 01233 813307

# LAND AND ITS SURROUNDINGS



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## CYCLING

National Cycle Route 18  
[www.sustrans.org.uk](http://www.sustrans.org.uk)

The Pulpit Ride - Bike Trails by Rail  
[www.kentishstour.org.uk](http://www.kentishstour.org.uk)  
or call 01233 813307

The Coppice Cloud Chamber Ride - Bike Trails by Rail [www.kentishstour.org.uk](http://www.kentishstour.org.uk)  
or call 01233 813307

## RIDING

Chilham Park Equestrian Centre  
[www.chilhampark.com](http://www.chilhampark.com) Horse trial events, cross country course and livery.

Toll Rides Off-road Trust (TROTT)  
[www.toltrides.org.uk](http://www.toltrides.org.uk) TROTT operates a network of toll rides. Routes FC10 and KE18 are in the Chilham area.

## LOCAL EVENTS

There's always plenty going on in Chilham. Find out more by visiting the Parish event calendar: [www.chilhamparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.chilhamparishcouncil.gov.uk)



producing an abundance of fantastic produce, Chilham boasts many local producers and its produce. Look for the green apple symbol on the

elder and barrel products – 01227 730573

[chilhamshop.co.uk](http://chilhamshop.co.uk)

12127 733894

**D CORE FRUIT PRODUCTION** – Cider and apple juice production – [www.corejuice.co.uk](http://www.corejuice.co.uk)

**E ROUGH OLD WIFE CIDER** – Home made cider – [www.rougholdwife.com](http://www.rougholdwife.com)

**F THE STAR INN** – Local produce on menu – 01227 730213

**G THE WHITE HORSE** – Local cider and produce on menu – [www.thewhitehorsechilham.co.uk](http://www.thewhitehorsechilham.co.uk)

**H THE WOOLPACK** – Local produce on menu – [www.woolpackchilham.co.uk](http://www.woolpackchilham.co.uk)

**I THE ROSE & CROWN** - Local produce on menu – [www.roseandcrownperrywood.co.uk](http://www.roseandcrownperrywood.co.uk)

Find out more about local produce at [www.producedinkent.co.uk](http://www.producedinkent.co.uk)