



White Cliffs Ramblers walks programme October to December 2023

Day/date	Time	Grid ref Postcode	Walk details	Miles (kms)	Walks difficulty	Contact
Sunday 1 October 2023	10:00	TQ794375 TN17 2JG	Sissinghurst Park on the roadside in the village (The Street). The walk starts by the old Post Office/Rankins restaurant. We will pass through Sissinghurst Castle. Please bring a packed lunch.	10 (16.1)	Moderate	Rob G 07580 039671
Thursday 5 October 2023	10:00	TR392656 CT11 8AJ	Ramsgate Meet in Victoria Parade, just before King George VI park. (Plenty of free parking on road. Toilet and cafe also available inside park). The walk is mainly on the beach (low tide) passing several bays until we reach the glorious Kingsgate arch which we will walk through. There are several superb sea caves in this section. We will stop for a lunch break at Botany Bay. Either use the hotel cafe/bar or bring a packed lunch. We will return via the clifftops with a section inland behind the North Foreland lighthouse. NB Sections of the beach walk are quite rocky and can be slippery in places.	9 (14.5)	Moderate	Deborah 07963 402294
Saturday 7 October 2023	10:00	TR063366 TN25 7DT	Aldington Meet on Roman Road (opposite the Walnut Tree pub). Please park considerately on nearby roads). A walk through the woods along the Saxon Shore Way, passing by an ancient priory to reach the National Nature Reserve woodland at Hamstreet. After a lunch stop in Hamstreet (where there is a pub and cafes - but please make your own arrangements or bring a packed lunch), we will return along the Royal Military Canal Path - where we may spot swans, herons, egrets and maybe even a kingfisher - passing by Ruckinge and Bilsington to St Rumwolds Church, Bonnington where we will begin a steady - but not steep climb back to Aldington. Well-behaved dogs welcome on lead. Please bring a packed lunch and plenty to drink.	11 (17.7)	Moderate	Andrew 07754 797848/ 01233 720513
Sunday	10:30	TR044697	Isle of Harty	9	Leisurely	Ian



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8 October 2023		ME12 4RJ	<u>Please note start time of 10.30am</u> Meet at the small parking area at Neptune Car Park, Shellness Road, Leysdown on Sea. If this is full there is parking approximately 400 yards prior to this. A leisurely walk on flat ground, rural paths, and footpaths across to The Ferry House Inn overlooking the Swale Estuary. Empty spaces dominated by the sky and quietness. Pass a monument to J T C Moore-Brabazon MP which proclaims that the first powered flight in this county took place at that location in May 1909. Pass a lovely rural church, St Thomas, at Harty. Return from The Ferry House back past the church and then out towards the sea wall and back to our start point. A warning that we will pass a naturist beach at Shellness. No stiles on the walk. Any dogs brought on the walk to remain on leads.	(14.5)		07810 864311
Tuesday 10 October 2023	10:00	TR316556 CT13 0DH	Eastry Park and meet at Eastry Picnic Park. This walk will take the group past the churches at Eastry, Tilmanstone and Betteshanger.	6.9 (11.1)	Moderate	Dave R 07527 009171
Thursday 12 October 2023	10:00	TR208575 CT3 1ST	Littlebourne Meet near the Post Office, High Street, Littlebourne. Please note the car park by the P. O. is short term, for customers only, but parking is available in nearby side roads. Walk goes through woods to the west, then down to Bekesbourne, before returning through the Nailbourne valley.	7.5 (12)	Moderate	Daniel 07562 315646
Sunday 15 October 2023	10:00	TR364503 CT14 7RN	Walmer Meet at Walmer train station - free parking along Court Road which runs parallel to the station. Circular route passing through Martin Mill and Ripple. Lunch stop Ripple.	14 (22.5)	Moderate	Lee 07932 812514
Tuesday 17 October 2023	10:00	TR376543 CT14 6QU	Deal Meet at Sandown Castle. (Parking on roads nearby). This walk will follow the Saxon Shore Way to Sandwich Bay where we will make our way to Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory. At the	6 (9.7)	Moderate	Dave R 07527 009171



