



Maidstone - Part of Kent area

<http://www.maidstoneramblers.org.uk>

Group walks and events: December 2016 - March 2017

Maidstone group helps those who enjoy walking to explore the Kent countryside and beyond. Our walk leaders provide an interesting and varied programme of walks throughout the year.

Sun 4 December 2016 10:00 - 6 miles/9.7 km - Leisurely (Finishes 12:45 approx.)

Starting from Jeskyns CP, Henhurst Road Cobham. DA12 3AN. GR: TQ661698

Ifield Court - Sole Street - Cobham

Circular walk. Pace: Leisurely

Contact: Cathy S, 07788 483805, cathy15@blueyonder.co.uk

Wed 7 December 2016 **09:30** - 6 miles/9.7 km - Moderate (Finishes 12:30 approx.)

Starting from The Poacher & Partridge, Tudeley Hale. TN11 OPE. GR: TQ622461

Capel - Amhurst Bank

Assistance dogs only. Christmas Lunch Walk: RESTRICTED to those who have pre-booked lunch with the organisers only, due to limited parking. **N.B. EARLY START, 0930 SHARP !**

Circular walk. Pace: Moderate

Contact: Denis M, 07704 437737

Wed 7 December 2016 10:00 - 10.5 miles/16.9 km - Moderate (Finishes 16:00 approx.)

Starting from Dryhill Nature Reserve. TN14 6AA. GR: TQ497553

Whitley - Mill Bank Wood - Brockhill Wood - Ide Hill - Emmetts - Manor Farm

Assistance dogs only. Lunch stop at The Cock Inn, Ide Hill, GR TQ487518, food available.

Circular walk. Pace: Moderate

Contact: Graham Smith, 01622 755822 or 07762 458654

Sun 11 December 2016 **09:00** - 15 miles/24.1 km - Leisurely (Finishes 16:30 approx.)

Starting from West Malling CP, behind Tesco's. ME19 6NA. GR: TQ681576

Wealdway - Greensand Way

Bring packed lunch. Lunch stop at The Plough, Basted

Circular walk. Pace: Moderate

Contact: Allan T, 01732 849267

Wed 14 December 2016 10:00 - 11 miles/17.7 km - Moderate (Finishes 16:00 approx.)

Starting from Borden church. ME9 8JR. GR: TQ882630

Bredgar - Milstead - Rodmersham - Tunstall - Borden. 5 Villages walk

Assistance dogs only. Lunch stop at The Fruiterers Arms, Rodmersham

Circular walk. Pace: Moderate

Contact: Sue Waters, 07749 913602

Wed 14 December 2016 10:00 - 8 miles/12.9 km - Moderate (Finishes 15:30 approx.)
Starting from Sissinghurst NT CP (fee for non-NT members). TN17 2AB. GR: TQ807383
Leggs Wood - Gould Farm - Little Bubhurst Farm - Frittenden - Sissinghurst Castle
Assistance dogs only. Lunch stop at The Bell & Jorrocks, Frittenden. Short afternoon, 2 miles
Circular walk. Pace: Moderate
Contact: Roy, 01622 743155

Sat 17 December 2016 * Ramblers Association - Festival of Winter Walks begins *****

Sun 18 December 2016 10:00 - 6 miles/9.7 km - Moderate (Finishes 13:00 approx.)
Starting from Lenham PCP, behind Dog & Bear PH. ME17 2QH. GR: TQ897523
** Route to be decided on the day **
Assistance dogs only. Choice of lunch/refreshment places after walk
Circular walk. Pace: Moderate
Contact: Wendy Manser, 01622 850900

Wed 21 December 2016 10:00 - 9 miles/14.5 km - Moderate (Finishes 15:30 approx.)
Starting from Harrietsham village hall. ME17 1BD. GR: TQ873528
NB Parking donation to village hall funds.
Court Lodge - Stedehill Wood - Flint - Lenham - Marley Court
Assistance dogs only. Lunch stop in Lenham, choice of pubs, café, fish & chip shop
Circular walk. Pace: Moderate
Contact: Hazel Stanley, 01622 884546

