



Walks Programme

October to December 2024



Day/date	Time	Grid ref. Postcode	Walk details	Miles (Kms)	Walks difficulty	Contact
Tuesday 1 October 2024	10:00	TR244576 CT3 1DF	Wingham Meet in the car park in St Mary's Meadow. This walk heads north to Preston. We then drop down into the Deerson Valley to follow the Little Stour to Wickhambreaux and Ickham. Please bring lunch for a riverside break.	8.25 (13.2)	Moderate	Dan 07562 315646
Thursday 3 October 2024	10:30	TQ858673 ME9 7DZ	Lower Halstow <u>NB 10.30 start time</u> Meet in Lapwing Drive, Lower Halstow, where there is free parking on the road towards the Brickfields and church. We will stop for lunch at Upchurch Golf Club after 7 miles where there is reasonably priced food/beer. We will allow 1 hour for lunch. Return to cars by 4.00pm.	12.5 (20.1)	Moderate	Margaret M-W 07964 067915 Tony Mc 07711 068227
Saturday 5 October 2024	10:00	TR159409 CT18 8EW	Lyminge Park and meet at Village Hall car park, Woodland Rd, Lyminge, Folkestone. This is a circular walk via Skeete, Rhodes Minnis and Elham, returning via the Elham Valley Way. The pace will be leisurely though there are some hills. We will have a stop for lunch in Elham where there are pubs and toilets, but please bring your own packed lunch if you wish. Refreshment opportunities available in Lyminge at the end of the walk. Lyminge can be reached by bus routes 17 and 18 from Canterbury to Folkestone. The village hall is a short walk from the nearest bus stop – contact Andrew for directions if required. Estimated finish time is 14.00.	8 (12.9)	Leisurely	Andrew 07754 797848
Sunday 6 October 2024	10:00	TR358446 CT15 6AP	St Margaret's at Cliffe Meet at St. Margaret's car park, off Reach Road, which is free. This is a circular walk to Kingsdown involving countryside and coastal scenery. We will stop at the Pines Tea Room in St. Margaret's on the return lap. Estimated time of arrival is 14.30.	7.6 (12)	Moderate	Helena 07940 544211
Thursday 10 October 2024	10:00	TR011505 TN25 4AU	Challock The walk starts from Challock Village Hall off Blind Lane where there is ample free parking. On leaving the village we'll pass through King's Wood before picking up the North Downs Way to the halfway point at Boughton Lees.	8.7 (14)	Moderate	Robert S 07894 443721

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			We'll break for lunch by the village green and the Flying Horse pub. After lunch, the walk continues over the Downs and through Eastwell Park before finishing back in Challock at approx. 14.30pm.			
Sunday 13 October 2024	10:00	TR159408 CT18 8EW	Lyminge Meet at Lyminge Village Hall car park in Woodland Rd, Lyminge, Folkestone. We will walk to Farthing Common, then through Postling, Tolsford Hill, along Pilgrim's Way to Summerhouse Hill, through Frogholt, Newington, Peene and return via North Downs and Saxon Shore Ways. It is a circular walk with some steeper climbs. No pubs/toilets en-route, so please bring a picnic lunch. Estimated finish time is 16.00pm. Toilets at start/end at Lyminge Library.	12 (19.3)	Strenuous	Tony D 07464 972757
Thursday 17 October 2024	10:00	TR378504 CT14 7LH	Walmer Meet at Borrow Pit car park, Kingsdown Road, Walmer. This walk will head over in the general direction of Ripple before turning to Ringwould and then back towards Kingsdown and along the seafront. We will be passing the Zetland Arms so if people want to drop off from the walk there they can do so. This walk will cross the A258 twice.	8.5 (13.7)	Moderate	Ian 07810 864311
Sunday 20 October 2024	10:00	TR255545 CT3 1PJ	Goodnestone Meet outside the Fitzwalter Arms pub (on-street parking available nearby, please park considerately). This is a circular walk heading through Adisham, Womenswold, Woolage Green, Nonington and returning to Goodnestone. There will be a 40-minute lunch stop at Woolage Green and it is suggested you bring a packed lunch. The Two Sawyers pub is currently open for drinks but not serving food. The walk is mainly across open rolling land with no steep hills. Estimated finish time is 15:30. Well-behaved dogs on leads welcome.	11 (17.7)	Moderate	Lee W 07791 655583
Thursday 24 October 2024	10:00	TR208574 CT3 1ST	Littlebourne This circular walk starts at the recreation ground in Littlebourne, where there is lots of parking on the roads around. The walk goes via Garrington, Howletts and Oldridge Wood to Fordwich, returning via Trenley Park Wood.	8.5 (13.7)	Moderate	Val E-N 07923 080623 Carol B 07894 336347

