



Programme of walks for December 2025 – March 2026 & Newsletter

From the Chairman

At the recent AGM we were again able to report another successful year! We have offered even more led walks, carried out more path maintenance work, increased our social activities and carried out much work on footpath alterations.

The number of volunteers for all these things has increased and even our membership has increased. But possibly more importantly, we have been able to find volunteers to replace the three committee members who after serving for an amazing eleven years decided to step down.

We continue to be a very active group with an increased number of amazing walk leaders and expect to be able to offer a very full programme of walks and events in the coming year.

I hope that you enjoy the walks in this programme!

Des Relf

AGM

The 45th Annual General Meeting of the Group was held at the Aylesford Community Centre, at 10:30 am Saturday 25th October 2025.

The Secretary outlined her main duties as: answering queries that come by email and phone; planning, attending and minuting the Committee and AGM meetings. She thanked Barbara for arranging the AGM tea and coffee and also those who helped to set up the hall, before confirming she would be standing down from her role.

Sue went on to explain she would continue to arrange the annual holiday and other social events like ten pin bowling.

The Treasurer confirmed the accounts for the main fund and the self-funded activities showed that everything reconciled at year-end and both accounts have adequate funds in them. These accounts were reviewed and approved by our auditor, Steve Songhurst. The annual account, which has been submitted to Area, was presented at the meeting and duly approved.

Linda and Robert Hooker also stood down from the Committee.

A new Secretary, Mike Tracey, and Membership Secretary, Les Holmans were proposed and voted on to the committee. Alan Lawson has also joined the committee as a Local Footpath Officer.

All other members of the Committee were reelected.

Christmas meal

This year's Christmas lunch is once again being held at Bearsted Golf Club, Ware Street, Bearsted, Maidstone, ME14 4PQ, on Wednesday, 10th December, 2025, at 12.30 p.m. for a 1.00 p.m. sit down. Sue Waters will be leading a short walk of approximately 5-6 miles before the meal and the Golf Club has given permission for us to use the bottom car park.

I am delighted to confirm that I have secured the same prices as last year, and this includes a welcome drink of Prosecco (or alcohol-free alternative of Elderflower Fizz) on arrival. Menu choices are attached and prices are as follows:-

2 course meal	£26.95p.
3 course meal	£31.50p.

It will be possible to select a starter and main course, or main course and dessert if choosing the 2 course option. These prices include tea or coffee and a tip. It will also be possible to order cheese and biscuits instead of dessert at a supplementary charge of £3.95p. The menu can be adapted for allergies and intolerances.

Payment in full is required by Wednesday, 5th November, 2025, and should, if possible please, be made by bank transfer to the Maidstone Ramblers account. The sort code is 60-83-01 and the account number is 20154538. Please ensure that your payment is marked as "Xmas Lunch". If payment by cheque is your only option, the Treasurer's address will be supplied on request.

Please email me with your menu choices along with details of any food allergies by 5th November at xmaslunch@maidstoneramblers.org.uk.
Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Please note that Bearsted Road is closed to through traffic between Hockers Lane and the New Cut Road roundabout on the day of the meal. The diversion is via the A20

Alison Williams

Footpath clearance

I would like to express my gratitude to our clearance team for giving their time and for the fantastic work that they performed weekly this year. We are very fortunate to have a team of 19 members to call upon to help keep our network of Public Rights of Way in the Maidstone area accessible to walkers.

We dealt with 36 clearances this year covering 18 different parishes and cleared a distance of 8.25 kilometres of Public Rights of Way. We received gratitude from many quarters with one special one from the Maidstone and District Riding Club for clearing a bridleway that was used for a Ride for Life Charity Event that raised in excess of £10,000 for Cancer Research UK.

If this volunteering work appeals to you and you would like to become a new member of the Maidstone Footpath Clearance Team, just email pathclearance@maidstoneramblers.org.uk and I will make the necessary arrangements to register you as a volunteer with National Ramblers. Our area covers 43 parishes and our clearance season is from April to early October on Monday mornings starting at 10am and finishing approximately within two hours. I send an email to volunteers once a week during the season and if you are available, you just reply saying that you are attending. You are not committed to come every week and we supply tools for the work.

