



Pic 1: The trail leading from The Vineyard

Pic 2: The gate leading into the castle grounds



Pic 3: The gate leading into the castle estate

Pic 4: The old castle from the viewing point



Pic 5: The gate in between the fields surrounding the castle

Pic 6: The trail through the woodlands

## The Scotney Castle Stroll



### Walk overview:

Distance:	2 miles (3.5 miles)
Time:	1 – 1.5 hours
Description:	Discover the medieval Scotney Castle and its surrounding grounds.



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Leave The Vineyard, turn right and cross the road. Turn left and continue along a trail diagonally through the village grounds **(1)**. At the end turn right and keep walking along the road for about 100 yards (100m) until a 'Public Footpath' stone on the left. Turn left onto a small road, carry on until the last house and then follow the trail leading along its wooden fence. Later join a small road and keep walking until you reach a bigger road. Turn right onto the road and continue until a T-junction. Turn right and keep walking along the main road for about 50 yards (50m) until the Scotney Castle gate on the left **(2)**.

Turn left, go through the gate and follow the road for about 0.6 miles (1km) until you get to the car park (follow the signs 'Car park' and 'Visitor Entrance'). Walk through the car park to the main entrance to the castle and the gardens (*at this point you can visit the castle for an entrance fee, or alternatively you can slightly extend this walk and see the castle from the viewing point on the grounds*). Turn right (follow the signpost 'Estate Walk') and keep going along a small road for about 50 yards (50m) until the white gate leading to the castle estate **(3)**. Climb over the stile and follow the path marked by blue posts until the first small bridge.

Extension to the viewing point: Keep walking along the path over 2 bridges and through one more gate until a wooden signpost on the right. Turn left (follow 'Parkland trail') and keep walking through the fields for about 0.2 miles (300m) (still following the blue posts) until you see the old castle on the left **(4)**. Enjoy the view and use the same way back to the bridge.

Turn right and keep walking along the path (through one more gate in between the fields **(5)**) until you reach the end of the fields. At the end go through an old wooden gate and turn right onto a road. Follow it for about 0.1 miles (150m) until you see the main road A21 on the left. Cross it (be careful, the road is very busy) and continue straight along a footpath on the other side (there is a 'Public Footpath' signpost). Follow the trail for about 100 yards (100m) until a crossroad with a track. Turn right onto the track and keep walking along it (there is an immediate sharp turn to the left) **(6)** until a small road.

Continue straight and follow the path along the edge of the field to the corner. Keep walking straight along a small trail into the forest and then continue straight in between the fences of the houses until you reach a road.

Turn right onto the road and keep walking up the hill for about 0.1 miles (150m). At the top turn left, follow the trail diagonally through the village ground and go back to The Vineyard.