Wed 21 December 2016 10:00 - 5 miles/8 km - Leisurely (Finishes 12:30 approx.)
Starting from North Pole Public House (north of Wateringbury). ME18 5BJ. GR: TQ696548
via East Malling
Assistance dogs only. Please park in road opposite pub. Optional pub stop after walk, food available
Circular walk. Pace: Leisurely
Contact: Pat S. (phone/text) Group No. 07704 437737

***** CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ALL OUR MEMBERS ... *****

Mon 26 December 2016 10:00 - 7 miles/11.3 km - Moderate (Finishes 13:30 approx.)
Starting from Meopham Green. DA13 0PZ. GR: TQ642653
Heron Hill Lane - Poundgate - Wealdway - Great Buckland Farm - Luddesdown - Foxendown
Assistance dogs only. Please park considerately around green. Walk off Christmas Day excess !
Optional drink stop at The Cricketers PH afterwards.
Circular walk. Pace: Moderate
Contact: Sue Fenn, 01474 331384, fennsue@aol.com

Tue 27 December 2016 10:00 - 9 miles/14.5 km - Easy (Finishes 15:30 approx.)

Starting from Penenden Heath PCP. ME14 2AB. GR: TQ772574

Vinters Valley Nature Reserve - Mote Park (north) - Downswood - Mote Park (south)

Swap-a-Cake Walk...Bring any left-over Christmas cake, mince pies, sausage rolls, cheese straws etc. Then food can be put on tables by lake at Downswood and everyone shares. Optional pub stop at The Bull, Penenden Heath after the walk.

Circular walk. Pace: Leisurely

Contact: Andrew Hider, 01622 663063, andrewhider@blueyonder.co.uk

Wed 28 December 2016 10:00 - 8 miles/12.9 km - Moderate (Finishes 16:00 approx.)

Starting from West Kingsdown Library. TN15 6EL. GR: TQ574630

The London Golf Club - Stansted - Rumney Farm

Assistance dogs only. Lunch stop at The Green Man, Hodsoll Street, food available.

Circular walk. Pace: Moderate

Contact: Roy & Mary Winters, 01322 224269

Wed 28 December 2016 10:00 - 9 miles/14.5 km - Leisurely (Finishes 15:30 approx.)

Starting from Manor Country Park CP, West Malling (Pay & Display). ME19 6PE. GR: TQ677571

Offham - Ryarsh church - West Malling - East Malling

Assistance dogs only. Possible to do morning only (5.5 miles, incl. 0.5 mile back to CP). Lunch stop: choice of pubs in West Malling.

Circular walk. Pace: Moderate

Contact: Cathy S, 07788 483805, cathy15@blueyonder.co.uk

Sat 31 December 2016 10:00 - 6 miles/9.7 km - Moderate (Finishes 13:00 approx.)

Starting from Jeskyns CP, Henhurst Road Cobham. DA12 3AN. GR: TQ660699

Cobham Circular

Assistance dogs only. CP is a quarter mile from A2 Gravesend East exit, left turn at roundabout. Last walk of 2016 before New Year festivities ! Hopefully café will be open after walk, otherwise head into Cobham for a drink.

Circular walk. Pace: Moderate

Contact: Sue Fenn, 01474 331384, fennsue@aol.com

***** ... AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR *****

Sun 1 January 2017 10:00 - 7.3 miles/11.7 km - Leisurely (Finishes 13:30 approx.)

Starting from Teston Bridge Country Park (Pay & Display). ME18 5BX. GR: TQ708534

Livesey Street - Hoath Wood - Wateringbury Mill Pond - Nettlestead - Medway Valley

Assistance dogs only. Toilets at start, no café - bring own lunch or refreshments.

Circular walk. Pace: Leisurely

Contact: Carol D, 07752 488931

Wed 4 January 2017 10:00 - 10 miles/16.1 km - Moderate (Finishes 15:30 approx.)

Starting from The Green Man, Hodsoll Street. TN15 7LE. GR: TQ624630

Stansted - Fairseat

Assistance dogs only. Food available at pub.

Circular walk. Pace: Moderate

Contact: Maureen P, 07736 217388

Wed 4 January 2017 10:00 - 9.3 miles/15 km - Moderate (Finishes 16:00 approx.)