Our work was published on the Maidstone Ramblers Facebook Group at https://www.facebook.com/groups/414973832893559/?locale=en_GB during the year and can still be viewed.

Once again thank you to the team and I look forward to seeing you again and perhaps new members for the next clearance season in April 2026.

Les Holmans

New walk leaders

We will be offering training in the Spring to any member interested in leading walks. Please let me know, if you would like to train and join our team of leaders, colinjphilpott88@gmail.com

I hope that you enjoy this new programme. Thank you very much to the leaders who have offered walks.

The sixty walks below form the December 2025 – March 2026 provisional programme which will be reviewed and finalised on a monthly basis at the start of each preceding month.

So please be aware the details below could be subject to change that will be notified by email and published on the website:

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

Colin Philpott

Walks coordinator

Wednesday 3 December 2025 10:00

Wed 3 Dec 2025 5.5 miles/ 8.9 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 12:45 approx.)

[Starting from Linton PCP by the church ME17 4AW, TQ755502](#)

Grade Moderate, Greensand Way, Boughton Monchelsea Church, Linton Park

Booking Not Required Well Behaved Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The Bull Linton, Food Available If you intend to eat at the pub, please inform the leader by 6pm on the Monday before the walk.

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Graham Smith 07762 458654 01622 755822

walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

Wednesday 3 December 2025 9:30

Wed 3 Dec 2025 5.5 miles/ 8.9 Km (Starting at 9:30 Finishes 13:00 approx.)
[Starting from Front Brents PCP Faversham \(Assembly point\) ME13 7DR, TR015617](#)

Grade Easy, Breakfast Stop at McNades Food Hall Faversham. 2.5 mile walk to McNades for breakfast, then a further 3 miles back to burn it off

Text Leader to Book 07880 727619 NB EARLY START Assistance Dogs Only.

Breakfast Walk - free on road parking on Upper Brents

Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely

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

Sunday 7 December 2025 9:30

Sun 7 Dec 2025 11 miles/ 17.7 Km (Starting at 9:30 Finishes 16:00 approx.)

[Starting from Linton public car park ME17 4AW, TQ754501](#)

Grade Moderate, Hunton, Yalding, Greensand Way

Text Leader to Book 07816 861207 NB EARLY START Assistance Dogs Only.

Lunch Stop at Cafe by canal , Food Available Cafe or pub stop for lunch in Yalding

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Carol Wilken 07816 861207 walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

Wednesday 10 December 2025 10:00

Wed 10 Dec 2025 5.5 miles/ 9 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 12:15 approx.)

[Starting from Bearsted Golf club ME14 4PQ, TQ796561](#)

Grade Moderate, Water Lane Cobham Riding School

Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at pre-booked Christmas lunch Bearsted

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Sue Waters sue.waters@live.co.uk

Thursday 11 December 2025 10:30

Thu 11 Dec 2025 3 miles/ 4.8 Km (Starting at 10:30 Finishes 12:30 approx.)

[Starting from outside Maidstone Town Hall, Jubilee Square, Maidstone ME14 1TG, TQ760557](#)

Grade Easy, River Medway- Whatman Park

Booking Not Required Well Behaved Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at The Brenchley Maidstone. Dogs are welcome on walk, but are not allowed in The Brenchley

Circular Walk, Pace Slow

Contact: Andrew Hider 07983 396807 01622 663063 andrewhider49@gmail.com

Saturday 13 December 2025 9:30

Sat 13 Dec 2025 10 miles/ 16.1 Km (Starting at 9:30 Finishes 15:30 approx.)

Starting from Goudhurst public car park below village pond TN17 1AT, TQ722376

Grade Moderate, Ladham House, Finchurst, Horsmonden, Hazel Street, Bradfold Farm

Text Leader to Book 07816 861207 NB EARLY START Assistance Dogs Only.

Lunch Stop at The Gun & Spitroast Horsmonden, Food Available Option of cafe stop for lunch

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Carol Wilken 07816 861207 walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

Sunday 14 December 2025 10:00

Sun 14 Dec 2025 7 miles/ 11.3 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:30 approx.)

