



Walking Week 2026 - 4th to the 10th of October



Day/date	Time	Grid ref. Postcode	Walk details	Miles (Kms)	Walks difficulty	Contact
Sunday 4 th October 2026	<u>11.00</u>	TR175678 CT6 5RP	Herne Bay to Whitstable (and back?) along KCIIECP Meet at the War Memorial in Herne Bay Memorial park, plenty of free parking on local roads or a short walk from Herne Bay station for those wishing to use Public Transport. Linear walk. We will walk to Whitstable along the King Charles III England Coast Path passing Tankerton. For those that want there is an opportunity to have a meal and/or drink in the Peter Cushing pub or other cafes/pubs, or bring a packed lunch if preferred. Distance from Herne Bay to Whitstable is 5.5 miles. Those that want can walk the 5.5miles back to Herne Bay or there is the option of returning, or going home, by bus or train. The route is mostly flat on paved surfaces with no stiles. Although there are no toilets at the start there are some at Herne Bay station and also some not far along the route of the walk. Approx finish time 16:00hrs (or earlier if returning by public transport). Note later than usual start time 11.00.	11 or 5.5	Leisurely	John P 07414 863194
Monday 5 th Oct 2026	10.00	CT16 3EG TR287437	Kearsney Abbey Meet at Kearsney Abbey car park (free) We will head through Temple Ewell, the Watersend Valley and Lords Wood to Ewell Minnis, returning by Bushy Ruff Lake. Toilets and cafe available. There are 3 stiles. Estimated Finish 12.30	5.25 (8.3)	Moderate	Dan D 07562 315646
Monday 5 th Oct 2026	<u>11.30</u>	TR358447 CT15 6AS	St Margaret's visit to South Foreland Lighthouse along KCIIECP Meet St Margaret's free car park off Reach Road. Additional Parking along Reach Road. Short circular walk via South Foreland Lighthouse where will stop for a drink and Bernie will tell you about the history of the Lighthouse. We will walk by the cliffs of St Margaret's lovely views across the channel to France.	3	Leisurely	Bernadette F 07479 668660

			Leisurely pace. There are some hills. If you have a National Trust card you can stay for a tour of the Lighthouse or pay £8.00. If you don't wish to do the tour you will be taken back to the start. Estimated finish 13.30 if not touring the lighthouse. Note later than usual start time 11.30am			
Tuesday 6 th Oct 2026	10.00	TR 355645 CT12 5HP	Cliffs End (Viking Ship) to Ramsgate along KCIIECP Meet at the Viking Ship Cliffs End. Circular walk. Coastal route to Ramsgate. Then return via upper coastal path to Viking Ship Moderate surface; established foot paths and seafront 45 minute lunch stop in Ramsgate	6 (9.6)	Moderate	Peter F 07535 059949
Tuesday 6 th Oct 2026	10.00	TR250388 CT18 7LX	Capel le Ferne along KCIIECP Meet at Capel Village Hall (free car park). This is a circular walk along the clifftop towards Folkestone before descending to The Warren and continuing east along the seafront. We cross the railway footbridge and head towards Folkestone through the trees to Little Switzerland before returning to Capel. The route involves some steps and steep climbs. Walking poles/sticks are advisable. Estimated finish time is 13:00.	6.5 (10.5)	Moderate (strenuous patches)	Lee Walker 07791 655583
Wednesday 7 th Oct 2026	10.00	TR 125342 CT21 4NT	West Hythe along KCIIECP Starting from West Hythe car park (parking is pay & display @ £2.00 per hour), a flat circular walk via Burmarsh (with half a dozen or so stiles), then along the sea wall from Dymchurch to Hythe Redoubt, before returning to the start. There will be a lunch stop in Dymchurch (cafes & pubs or bring your own). Estimated finish time is 2-2.30pm.	8.8 (14.2)	Moderate	Robert Stearn 07894 443721
Wednesday 7 th Oct 2026	11.00	TR301450 CT16 3LY	Whitfield Meet at Whitfield Village Hall - free car park. This is a circular walk heading out through Church Whitfield, over Enniver Downs to Martin Mill and around Maydensole Farm. Bring a packed lunch. Possible drinks stop at the Lantern Inn Martin Mill Estimated finish 15.00 Note later than usual start time 11.00.	8 (12.9)	Moderate	Morag R 07598 979411