Starting from Eggringe Wood. CT4 7EY. GR: TR097504

Crundale - Godmersham - Chilham - Stour Valley Walk

Assistance dogs only. Lunch stop at The Woolpack, Chilham

Circular walk. Pace: Moderate

Contact: Denis M, 07704 437737

Sun 8 January 2017 10:00 - 7 miles/11.2 km - Leisurely (Finishes 13:00 approx.)

Starting from Western Road, Borough Green CP. TN15 8AL. GR: TQ632611

Ightham - Yopps Green - Basted

Assistance dogs only. No lunch venue arranged - bring own food if required.

Circular walk. Pace: Leisurely

Contact: Sue Fenn, 01474 331384 or 07788 140314

Sun 8 January 2017 * Ramblers Association Festival of Winter Walks ends *****

Wed 11 January 2017 10:00 - 11 miles/17.7 km - Moderate (Finishes 16:00 approx.)

Starting from Herne Bay CP at end of Reculver Drive. CT6 6QE. GR: TR206606

Wantsum Way - Snake Drove - St. Nicholas-at-Wade - Wantsum Walk - Thanet Coastal Path.

Assistance dogs only. Lunch stop at The Bell Inn, St. Nicholas-at-Wade, GR TR266667, food available.

Circular walk. Pace: Moderate

Contact: Robert Hooker, 07789 635514, rphooker2014@gmail.com

Wed 11 January 2017 10:00 - 10 miles/16.1 km - Leisurely (Finishes 16:15 approx.)

Starting from Chilham Village CP. CT4 8BZ. GR: TR066536

Chartham - Rough Common - Canterbury

Assistance dogs only. LINEAR walk. Lunch stop at The Chapter Arms, Chartham Hatch, GR TR103564, food available. Return by train from Canterbury West to Chilham Stn., Single fare £3.80

Pace: Moderate

Contact: Ray & Carol Golland, 07880 727619, golland14@yahoo.com

Sun 15 January 2017 10:00 - 6.8 miles/10.9 km - Leisurely (Finishes 13:30 approx.)

Starting from Allington Open Space CP. ME16 0PZ. GR: TQ748579

Barming Heath - Ditton Common

Assistance dogs only. Three stiles.

Circular walk. Pace: Leisurely

Contact: Joan Jenner, (phone/text) Group No. 07704 437737

Wed 18 January 2017 10:00 - 10 miles/16.1 km - Moderate (Finishes 16:00 approx.)

Starting from Sutton Valence Village Hall CP. ME17 3HT. GR: TQ812496

Greensand Way - Liverton Street - Ulcombe

Assistance dogs only. Lunch stop at The Kings Head, Grafty Green. NB no food served at pub (except crisps etc.) but tea/coffee available and IF buying a drink can eat own food inside.

Circular walk. Pace: Moderate

Contact: Graham Smith, 01622 755822 or 07762 458654

Wed 18 January 2017 10:00 - 11 miles/17.7 km - Moderate (Finishes 16:00 approx.)

Starting from Bluebell Hill Picnic Site. Approx. postcode ME5 9RG. GR: TQ743621

Detling - Eccles

Assistance dogs only. One ascent of the Downs at end of walk. Lunch stop at The Kings Arms, Boxley, GR TQ773590, food available.

Circular walk. Pace: Moderate

Contact: Del, 07931 337461

Sun 22 January 2017 10:00 - 7 miles/11.3 km - Leisurely (Finishes 14:00 approx.)

Starting from Penenden Heath PCP. ME14 2AB. GR: TQ772574

River Medway - Cobtree Manor Park - Tyland Barn - Cuckoo Woods

Assistance dogs only. 30 minutes stop at Tyland Barn, which provides light refreshments - Optional pub stop after walk at The Bull, Penenden Heath

Circular walk. Pace: Leisurely

Contact: Andrew Hider, 01622 663063, andrewhider@blueyonder.co.uk

Sun 22 January 2017 *** **Time to start planning walks for the next programme (deadline : 22nd February) *****

Wed 25 January 2017 10:00 - 6.4 miles/10.3 km - Moderate (Finishes 12:45 approx.)