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			Please bring a picnic lunch. We will be stopping at Fordwich, which does include a pub.			
Sunday 27 October 2024	10:00	TR347705 CT9 5AD	Margate Meet outside Margate Train Station. This is a linear coastal walk taking us along a section of King Charles III Coastal Path to Herne Bay via Westgate-on-Sea, Minnis Bay and Reculver Towers. (Public transport is therefore recommended to and from the start/finish points). There will be a short comfort break at Minnis Bay, then we will lunch at Reculver where there is a lovely café or you may bring your own refreshments. Estimated finish time is 15.30.	11.5 (18.5)	Moderate	Deborah 07963 402294
Thursday 31 October 2024	10:00	TR177438 CT4 6TN	Elham Park considerably in The Square, Pound Lane or New Road by the school railings. If travelling by the no 17 bus, get off at the stop at The Rose and Crown. Meet in The Square by the church entrance. This walk leaves Elham SW via Tye Wood before turning north to pass by Park Gate, and to return via Grimsacre and North Elham. Leisurely pace, but some hills. Estimated finish time is 13.00. Toilets and possibility of refreshments at the village pubs or tearoom (if open), at the end of the walk.	6 (9.7)	Leisurely	Andrew 07754 797848
Sunday 3 November 2024	10:00	TR358446 CT15 6AP	St Margaret's at Cliffe – pre AGM walk We 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. 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.	6 (9.7)	Moderate	John P 07414 863194

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Thursday 7 November 2024	10:00	TR310547 CT13 0HL	Eastry Meet on the green opposite Eastry church. There is a car park in the village, but it can be busy, so allow time to find somewhere to park on a road in the village if necessary. The walk is mainly flat with a few gentle slopes. It can be rather exposed countryside. We will lunch in Sandwich, where there are cafes and pubs.	11.5 (18.5)	Moderate	Rowena 01304 614789 or 07932 917794 for texts or on the day
Saturday 9 November 2024	10:00	TR063366 TN25 7DT	Aldington Meet by the playing field, opposite The Walnut Tree pub in Aldington. Please park considerately on Roman Road near to the playing field. Don't use the Village Hall or Walnut Tree car parks. This is a scenic walk across farmland and following part of the Saxon Shore Way east of Aldington, where weather permitting, we should have spectacular views over Romney Marsh and to the Channel. Then we go along the Royal Military Canal Path to St Rumwold's Church before climbing the slope back to Aldington. Leisurely pace with some hills. Estimated finish time is around 13.30. Possibility of refreshments at the Walnut Tree at the end of the walk.	7 (11.3)	Leisurely	Andrew 07754 797848
Sunday 10 November 2024	10:00	TR256422 CT15 7AR	Alkham Starting at Alkham Village Hall, Hogbrook Hill Lane, this is a circular walk taking in some spectacular scenery from both sides of Alkham Valley with views across to Dover Castle. Being in Alkham Valley, expect some steepish climbs. Picnic lunch as there are no hostelrys en-route. Pub stop and toilets at the end of the walk in The Marquis in Alkham.	12 (19.3)	Strenuous	Tony D 07464 972757
Thursday 14 November 2024	10:00	TR164410 CT18 8HS	Lyminge The walk starts in North Lyminge free car park, The Sidings. There is a good bus service. This is a circular walk, taking in the 'White Horse' and Paddlesworth. Please bring a picnic for our lunch stop.	9 (14.5)	Moderate	Val P 07990 984335
Sunday 17 November 2024	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. This is a circular walk via Stowting Common,	7 (11.3)	Leisurely	Andrew 07754 797848