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			Observatory we will stop for about 30 minutes where tea and coffee are available together with toilet facilities. On route from the Observatory, the group will walk past Mary Bax's Stone before returning to the start point.			
Thursday 19 October 2023	10:00	TR079453 TN25 5HE	Wye Downs Meet at Wye Downs car park. (The car park directly opposite the Crown Lodge venue 300 metres to the west along the road can also be used if needed). Both car parks now have pay and display machines, but payment is voluntary! This is a circular walk via Crundale. Please bring food and drink.	7.25 (11.7)	Moderate	Richard Bx 07710 689327
Sunday 22 October 2023	10:00	CT13 9JE TR324587	Sandwich Park on the far end of the roadside housing estate, Richborough Road, coming from the by-pass turn in near the Fire Station. This start is about 0.8 miles from Sandwich Railway Station. This is a long flat leisurely walk. We will take the Stour Valley Walk across the marshes to East Stourmouth and on to Pluck's Gutter where we will stop for 30 mins for lunch. The Dog and Duck will be busy on a Sunday, but a drink and comfort stop advised. We will walk back along the Saxon Shore Way which follows the river Stour. We will pass Richborough Castle. Please bring a picnic. I will shorten the route in the event of poor weather.	13.5 (21.7)	Leisurely	Val E-N 01227 720324/ 07923 080623
Thursday 26 October 2023	10:00	TR143440 CT4 6XY	Lyminge Forest Meet in the Forestry Commission free car park at Westwood (height restriction). The car park is on the minor road between Six mile Garage, Stone Street and the Lord Whisky tea-room at the crossroads outside Rhodes Minnis. Circular walk via Lymbridge Green, North Leigh, Stelling Minnis and Wheelbarrow Town passing Stelling Minnis windmill. Well-behaved dogs welcome on lead. Please bring a packed lunch and plenty to drink.	7.5 (12)	Moderate	Andrew 07754 797848/ 01233 720513



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Sunday 29 October 2023	10:00	TR045558 ME13 9RP	Selling Parking at Perry Wood car park. The walk is a 10.5 mile circular route via Selling railway station, Sheldwich, Baddlesmere, Molash and Shottenden. Please bring a picnic lunch for a 45 minute break on route. For those wishing to, you may join us afterwards for a drink in the Rose and Crown	10.5 (16.9)	Moderate	Tony Mc 07711 068227
Thursday 2 November 2023	10:00	TR184542 CT4 5BL	Bridge – Six churches walk Park and meet on Patribourne Road, Bridge, adjacent to the recreation ground. Six Churches walk. Varied landscapes, six local churches and the picturesque village of Patribourne feature along the route. The high downland on the north section provides great views towards the coast, while the last stretch follows the Elham Valley Way across the grounds of two country estates. Please bring a packed lunch. There may be an opportunity for a refreshment stop at the Black Robin in Kingston approx. 2 miles from the end.	10.5 (16.9)	Moderate	John P 07414 863194
Saturday 4 November 2023	10:00	TR159409 CT18 8EN	Lyminge Meet in the village hall car park. The walk will take us via the North Downs Way to Arpinge, then down to Peene where we will stop at the Railway Museum for refreshments before returning via the Elham Valley Way and Etchinghill. Please bring a packed lunch and plenty to drink.	6.5 (10.5)	Moderate	Andrew 07754 797848/ 01233 720513
Sunday 5 November 2023	10:00	TR358446 CT15 6AP	St Margaret's – AGM walk Start at St Margaret's village hall (where the AGM will be held later). There are toilets in the adjacent car park. The route will pass South Foreland lighthouse and via a track heading towards the National Trust visitor centre before joining the aptly named White Cliffs Country trail along the cliff top and heading back towards St Margaret's. At St Margaret's we will pass the Pines Garden where there is an opportunity for coffee (and maybe a cake!) and to visit the memorial bench in memory of Margaret Lubbock. After refreshments, the route will head towards the Dover Patrol Memorial before heading back towards St Margaret's village hall.	6 (9.7)	Moderate	John P 07414 863194