Starting from Lenham PCP, behind Dog & Bear PH. ME17 2QH. GR: TQ897523

North Downs Way - Warren Street - Woodside Green - Marlow Farm

Assistance dogs only. Lunch stop at The Red Lion, Lenham (optional)

Circular walk. Pace: Moderate

Contact: Barry Naylor, 01622 739493

Wed 25 January 2017 **10:15** - 10 miles/16.1 km - Leisurely (Finishes 16:00 approx.)

Starting from Castle Road PCP, Allington. ME20 7LW GR: TQ743572

Barming Heath - East Malling Church - Research Station

Assistance dogs only. Use Car Park BEHIND Waitrose, NOT Waitrose CP. Lunch stop at The Rising Sun, East Malling, food available.

Circular walk. Pace: Leisurely

Contact: Mike T, 01622 758307

Sat 28 January 2017 10:00 - 11 miles/17.7 km - Moderate (Finishes 16:00 approx.)

Starting from Biddenden CP. TN27 8DD. GR: TQ849381

Rogers and Causton Woods - Sissinghurst Castle - Frittenden - Hareplain

Assistance dogs only. Car Park is off A274 on right into Court Lodge Road, Millenium Field. Lunch stop at The Bell & Jorrocks, Frittenden, food available.

Circular walk. Pace: Moderate

Contact: Carol W, (phone/text) Group No. 07704 437737

Sun 29 January 2017 10:00 - 6 miles/9.7 km - Moderate (Finishes 13:00 approx.)

Starting from Lenham PCP, behind Dog & Bear PH. ME17 2QH. GR: TQ897523

** Route to be decided on the day **

Assistance dogs only. Choice of lunch/refreshment places after walk

Circular walk. Pace: Moderate

Contact: Wendy Manser, 01622 850900

Wed 1 February 2017 10:00 - 10.5 miles/16.9 km - Leisurely (Finishes 16:00 approx.)

Starting from Linton PCP by church. ME17 4AW. GR: TQ755503

Figure-of-Eight walk via (a.m.) : Snoads Hall - Hunton church - Greensand Way, 5.5 miles; (p.m. starting at 1315 hours) : Greensand Way - Boughton Monchelsea Place - Linton Park

Assistance dogs only. Lunch stop at The Bull, Linton, GR TQ753502, food available.

Circular walk. Pace: Moderate

Contact: Carol D, 07752 488931

Wed 1 February 2017 10:00 - 8.5 miles/13.7 km - Moderate (Finishes 15:30 approx.)

Starting from Mereworth, The Street, near church. ME18 5LY. GR: TQ660538

Baron's Place - Hurst Wood - Plaxtol Spout - Dunks Green - Greensand Way - Gover Hill - Yotes Court

Assistance dogs only. Limited street parking, park away from school approaches, share cars or use Arriva Bus No. 7 from Maidstone. Lunch stop at The Kentish Rifleman, Dunks Green, food available.

Circular walk. Pace: Moderate

Contact: Denis M, 07704 437737

Sun 5 February 2017 10:00 - 6 miles/9.7 km - Moderate (Finishes 13:00 approx.)

Starting from Trosley Country Park (Pay & Display). DA13 0SG. GR: TQ632611

Hodsoll Street - Stansted - Fairseat

Assistance dogs only. Toilets and café at start. One steep descent and ascent.

Circular walk. Pace: Moderate

Contact: Roger Batt, 01622 730534 or 07892 882680

Wed 8 February 2017 10:00 - 10 miles/16.1 km - Moderate (Finishes 15:30 approx.)

Starting from Buttway Lane CP, Cliffe. ME3 7QD. GR: TQ736765

Cliffe Pools - Higham - Oakleigh

Assistance dogs only. Some walking on well made tracks and quiet lanes. Lunch stop at The Gardeners Arms, Higham.

Circular walk. Pace: Moderate

Contact: Maureen P, 07736 217388

Wed 8 February 2017 10:00 - 9.5 miles/15.3 km - Leisurely (Finishes 16:00 approx.)

Starting from Aylesford Village CP. ME20 7AU. GR: TQ732588

Holtwood - Ditton Common - Barming - Allington

Assistance dogs only. Lunch stop at The Bull Inn, Barming, food available.

Circular walk. Pace: Moderate

Contact: Joan Jenner, (phone/text) Group No. 07704 437737

Thu 9 February 2017 **10:30** - 3.5 miles/5.6 km - Leisurely (Finishes 12:30 approx.)

