SELF-GUIDED WALKING TOUR

WELCOME TO GUSBOURNE

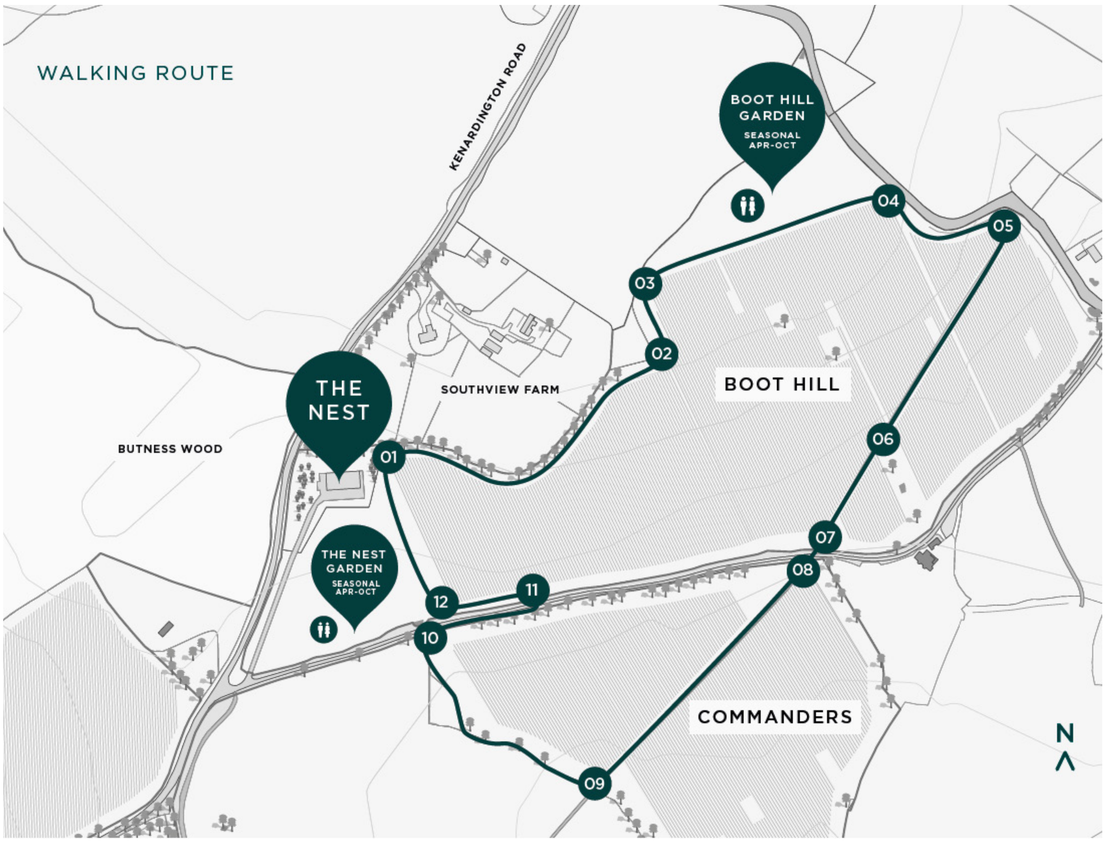
The self-guided tour is a 35 minute walk, following the numbered waypoint markers. Please check in at The Nest before setting off, so that we know you are here. This is for your own safety as we are a working vineyard and want to keep you clear of any machinery.

On occasion, we may have to close the route for seasonal vineyard work. Staff at The Nest will provide you with up-to-date information. After your walk, pop in to The Nest for a taste of our wines, or to purchase a bottle to take away with you. Access to the winery is by guided tour only. We hope you enjoy your walk. Please keep dogs on the lead at all times, follow marked footpaths, and avoid eating the grapes. Please call The Nest on 01233 884680 if you have any questions along the way, or run into any problems.

The Nest opening times:

10am to 5pm daily, including bank holidays

For more information visit: gusbourne.com



WAYPOINTS

01 NW CORNER OF BOOT HILL

At Boot Hill, we have ten hectares of predominantly Burgundian clones of Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier, planted in 2006-2007. This is our largest single vineyard site.

02 BOOT HILL ROW 138

Gusbourne Estate sits in the second driest spot in the UK. You can sometimes see the rain clouds passing us to the south across Romney Marsh.

03 BOOT HILL NORTHERLY POINT

At an elevation of almost 40 metres, we are now at the highest point of Gusbourne Estate. Our vines sit at the start of the clay escarpment rising from the Royal Military Canal, which you can see at the edge of Romney Marsh below.

04 BOOT HILL NE CORNER

You will see the tabs at the ends of the rows change from red to green as we move from Pinot Noir to Pinot Meunier plantings. We label both the vine scion above ground as well as the rootstock below, as we have clonal variations of both throughout our estate.

05 SAXON SHORE WAY NE ENTRANCE

Here we meet the Saxon Shore Way, a footpath running some 160 miles from Hastings to Gravesend tracking the ancient coastline of Kent.

06 BOOT HILL POND ON SAXON SHORE WAY

Here you'll find a natural pond lying at the lower slopes of our Boot Hill vineyard. The vines to the south of the footpath are exclusively Pinot Noir, planted in 2007 following extensive soil analysis by our vineyard team.

07 BOOT HILL EXIT TO SNARGATE LANE

Here, at the lowest point of the 10 hectare Boot Hill vineyard, we place our frost fans during budburst (in April) and harvest (in October) to prevent the cold air pooling.

08 COMMANDERS ENTRANCE

Planted entirely with Chardonnay vines in 2014. Commanders is a great site because of its sheltered position with southerly aspect. It's ideal for ripening our Chardonnay clones, which come from Champagne and Burgundy.

09 COMMANDERS SW POINT

Follow the brook north west, tracking the natural drainage of the land. Fir and ash trees line the vineyard here. You'll notice that the field adjacent to this doesn't have any vines planted in it - facing north east makes it unsuitable as the vines wouldn't get enough sun.

10 GATE TO SNARGATE LANE

Please take care as you turn right and walk the 40 metres between the gates. You'll be walking beneath the oaks that line this ancient cart track.

11 BOOT HILL SERVICE GATE

Our roses flourish at the lower edge of Boot Hill – being lower down means more warmth, and this keeps them in flower into December. Roses were originally planted in vineyards in Europe as an early warning for greenfly, aphid and fungal diseases.

12 BOOT HILL SW POINT

Upon completing your walk, please head to The Nest where you have the opportunity to taste our range and purchase wines. Our team will be happy to answer any questions you have about winemaking or the vineyards. If you'd like to see inside the winery, this can be arranged on one of our hosted tours.



ABOUT GUSBOURNE

In 2004, when the first vines were planted at Gusbourne Estate, we had a clear vision and a single goal: to create English Sparkling Wines that would stand up alongside the very finest offerings from across the globe. An uncompromising quest for perfection and a fastidious approach to detail is at the heart of everything we do. We ensure only the best grapes are used in our winemaking by growing and hand-picking them ourselves. We present an authentic reflection of a time and place in each of our bottles, by producing exclusively vintage wines that are unique to each growing season.