Starting from Church Road, West Peckham ME18 5JL, TQ645527

Grade Leisurely, Oxen Hoath, Hadlow, Bells Farm, Grove Farm

Text Leader to Book 07711 605067 Assistance Dogs Only. Drinks only Please park considerately in layby on left

Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely

Contact: Bob Buist 07711 605067 rj.buist@gmail.co

Wednesday 17 December 2025 10:00

Wed 17 Dec 2025 7.7 miles/ 12.4 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 15:00 approx.)

Starting from The Street, Mereworth, near the church. Limited parking, please share cars. ME18 5LY, TQ660538

Grade Moderate, Barons Place - Hurst Wood - Dunks Green - Greensand Way - Gover Hill - Yotes Court

Text Leader to Book 07704 437737 Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The Kentish Rifleman Dunks Green, Food Available If requiring a pub lunch, notify Leader WHEN BOOKING, no later than 48 hours prior to walk, thank you.

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Denis M. 07704 437737 walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

Wednesday 17 December 2025 10:00

Wed 17 Dec 2025 11.5 miles/ 18.5 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:30 approx.)

Starting from Palm Bay Avenue, Cliftonville (near junction with Leister Avenue) CT9 3DG, TR376712

Grade Moderate, Ramsgate, Broadstairs, North Foreland

Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at various places in Broadstairs, Food Available

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Robert and Linda Hooker 07789 635514 rphooker2014@gmail.com

Wednesday 17 December 2025 10:00

Wed 17 Dec 2025 8 miles/ 12.9 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 15:30 approx.)

Starting from Chilham public car park CT4 8BZ, TR066536

Grade Moderate, River Stour to Canterbury

Text Leader to Book 07745 276900 Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at various places in Canterbury, Food Available Tour of city bridges in Canterbury. Train back to Chilham - £3.50 group saver

Linear Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Wendy Manser 07745 276900 walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

Sunday 21 December 2025 10:00

Sun 21 Dec 2025 8 miles/ 12.5 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:30 approx.)

Starting from Hollingbourne station car park ME17 4AW, TQ834551

Grade Moderate, Leeds Castle - Broomfield - Leeds village - Merrihill - Old Mill Farm

Booking Not Required Well Behaved Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at Sugar Loaf Eythorne Street. This is intending to be Ian and Sue's Festive Mulled wine walk. If lunch required, please book directly with the pub, as it may be very busy so close to Christmas.

Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely

Contact: Ian Tandy 07929 241 435 ianj.tandy@gmail.com

Sunday 28 December 2025 10:00

Sun 28 Dec 2025 6.5 miles/ 10.5 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:30 approx.)

Starting from Watlington Station car park ME18 5EA, TQ691512

Grade Moderate, Yalding

Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk Hilly in places

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Colin Philpott 07986 131021 colinphilpott88@gmail.com

Wednesday 31 December 2025 10:00

Wed 31 Dec 2025 5 miles/ 8 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 12:30 approx.)

Starting from High Halstow RSPB Car Park, Northwood Avenue ME3 8SX, TQ781758

Grade Moderate, Northward Hill, New Barn

Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Car Park: turn onto Longfield Ave, left onto Harrison Drive, right onto Northward Ave, then first left into car park.

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: MoP 07736 217388 walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

Wednesday 31 December 2025 10:00

Wed 31 Dec 2025 6 miles/ 9.7 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:30 approx.)

Starting from Station Road, Harrietsham ME17 1JA, TQ866528

Grade Moderate, Route to be decided on the day

Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Wendy Manser 07745 276900 walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

Thursday 1 January 2026 10:00

Thu 1 Jan 2026 10 miles/ 16 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 15:00 approx.)

Starting from King George's car park, Sittingbourne. ME10 1QX, TQ 90064

Grade Moderate, Bexon Lane - Milstead - Rodmersham

Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Drinks only at The Fruiterers Arms Rodmersham. Bring a packed lunch

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: winifred wright 01795 426197 winboyd2805@btinternet.com

Sunday 4 January 2026 10:00

Sun 4 Jan 2026 5.2 miles/ 8.4 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 12:45 approx.)

Starting from Selling Village Car Park ME13 9RG, TR037564

Grade Moderate, Hogben Hill and Fisher Street Road

Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Postcode approx only. CP By school in Selling Road.