Starting from Maidstone town centre, opposite Muggletons. ME14 1HJ. GR: TQ760557

River Medway to Malta Inn

Assistance dogs only. Optional lunch stop after walk at The Brenchley PH

Circular walk. Pace: Leisurely

Contact: Pat S, (phone/text) Group No. 07704 437737

Sun 12 February 2017 **09:30** - 11 miles/17.7 km - Moderate (Finishes 16:00 approx.)

Starting from Ashenbank Woods CP. DA12 3BP. GR: TQ677692

Cobham Church - Nursted Wood - Brakefield House - Southfleet - Northfleet Green - Jeskyns

Assistance dogs only. SMALL CP, please share cars. Lunch stop at The Ship, Southfleet, GR TQ614712, food available.

Circular walk. Pace: Leisurely

Contact: Gerald & Barbara Carr, 01474 329140 or 07931 781960

Wed 15 February 2017 10:00 - 12 miles/19.3 km - Moderate (Finishes 16:30 approx.)

Starting from Upper St. Ann's Road, Faversham. ME13 8SY GR: TR008608

Syndale Park - Stuppington Farm - North Eastling - Lorenden Park

Assistance dogs only. Lunch stop at The George, Newnham, food available.

Circular walk. Pace: Moderate

Contact: Mary W, (phone/text) Group No. 07704 437737

Wed 15 February 2017 10:00 - 9.5 miles/15.3 km - Moderate (Finishes 16:00 approx.)

Starting from Ospringe recreation ground. ME13 8SZ. GR: TR006609

Luddenham - Saxon Shore Way - Faversham

Assistance dogs only. Lunch stop at The Anchor, Faversham. Small car park - please share cars

Circular walk, Pace: Moderate

Contact: Roy, 01622 743155

Wed 15 February 2017 10:00 - 9.2 miles/14.8 km - Moderate (Finishes 15:30 approx.)

Starting from Woldingham, The Ridge by Flint House. Approx postcode: CR3 7AN. GR: TQ385546

Warlingham - Nore Hill

Assistance dogs only. Undulating walk with steep hills. Lunch stop at The Bull, Chelsham, GR TQ372590, food available.

Circular walk. Pace: Moderate

Contact: Del, 07931 337461

Sun 19 February 2017 10:00 - 6 miles/9.7 km - Easy (Finishes 13:00 approx.)

Starting from Riverside Country Park, near Gillingham. ME7 2XH. GR: TQ808684

Riverside Country Park - Saxon Shore Way

Optional café stop after walk.

Circular walk. Pace: Leisurely

Contact: Andrew Hider, 01622 663063, andrewhider@blueyonder.co.uk

Wed 22 February 2017 *** **Last day to submit walk offers for the next Programme** ***

Wed 22 February 2017 10:00 - 5 miles/8 km - Moderate (Finishes 12:30 approx.)

Starting from Chevening. Park on grass verge by long wall. TN14 6HG. GR: TQ490575

North Downs Way towards Knockholt. ** Snowdrops Walk **

Assistance dogs only. Gradual climb to top of Downs. Lunch stop at The Bricklayers Arms, Chipstead, food available (cars needed to visit pub in next village). **Optional visit** to Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve **from 2 pm** (at GR TQ520565, about 2 miles east along A25). We will walk around the west lake and visit a hide on the east lake.

Circular walk. Pace: Moderate

Contact: Barbara Beevis, (phone/text) Group No. 07704 437737

Wed 22 February 2017 10:00 - 9 miles/14.5 km - Moderate (Finishes 15:30 approx.)

Starting from Scotney Castle NT CP (fee for non-NT members). TN3 8JN. GR: TQ686354

Kilndown - Bewl Water - Lamberhurst

Assistance dogs only. Lunch stop at Bewl Water Visitor Centre, food available.

Circular walk. Pace: Moderate

Contact: Norman Collins, 01622 744981, normanjcollins@btinternet.com

Wed 22 February 2017 10:00 - 10 miles/16.1 km - Leisurely (Finishes 15:30 approx.)

Starting from Challock Village Hall CP. TN25 4AU. GR: TR011505

Kings Wood - Boughton Lees - Eastwell Park

Assistance dogs only. Lunch stop at The Flying Horse, Boughton Lees, GR TR022473, food available.