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			Lymbridge Green, Maxted Street, North Leigh, Stelling Minnis and Park Wood. Estimated finish time around 13.30. Refreshments are available at the end of the walk at The Lord Whisky Tea Room, but please bring your own snack and drink if you wish. Leisurely pace with some hills.			
Thursday 21 November 2024	10:00	TR142469 CT4 6AS	Stelling Minnis Meet at the Stelling Minnis shop/PO. There is parking on adjacent roads. This is a circular route with several hills. You will need to carry required food and drinks.	8 (12.9)	Moderate	Richard Bo 07710 689327
Sunday 24 November 2024	10:00	TR285584 CT3 2EW	Ash Meet at the village car park, The Street (opposite the Chequers Inn). This is a circular walk heading through Wingham, Preston, Ware, Weddington and returning to Ash. There will be a 40-minute lunch stop at Preston and it is suggested you bring a packed lunch or obtain refreshments from the local Half Moon and Seven Stars pub. The walk is mainly across open rolling land with no steep hills. Estimated finish time is no later than 15.30. Well-behaved dogs on leads welcome.	10 (16.1)	Moderate	Lee W 07791 655583
Tuesday 26 November 2024	10:00	TR335530 CT14 OLT	Betteshanger Meet and park in front of Betteshanger Social Club, Circular Road, Betteshanger. The route will go past Betteshanger Church to Tilmanstone Church where there will be a break for 15-20 minutes. The walk will then take us through Sangrado's Wood towards Ham before returning to the start. Estimated finish time is 13.30.	7.4 (11.9)	Moderate	Dave 07527 009171
Thursday 28 November 2024	10:00	TR373452 CT15 6DT	St Margaret's at Cliffe Meet at Dover Patrol, St Margaret's (end of Granville Road.) This is a figure of 8 walk. The first half heads along the cliffs towards Kingsdown then back to the Dover Patrol via the Lynch and Oxneybottom Wood. The second half walks through St Margaret's to the South Foreland Lighthouse and back to the Dover Patrol. Lunch stop at The Pines or please bring a packed lunch.	10 (16.1) 6 (9.7) + 4 (6.4)	Moderate	Lee P 07932 812514
Sunday 1 December	10:00	TR164562 CT1 3EN	Canterbury Starts at St Anselm's School, Old Dover Road,	10 (16)	Moderate	Dale

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2024			Canterbury. There is free, no restriction on-road parking on a Sunday. This is a circular walk from Canterbury to Fordwich, where we will stop for lunch. Please bring a picnic lunch. There are two pubs in Fordwich. The route will pass the George and Dragon, where we will have time to go in for a drink, if wanted.			07544 802107
Thursday 5 December 2024	10:00	TR301451 CT16 3LY	Whitfield Meeting at Whitfield Village Hall car park, this walk takes us through woods, across open fields and meadows and through small villages. Fairly flat, but some hills, moderate pace. Please bring a packed lunch/drink for a 20-minute break. Estimated time of arrival back is 13:30.	8 (12.9)	Moderate	Val E-N 07923 080623 Morag S
Saturday 7 December 2024	10.00	TR158346 CT21 6JB	Hythe Meet in Portland Road car park (height restriction), usually free at this time of year - by The Green, Hythe behind the former 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 seafront at Hythe to return to the start. Some hills but pace will be leisurely. Well-behaved dogs welcome on lead. Expected return time around 13.00.	6 (9.7)	Leisurely	Andrew 07754 797848
Sunday 8 December 2024	10:00	TR332582 CT13 9EW	Sandwich Meet in The Quay car park (pay and display), Sandwich. (Toilets available. Free parking is available a few minutes walk away in Sandown Road). The railway station is 0.5 mile away and buses stop by The Guildhall. This delightful walk follows the River Stour from the oldest Cinque Port until we reach farmland then Sandwich Bay. We will then walk a short way along Princes Drive before returning inland across Royal St George's Golf Club, Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory (where toilets and refreshments are available and recent bird sightings), more farmland, then cross the railway track and back into Sandwich. Estimated time of arrival is 13.00.	6 (9.7)	Leisurely	Deborah 07963 402294