Thursday 8 th Oct 2026	10.00	TR151576 CT1 2SY	Canterbury Royal Kentish Camino – part 1 Linear walk. Meet near the Park and Ride bus stops in St. George's Lane, Canterbury, opposite Fenwick's by the zebra crossing to the side of the bus station. The Royal Kentish Camino is a new pilgrimage route from Canterbury to Folkestone, visiting places associated with some of the early Christian pioneers who founded churches in Kent. Today's route is the first of three parts and takes us from Canterbury where we will pass by the oldest extant Christian Church in England- founded by Saxon Queen Bertha – before continuing to Barham following parts of the North Downs Way and Elham Valley Way. This is a linear walk so we will use public transport in one direction – the number 17 bus. There are two options: park in Barham and catch the bus to Canterbury at 09.24 OR return from Barham after the walk at 15.02. If you intend to drive to Canterbury, you could park in one of the Park and Ride car parks and take the bus to St George's Lane – cost is £4 per car with up to 6 people. In Barham there is the possibility of refreshments at the Duke of Cumberland pub, but please bring food and drink with you for a lunch stop en route. Estimated finish time is around 14.30.	8.25 (13.2)	Leisurely	Andrew 07754 797848
Thursday 8 th Oct 2026	11.00	TR351503 CT14 8JL	Ripple - Solley's Ice Cream Parlour – Figure of 8 Meet at Solley's Ice Cream Parlour Free parking. First half heads towards Northbourne passed Northbourne House. We will stop for lunch/ice cream at Solley's Second half starts at approx. 1.30pm depending on people being served. We head towards Kingsdown passing by Ripple Mill on the way back. Please contact the walk leader if you wish to do the second half so they know to expect you. Estimated finish 16.00 Note later than usual start time 11.00.	5.5 (8.9) & 5 (8)	Moderate	Lee P 07932 812514
Friday 9 th Oct 2026	10.00	TR207497 CT4 6NX	Barham Royal Kentish Camino – part 2 Linear walk. Meet outside Barham Village Hall and shop. Please park considerably <u>on the road</u> – NB the car park is for users of the Hall, Shop and Bowls Club.	7.5 (12)	Leisurely	Andrew 07754 797848

			The Royal Kentish Camino is a new pilgrimage route from Canterbury to Folkestone, visiting places associated with some of the early Christian pioneers who founded churches in Kent. Today's route is the second of three parts and takes us from Barham to Lyminge following parts of the Elham Valley Way. There are some hills. This is a linear walk so we will use public transport in one direction – the number 17 bus. There are two options: park in Lyminge and catch the bus to Barham at 09.03 OR return to Barham from Lyminge after the walk at 14.43 or 16.13. We will have a lunch stop in Elham where there is a pub, tea room and a shop, or bring your own food and drink for a picnic. Estimated finish time is around 14.00 but we may like to spend some time in Lyminge visiting the Church of St Mary and St Ethelburga which was founded by Queen Bertha's daughter, Ethelburga in the early 630s AD.			
Friday 9 th Oct 2026	10.00	TR 376527 CT14 6HY	Deal to Sandwich along KCIIECP Meet at Deal Pier. This circular route will go inland through the golf course to Sandwich Harbour Car Park. Then, return, via path to seafront, crossing the golf course, and coast path return Deal. Lunch stop, 45 minutes in Sandwich. Moderate surface. Possible high winds.	12 (19.3)	Moderate	Peter F 07535 059949
Saturday 10 th Oct 2026	10.00	TR165410 CT18 8HS	Lyminge Royal Kentish Camino – part 3 Meet outside Lyminge Library – though please note you may not be able to park here. Other parking is available at the Village Hall – a few minutes' walk away – or park considerately on roads such as Church Road. The Royal Kentish Camino is a new pilgrimage route from Canterbury to Folkestone, visiting places associated with some of the early Christian pioneers who founded churches in Kent. Today's route is the third of three parts and takes us from Lyminge to Folkestone. The route is hilly and climbs to follow the high ground above Folkestone where we should have some magnificent views before descending to the Harbour and	8 (12.6)	Leisurely but hilly	Andrew 07754 797848

			passing through the old town to reach the ancient church of St Mary and St Eanswythe – founded by Queen Bertha’s granddaughter, Eanswythe around 660 AD and where her bones have been preserved ever since. Nowhere else in the British Isles is there a church preserving the relics of its founding saint, so St Eanswythe’s is in this sense unique. It may be possible to enter the church to view the new shrine which was consecrated only last year. The bus station is a short walk away. This is a linear walk so we will use public transport in one direction – the number 17 bus – there are departures back to Lyvinge at 15.20 and 16.20. Estimated finish time for the walk is around 14.30. Please bring food and drink with you for a picnic en route.			
Saturday 10 th Oct 2026	<u>12.00</u>	TR314414 CT17 9SB	Dover Coastal Walk along KCIIECP and the Western Heights Meet at Dover Priory train station. A circular walk. Heading from the station towards southern section of the Western Heights. Passing through Aycliffe where we will get a good view over the channel then climb up Shakespear’s Cliff and Round Down on the KCIIECP. Both these hills are steep. Back via Long Hill and the northern section of the Western Heights and back to the station. Estimated finish time 14.30 Note later than usual start time 12.00.	6.5 (10.5)	Moderate	Lee P 07932 812514

Walks difficulty

Please read this carefully.

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

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 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.

Local transport

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