Circular walk. Pace: Moderate

Contact: Ray & Carol Golland, 07880 727619, golland14@yahoo.com

Sat 25 February 2017 10:00 - 10 miles/16.1 km - Moderate (Finishes 16:00 approx.)

Starting from Cranbrook Co-op CP. TN17 3DQ. GR: TQ775359

Swattenden - Little Nineveh - Iden Green - Benenden - High Weald Landscape Trail

Assistance dogs only. Lunch stop: choice of pubs, Benenden, food available.

Circular walk. Pace: Moderate

Contact: Carol W, (phone/text) Group No. 07704 437737

Sun 26 February 2017 10:00 - 6 miles/9.7 km - Leisurely (Finishes 13:00 approx.)

Starting from Penenden Heath PCP. ME14 2AB. GR: TQ772574

Detling - North Downs Way

One steep hill. Optional pub stop after walk, food available.

Circular walk. Pace: Leisurely

Contact: Andrew Hider, 01622 663063, andrewhider@blueyonder.co.uk

Wed 1 March 2017 10:00 - 10 miles/16.1 km - Leisurely (Finishes 16:00 approx.)

Starting from Teston Bridge Country Park (Pay & Display). ME18 5BX. GR: TQ708534

Tutsham Farm - White House - Barming - Hall Place Farm - Oaken Wood - Livesey Street

Assistance dogs only. Undulating walk with two stiles. Possible to leave walk at Barming & return to CP via Medway Valley Walk. Lunch stop at The Bull Inn, Barming, food available.

Circular walk. Pace: Leisurely

Contact: Carol D, 07752 488931

Wed 1 March 2017 10:00 - 10 miles/16.1 km - Leisurely (Finishes 16:00 approx.)

Starting from Offham PCP. ME19 5PB. GR: TQ655574

Mereworth Woods - Basted - Platt

Assistance dogs only. SMALL CP, please share cars. Lunch stop at The Plough, Basted, GR TQ608557, food available.

Circular walk. Pace: Leisurely

Contact: Mike T, 01622 758307

Wed 1 March 2017 10:00 - 8.5 miles/13.7 km - Moderate (Finishes 15:30 approx.)

Starting from Scotney Castle NT CP (fee for non-NT members). TN3 8JN. GR: TQ686354

Kilndown - Riseden - Spelmonden - Crooked Wood - Lamberhurst - Pierce Barn - Little Scotney Farm - Broadham Wood

Assistance dogs only. Toliets at start; no significant hills, a few stiles. Lunch stop at The Chequers Inn, Lamberhurst, TN3 8DB, food available.

Circular walk. Pace: Moderate

Contact: Jim Armstrong, 07572 110055

Sun 5 March 2017 10:00 - 9 miles/14.5 km - Moderate (Finishes 15:30 approx.)

Starting from Harrietsham village hall. ME17 1BD. GR: TQ873528

NB Parking donation to village hall funds.

Court Lodge - Stedehill Wood - Flint - Lenham - Marley Court

Assistance dogs only. Lunch stop in Lenham, choice of pubs, café, fish & chip shop

Circular walk. Pace: Moderate

Contact: Hazel Stanley, 01622 884546

Wed 8 March 2017 10:00 - 10.8 miles/17.4 km - Moderate (Finishes 16:00 approx.)

Starting from Kemsing Village CP. TN15 6NA. GR: TQ555587

Hall Place - Oldbury Wood - Heaverham

Assistance dogs only. Lunch stop at The Crown Point Inn, GR TQ576557, food available.

Circular walk. Pace: Moderate

Contact: John & David, (phone/text) Group No. 07704 437737

Wed 8 March 2017 10:00 - 10.6 miles/17.1 km - Moderate (Finishes 16:00 approx.)

Starting from Harrietsham village hall. ME17 1BD. GR: TQ873528

NB Parking donation to village hall funds.

Lower Deans Farm - Pilgrims Way - Leeds Castle - Leeds - Broomfield - Chegworth Court

Assistance dogs only. One steep hill near the start. Lunch stop at The George, Leeds

Circular walk. Pace: Moderate

Contact: Barry Naylor, 01622 739493

Thu 9 March 2017 **10:30** - 3.8 miles/6 km - Leisurely (Finishes 12:30 approx.)