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Thursday 12 December 2024	10:00	TR287437 CT16 3DZ	Kearsney Loop A walk created by Les Preston. It's short but beautifully varied. We meet in Kearsney Abbey main car park. From Russell Gardens, we encounter a challenging hill but are rewarded with scenic views. Thereafter it's flat, then downhill all the way. Wear sturdy footwear. Refreshments may be enjoyed at Kearsney Abbey cafe.	2.6 (4.2)	Leisurely	Helena 07940 544211
Sunday 15 December 2024	10:00	TR377506 CT14 7LH	Walmer Meet on Walmer sea front in Borrow Pit car park (free large car park near Granville Road). A circular walk heading along the sea front towards Kingsdown, up to Ripple and returning inland via Hawksdown. Short stop at Solley's.	7 (11.3)	Moderate	Lee P 07932 812514
Thursday 19 December 2024	10:00	TR063366 TN25 7DT	Aldington Please park considerately in Roman Road near to the playing field. Don't use the Village Hall or Walnut Tree car parks. The route includes woodland and open farmland and follows part of the Saxon Shore Way west of Aldington, to Bilsington, returning via the canal path and St Rumwold's Church before climbing the slope back to Aldington. Leisurely pace and some hills but nothing very steep. Estimated finish time around 13.00. Possibility of refreshments at the Walnut Tree at the end of the walk.	6 (9.7)	Leisurely	Andrew 07754 797848
Thursday 26 December 2024	10:15	TR358446 CT15 6AP	St Margaret's at Cliffe - Boxing Day Walk NB 10:15 start time Meet in the village car park behind the church off the High Street/Reach Road. A circular walk heading via footpaths towards the cliffs passing close to the Dover Patrol Memorial and the old Coastguard Station. Across in the direction of Kingsdown towards Hope Point and then up along the side of Kingsdown golf course with stunning views back across the channel. Then a leisurely walk back towards the village along Kingsdown Road. One set of steep steps to walk down. Walking boots and walking poles suggested. We should be back in the village for 12:30. The Smugglers pub will be open up until 14:00 (bar only) on our return. Dogs welcome but must remain on lead.	5.2 (8.4)	Moderate	Ian 07810 864311

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Sunday 29 December 2024	10:00	TR071649 CT5 4BW	Seasalter Meet by the Sailing Club, Faversham Road, Seasalter, Whitstable. (Free parking available). This is a flat walk with no stiles. Part of the walk takes us through Britain's largest solar panel park. Love it or hate it!	7 (11.3)	Moderate	Ross 07962 810138
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Walks difficulty

Please read this carefully to see if it's the right walk for you.

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 three categories used in this programme are **leisurely**, **moderate** and **strenuous**.

Leisurely

If you have at least a little bit of experience of walking in the countryside and you have a reasonable level of fitness, these walks will be suitable for you. The walks may include unsurfaced rural paths and we recommend you wear walking boots and bring warm, waterproof clothing as appropriate for the season.

Moderate

These walks may include some steep paths and open country walking. They will be at a brisk pace so you will need a good level of fitness and experience of walking in the countryside. Walking boots and warm, waterproof clothing are essential.

Strenuous

These walks will be at a brisk pace and may include hills and rough terrain. They are recommended only for experienced country walkers with an above average level of fitness. Walking boots and warm, waterproof clothing are essential. If you are new to walking with the group, please contact the walk leader in advance to check the walk is suitable for you.

Planning your journey

Please use <https://kentconnected.org/journey-planner> to plan your journey using public transport.