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Tony 07990 619446 01474 706984 tony.bushe@btinternet.com

Wednesday 7 January 2026 10:00

Wed 7 Jan 2026 6.5 miles/ 10.4 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:00 approx.)

Starting from Ryarsh (opposite village hall) ME19 5LS, TQ670599

Grade Moderate, Pilgrims Way - North downs - Long Barrow

Text Leader to Book 07759 439899 Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at Duke of Wellington Ryarsh. Postcode approx. only, Park in the road opposite VH, (please don't park in the village hall car park) Text Leader 48 hours before if eating at Pub, pub requests meal choices.

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Andy Osborne 07759 439899 andyos.ao@gmail.com

Wednesday 7 January 2026 10:00

Wed 7 Jan 2026 5 miles/ 8 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:00 approx.)
[Starting from Lenham public car park - behind Dog & Bear. ME17 2QH, TQ898512](#)
Grade Moderate, Route to be decided on the day
Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk N.B:
2 hour parking limit on roads in village
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Wendy Manser 07745 276900 walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

Thursday 8 January 2026 10:30

Thu 8 Jan 2026 3.5 miles/ 6 Km (Starting at 10:30 Finishes 12:30 approx.)
[Starting from Aylesford Friars ME20 7BX, TQ724590](#)
Grade Easy, Aylesford - Eccles
Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at
Friars Tea room. Aylesford Car Park £2 Optional donation
Circular Walk, Pace Slow
Contact: Joan Jenner 07530 948372 01622 764637
walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

Sunday 11 January 2026 9:30

Sun 11 Jan 2026 11 miles/ 17.7 Km (Starting at 9:30 Finishes 15:28 approx.)
[Starting from Wouldham PCP \(behind Medway Inn in Knowle Road\) ME1 3XB, TQ713637](#)
Grade Leisurely, North Downs Way
Booking Not Required NB EARLY START Well Behaved Dogs Only. No pub stop,
just picnic, so bring food If you contact leader, please text
Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely
Contact: Allan T 07966 446335 Allanthebus7@gmail.com

Wednesday 14 January 2026 10:00

Wed 14 Jan 2026 5.5 miles/ 8.5 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 12:30 approx.)
[Starting from Hook and Hatchet pub , Church Road, Hucking ME17 1QT, TQ838582](#)
Grade Leisurely, Hazel Street
Text Leader to Book 07729 584260 Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop
after walk at Hook and Hatchet Hucking. Advise leader when booking if you intend to
eat at pub. Woodland, farmland and lanes. Some sheep, so no dogs
Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely
Contact: Des Relf 07729 584260 desmond.relf@btinternet.com

_____ Wednesday 14 January 2026 10:00 _____

Wed 14 Jan 2026 6 miles/ 9.7 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 12:45 approx.)
Starting from Cliffe CP (behind the Six Bells in Buttway Lane) ME3 7QD, TQ735765
Grade Moderate, Nature Reserve - Cliffe Fort
Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at Six Bells Cliffe. Almost flat.
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Tony 07990 619446 01474 706984 tony.bushe@btinternet.com

_____ Wednesday 14 January 2026 10:00 _____

Wed 14 Jan 2026 10 miles/ 16 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 15:00 approx.)
Starting from Teynham car park. ME9 9TU, TQ954 628
Grade Moderate, Sunderland Lane - Tonge Mill
Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Drinks only at The Ship Conyer
Conyer Directions: From A2 turn off to station. 4th turning into School, Belle Friday Close. Continue to the end. Bring a packed lunch.
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: winifred wright 01795 426197 winboyd2805@btinternet.com

_____ Sunday 18 January 2026 10:00 _____

Sun 18 Jan 2026 7 miles/ 11.3 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:30 approx.)
Starting from Wouldham Recreation Car Park ME1 3XB, TQ714638
Grade Moderate, Wouldham Common, North Downs Way, Petts Farm, Peter's Village
Text Leader to Book 07711 605067 Assistance Dogs Only. Drinks only Steep ascent to NDW
Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely
Contact: Bob Buist 07711 605067 rj.buist@gmail.com