Starting from Aylesford Village CP. ME20 7AU. GR: TQ732588

towards Malta Inn

Assistance dogs only. Optional lunch stop after walk / Village Pantry Tea Shop

Circular walk. Pace: Leisurely

Contact: Pat S, (phone/text) Group No. 07704 437737

Sun 12 March 2017 10:00 - 10 miles/16.1 km - Leisurely (Finishes 16:00 approx.)

Starting from North Greenwich Tube Station - Car Park No. 2 (fee £6). SE10 0PH. GR: TQ391798

North Greenwich Peninsular - Emirates Airline - Canning Town - Bromley-by-Bow - Stratford Olympic Park

Assistance dogs only. ART WALK: A trip along London's first dedicated contemporary art walk, 'The Line' (www.the-line.org). also taking in The Olympic Park. Return fare on Emirates Cable Car £7, Return fare DLR £3 (Oyster or Contactless Card). Otherwise £9 and £9.80 Packed lunch recommended.

Linear walk. Pace: Leisurely

Contact: Ray & Carol Golland, 07880 727619, golland14@yahoo.com

Wed 15 March 2017 10:00 - 14 miles/22.5 km - Moderate (Finishes 16:00 approx.)

Starting from Eastling church. ME13 0AX. GR: TQ965566

Newnham - Doddington - Kingsdown church - Lynsted - Sharsted Wood

Assistance dogs only. Parking donation to church funds.

Circular walk. Pace: Moderate

Contact: Sue Waters, 07749 913602

Wed 15 March 2017 10:00 - 12 miles/19.3 km - Moderate (Finishes 16:00 approx.)

Starting from Ulcombe Church CP, ME17 1DN. GR: TQ846497

NB Parking donation of £1/car for church funds please.

Workhouse Lane - Thornden - Headcorn - Mansion House Farm - Pye Corner

Assistance dogs only. Lunch stop in Headcorn, food available.

Circular walk. Pace: Leisurely

Contact: Gordon, (phone/text) Group No. 07704 437737

Sun 19 March 2017 10:00 - 6.5 miles/10.5 km - Leisurely (Finishes 13:00 approx.)

Starting from Ryarsh Lane car park, West Malling. ME19 6QP. GR: TQ680580

Audley House - Ryarsh Church - Offham

Assistance dogs only - A gently undulating walk

Circular walk. Pace: Leisurely

Contact: Graham Roach, 07960 414865, groach@aol.com

Wed 22 March 2017 10:00 - 11.7 miles/18.8 km - Moderate (Finishes 16:00 approx.)

Starting from (land adjacent to) Shepherdswell station. CT15 7PD. TR258482

Woolage Green - Womenswold - Nonington - Chillenden - Fredville Park - Barfreston

Assistance dogs only. Park on land ADJACENT to Station CP, not in road. SMALL CP, share cars. Gentle gradients and open country. Lunch stop at The Griffin's Head, Chillenden, GR TR271535, food available.

Circular walk. Pace: Moderate

Contact: Denis M, 07704 437737

Wed 22 March 2017 **10:15** - 9.3 miles/15 km - Moderate (Finishes 16:00 approx.)

Starting from Ightham Mote NT CP, TN15 0NT. (fee for non-members). GR: TQ585637

Crown Point - Seal Chart - Godden Green - Knole Park - One Tree Hill

Assistance dogs only. Lunch stop at The Bucks Head, Godden Green, GR TQ553551, food available.

Circular walk. Pace: Moderate

Contact: Robert Hooker, 07789 635514, rphooker2014@gmail.com

Sun 26 March 2017 10:00 - 6 miles/9.7 km - Moderate (Finishes 13:00 approx.)

Starting from Meopham Green. DA13 0PZ. GR: TQ641651

Elbows Wood - The Ridley Angel - Holywell Park

Assistance dogs only. Choice of pubs after walk, food available.

Circular walk. Pace: Leisurely

Contact: Heather & Guy Grenouillaud, 07745 510450, grenouigh@btinternet.com

Wed 29 March 2017 10:00 - 10 miles/16.1 km - Moderate (Finishes 16:00 approx.)