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			For those who wish a shorter walk, (approx 4 miles,) there is an opportunity to head back to the village hall on a more direct route just after the Pines Garden Cafe.			
Tuesday 7 November 2023	10:00	TR335530 CT14 0LT	Betteshanger Park and meet in front of Betteshanger Social Club, Circular Road, Betteshanger. This walk will visit the villages and hamlets of Northbourne, Little Mongeham, Betteshanger and Little Betteshanger.	6.25 (10.1)	Moderate	Dave R 07527 009171
Thursday 9 November 2023	10:00	TR240371 CT19 6PR	Folkestone (Martello Towers nos.1-9) This circular walk starts from the green opposite 76 Wear Bay Road, Folkestone just below Martello Tower no.1 (on-street parking is allowed in Wear Bay Road from 1 st October onwards). After the first 3 towers in the East Cliff area the walk descends to Folkestone Harbour before heading up to The Leas for no.4. The next section continues west along the ridge above Sandgate and Seabrook for nos.5-9 before dropping to the seafront. The remainder of the walk follows the Coast Path east back to the start, with a lunch break after 6 miles in Sandgate (there are several cafes, coffee shops and pubs, plus many benches for those that wish to bring their own refreshments).	9.5 (15.3)	Moderate	Robert S 07894 443721
Sunday 12 November 2023	10:30	TR377506 CT14 7LH	Walmer (Remembrance Day walk) <u>Please note 10.30 start time</u> Meet at the free car park, near the end of Granville Rd. Walmer. We will walk to the RAF memorial on the old Walmer Aerodrome for the 11am chimes of Big Ben and 2 minutes silence, then on to the Dover Patrol memorial at St. Margaret's. We will return along the cliffs. You may wish to bring a packed lunch.	7.5 (12.1)	Moderate	Diana 01304 372090 (after 5pm)
Wednesday 15 November 2023	10:00	TR324445 CT15 5EW	Guston The walk starts at the Chance Inn, Dover Road, Guston. Please park in Dover Road near the pub. At the end of the walk, there is the option of reasonably priced meals/light lunches/snacks in the Chance Inn.	6 (9.6)	Moderate	John G 07814 786839
Thursday 16 November 2023	10:00	TR177438 CT4 6TN	Elham Please park considerably in The Square (spaces limited), Pound Lane or New Road by the school railings.	6.5 (10.5)	Moderate	Andrew 07754 797848/



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			Circular walk via Tye, Parkgate, Grimsacre and North Elham. Well-behaved dogs welcome on lead. Please bring a snack or packed lunch and plenty to drink.			01233 720513
Sunday 19 November 2023	10:00	TR068649 CT5 4BW	Seasalter Meet by the sailing club. (Free parking in winter). A circular walk along the estuary to Faversham Creek and back. Pubs and cafes available. Very flat and no stiles.	10.5 (16.9)	Moderate	Ross 07962 810138
Tuesday 21 November	11:00	TR177438 CT4 6TN	Elham (Unveiling of plaque) <u>Please note start time of 11.00.</u> A short walk to celebrate the unveiling of a dedication plaque to Margaret and Les at the newly installed gate and new steps. Meet in The Square, by the Church entrance. Please park considerately in The Square (spaces limited), Pound Lane or New Road by the school railings. This scenic walk climbs the eastern side of the Valley before crossing typical undulating downland towards The Old Rectory in Acrise then returning through a wood and across the Downs to the new gate for a brief ceremony at around 12.30. Please be aware that there are some hills and that the ground may be wet and a little muddy in places so come prepared! There's an opportunity to have a drink afterwards at the recently refurbished Kings Arms in the Village. (If intending to attend pub afterwards please let Andrew know beforehand. Contact the pub direct on 01303 840242 if you wish to make arrangements to eat there).	3.6 (5.8)	Moderate	Andrew 07754 797848/ 01233 720513
Thursday 23 November 2023	10:00	TR391680 CT10 1HZ	Broadstairs Meet at Broadstairs railway station. The route will take us through St Peter's, Dane Valley, and past Drapers Mill on the old footpath linking Broadstairs (Dickens territory) to Margate (Turner territory) and back around the coast on clifftops and coastal paths passing numerous bays to the start point. Either bring a packed lunch or enjoy a snack in one of the numerous cafes in Margate.	10 (16.1)	Moderate	Deborah 07963 402294
Sunday	10:00	TR158346 CT21 6JB	Hythe	6 (9.7)	Moderate	Andrew 07754 797848/