Starting from Hothfield Common PCP. TN26 2AP. GR: TQ972458

Rooting Manor - Prebbles Hill - Egerton - Little Piper Wood - Little Chart Forstal

Assistance dogs only. Lunch stop at The George, Egerton, food available

Circular walk. Pace: Moderate

Contact: Hazel Stanley, 01622 884546

Wed 29 March 2017 10:00 - 6 miles/9.7 km - Moderate (Finishes 13:30 approx.)

Starting from Trosley Country Park (Pay & Display). DA13 0SG. GR: TQ633611

North Downs Way - Coldrum Long Barrow - Pilgrims Way

Assistance dogs only. Toilets and café at start/finish, food available. Some steep slopes and steps.

Circular walk. Pace: Moderate

Contact: Sue B., 07724 143509

Wed 29 March 2017 10:00 - 10 miles/16.1 km - Moderate (Finishes 16:00 approx.)

Starting from Rye, Rope Walk CP (Pay & Display, currently £1.50). TN31 7NA. GR: TQ920205

Rye Foreign - Iden - Scots Float

Assistance dogs only. Toilets at start. Generally flat terrain. Lunch stop at The Bell Inn, Iden, GR TQ918329, food available.

Circular walk. Pace: Moderate

Contact: Del, 07931 337461

A. There's not been a train here since 1947, despite the 'optimistic' signal



B. A Grade I Listed Structure



C. A Georgian house, open to the public.



GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Walkers should be prompt at the start of the walk and enrol with the leader before commencement of the walk.
2. Always be prepared for inclement weather and mud. Carry a lightweight jumper for extra warmth. Take a sheet of plastic to sit on. Ensure your footwear is adequate for the conditions.
3. A First Aid Kit will normally be available on all walks, but walkers are encouraged to carry their own.
4. Permission to bring a dog on a walk must be obtained prior to the date of the walk. Dogs must be kept under close control and not inconvenience other members, and in the presence of livestock, must be on a lead.
5. Walkers should for their own safety walk in single file on metalled roads facing the oncoming traffic.
6. A voluntary donation will be taken during most walks to off-set the cost of running the group, including the production of an informative programme and newsletter.
7. Car Parking – Where no specific advice is given, owners of cars should park somewhere convenient for the start of the walk respecting road conditions and local inhabitants.
8. Finally it is hoped that you enjoy your walk, make new friends and embrace the countryside in its many moods. Any comments should be addressed to the Secretary or other Committee Member.

All walkers are expected to observe the country code.

For more information contact: Secretary: -

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Walkers need to have suitable clothing for the terrain, conditions and weather. In particular, for all except the easiest of walks and the driest conditions, sturdy, waterproof and supportive walking boots are considered essential. Similarly waterproof and windproof jackets together with several additional layers are essential for wet and/or cold weather. If in doubt, please discuss with the Walk Leader or Group secretary.

More detailed information regarding terrain and pace for individual walks can be obtained from the Walk Leader or contact given in the programme.

WALK GRADING

1	Easy Access	Walks for everyone, including people with conventional wheelchairs and pushchairs, using easy access paths(e.g. towns, public parks, country parks etc). Assistance may be needed to push wheelchairs on some sections.
2	Easy	Walks for anyone who does not have a mobility difficulty or a specific health problem. Will probably include un-surfaced rural paths with no more than minor inclines and will be taken at a slow pace..
3	Leisurely	Walks for reasonably fit people with at least a little country walking experience. Will predominantly be on un-surfaced rural paths. Likely to include inclines but will be taken at a leisurely pace.

4	Moderate	Walks for people with a good level of fitness and country walking experience. Can include significant inclines and will be taken at a moderate pace.
5	Strenuous	Walks for people with a good level of fitness and country walking experience. Likely to include steep inclines such as the Downs escarpment and taken at a moderate or a brisk pace.

All sporting and leisure activities have inherent hazards associated with them and rambling is no exception, in spite of the safety of members always being the paramount concern, accidents will occasionally occur. It is important, therefore, that when entering into the activity each member appreciates that they have a responsibility to identify the hazards associated with the activity and take all reasonable steps to eliminate or minimise the potential for an accident to arise.