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26 November 2023			Meet in Portland Road car park (height restriction) usually free at this time of year - by The Green, Hythe behind the disused Duke's Head pub. Alternatively, park free nearby along A259 Dymchurch Road/Military Road on either side of the Military Canal. Our walk will head up the Elham Valley Way to Sene Golf Course before passing through Paraker Wood to reach Horn Street and Sandy Lane. We'll then descend to Seabrook, follow the Royal Military Canal and then the Sea front at Hythe to return to the start. Well-behaved dogs welcome on lead. Please bring a snack and plenty to drink.			01233 720513
Thursday 30 November 2023	10:00	TR379478 CT14 8ET	Kingsdown Meet at the bottom of the stairs to the cliff at Oldstairs Bay, Kingsdown. Parking is on the road and limited, so share if you can. We will head inland towards St Margaret's, up to South Foreland Lighthouse, along to Fan Bay then return along the cliffs. Please bring a packed lunch.	10 (16.1)	Moderate	Lee 07932 812514
Saturday 2 December 2023	10:00	TR063366 TN25 7DT	Aldington Meet on Roman Road (opposite the Walnut Tree pub). Please park considerately on nearby roads – not in the pub or Village Hall car parks. A circular walk across the East Stour valley to Mersham and back. There be a short snack break in Mersham and an opportunity for refreshments after the walk in Aldington. Well-behaved dogs welcome on lead.	5 (8)	Moderate	Andrew 07754 797848/ 01233 720513
Sunday 3 December 2023	10:00	TR188525 CT4 5JB	Bishopsbourne Meet by St Mary The Virgin Church, Bishopsbourne. This is a circular walk among the orchards and vineyards. There are a few hills and stiles. Please bring a snack.	8 (12.9)	Moderate	Ross 07962 810138
Tuesday 5 December 2023	10:00	TR338464 CT15 5JH	Langdon Park and meet at Langdon Playing Fields/Play Park. This walk will take the group to Martin before changing direction towards Solton Manor. We will take a footpath on the Langdon Road towards the Aircraft Control Beacon on the St Margaret's Road. The route will then be on a footpath through Freedown Woods and the	6.5 (10.5)	Moderate	Dave R 07527 009171



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			Lynch towards Ringwould. From Ringwould we will take footpaths to Martin and the start point.			
Thursday 7 December 2023	10:00	TR159409 CT18 8EW	Lyminge Meet at Lyminge village hall car park. A hilly, challenging walk with some great views. Please bring a snack or visit the Coach and Horses when we get back to Lyminge.	7 (11.3)	Moderate	Richard Bl 01233 812510
Sunday 10 December 2023	10:00	TR326422 CT16 1HW	Dover – To the Lighthouse Start from Broadlees Bottom car park (near the Bleriot Memorial). Walk along scenic coastal countryside to South Foreland Lighthouse. Return walk along iconic White Cliffs. Light refreshment at either the National Trust café or The Pines. Moderate pace, some flights of steps and uneven ground.	6 (9.7)	Moderate	Helena Trevelyan 07940 544211
Thursday 14 December 2023	10:00	GR137630 CT5 3ER	Clowes Wood, Blean The walk starts at the car park in Radfall Road, Blean. The route follows old droveways through ancient woodland, open fields and past historic farmsteads. Please bring a packed lunch.	10 (16.1)	Moderate	Val P 07990 984335
Sunday 17 December 2023	10:00	TR377506 CT14 7LH	Walmer Meet at Walmer Seafront in Borrow Pit Car Park (free), the large car park near Granville Road. This is a circular walk heading along the seafront towards Kingsdown, up to Ripple and returning inland via Hawksdown Hill.	7 (11.3)	Moderate	Lee 07932 812514
Thursday 21 December 2023	10:00	TR367444 CT15 6EF	St Margarets Bay Meet at the car park adjacent to the Pines Garden Tea Room on St Margaret's Road at the intersection of Beach Road. A circular walk through the countryside on the way out and returning along the cliffs to finish at the Pines Garden Tea Room where there will be an opportunity for a drink, lunch and/or cakes. Bring snacks for a brief stop roughly half-way through.	7 (11.3)	Moderate	Linda and Peter 01304 768447
Thursday 28 December 2023	10:00	TR261454 CT15 7EX	Lydden Meet outside the Bell in Lydden - there is parking in the village car park, and the	7.5 (12.1)	Moderate	Julie and Ufuk 07460 606556/



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			number 15 bus between Canterbury and Dover also stops outside the pub. The walk goes via Alkham and Ewell Minnis and through woodland and open rolling landscape, and includes a few fairly steep hill climbs. We'll make a brief stop in Alkham for people to eat their sandwiches or lunch is available at the Bell on our return.			07484 647716
Sunday 31 December 2023	10:00	TR358446 CT3 1HB	Preston Meet at Preston Village Hall, Mill Lane, Preston for the last walk of the year. (Parking at village hall or on roads nearby). Circular walk through orchards and on lanes.	5.5 (8.9)	Moderate	Jane 07484 828235

Walks difficulty

Ramblers has identified six categories of walks difficulty. See <https://www.ramblers.org.uk/go-walking-hub/how-know-if-ramblers-walk-right-you>

The two categories most of our walks come into are the following:

Leisurely - walks for reasonably fit people with at least a little country walking experience. May include unsurfaced rural paths. Walking boots and warm, waterproof clothing are recommended.

Moderate - walks for people with country walking experience and a good level of fitness. May include some steep paths and open country, and may be at a brisk pace. Walking boots and warm, waterproof clothing are essential.

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