_____ Sunday 18 January 2026 9:45 _____

Sun 18 Jan 2026 10.5 miles/ 16.9 Km (Starting at 9:45 Finishes 16:00 approx.)
Starting from Brownden Rd CP Upper Halling ME2 1JH, TQ691639
Grade Moderate, Court Farm, Holly Hill, Trottiscliffe, Long Barrow, Ladds Farm
Booking Not Required NB EARLY START Well Behaved Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The George Trottiscliffe, Food Available. Hilly
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Gerald Carr 0793 1781960 01474 329140 thecarrs270@btinternet.com

Wednesday 21 January 2026 10:00

Wed 21 Jan 2026 10.5 miles/ 16.9 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)
[Starting from Dryhill Nature Reserve TN14 6AA, TQ497552](#)
Grade Moderate, Goathurst Common, Ide Hill, Emmets Garden
Booking Not Required Well Behaved Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The Cock Ide Hill,
Food Available
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Graham Smith 07762 458654 01622 755822
walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

Wednesday 21 January 2026 10:00

Wed 21 Jan 2026 6 miles/ 9.7 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:00 approx.)
[Starting from Strand Leisure Park CP, Gillingham ME7 1TT, TQ784692](#)
Grade Leisurely, Lower Lines - Pembroke Campus - Dockyard - Fort Amherst - Great Lines
Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. A leisurely stroll through some of
Medway's most historic sites. Parking £3.70
Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely
Contact: Ray and Carol Golland 07880 727619 golland14@yahoo.com

Thursday 22 January 2026 10:30

Thu 22 Jan 2026 3 miles/ 4.8 Km (Starting at 10:30 Finishes 12:30 approx.)
[Starting from Lockmeadow Car Park, Maidstone ME16 8LW, TQ758552](#)
Grade Easy, Fant Nature Reserve, River Medway
Booking Not Required Well Behaved Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at
Loockmeadow Food Hall Maidstone. Parking £2.90 for three hours. Dogs are
welcome in the food hall, to the extent that there is a bowl of water and biscuits for
them!
Circular Walk, Pace Slow
Contact: Andrew Hider 07983 396807 01622 663063 andrewhider49@gmail.com

Sunday 25 January 2026 10:00

Sun 25 Jan 2026 6 miles/ 9.7 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:00 approx.)
[Starting from Mote Park Car Park ME15 7SX, TQ772552](#)
Grade Leisurely, Vinters Valley Nature Reserve, Mote Park, Downswood, Mote Park
Booking Not Required Well Behaved Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at
Mote Park Cafe £3 car parking charge for six hours.
Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely
Contact: Amy Hider 07805 307611 01622 663063 amymonky@hotmail.co.uk

Wednesday 28 January 2026 10:00

Wed 28 Jan 2026 7 miles/ 11.3 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 15:00 approx.)
[Starting from Patribourne Road, BRIDGE. Lay-by near Recreation Ground. Limited Parking, please share cars. CT4 5BL, TR185543](#)
Grade Moderate, Pett Farm - Pett Bottom - Bishopsbourne - Bourne Park - Bridge
Text Leader to Book 07704 437737 Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The Mermaid Inn Bishopsbourne, Food Available If requiring a pub lunch, notify Leader WHEN BOOKING, no later than 48 hours prior to walk, thank you.
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Denis M. 07704 437737 walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

Wednesday 28 January 2026 10:00

Wed 28 Jan 2026 5.2 miles/ 8.3 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:00 approx.)
[Starting from Fox and Goose Pub Weaving Street Maidstone ME145JP, TQ786560](#)
Grade Leisurely, Mote Park and river Len
Text Leader to Book 07729 584260 Well Behaved Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk Advise leader when booking, if you intend to eat at pub after.
Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely
Contact: Des Relf 07729 584260 desmond.relf@btinternet.com

Sunday 1 February 2026 10:00

Sun 1 Feb 2026 6 miles/ 9.7 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:00 approx.)
[Starting from Car park behind the King and Queen East Malling ME19 6DD, TQ 703573](#)
Grade Leisurely, Research Station Barming Allington
Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at King and Queen East Mallin.g Park in public car park, not the pub car park. It is advised to make your own booking if refreshments are required
Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely
Contact: Joan Jenner 07530 948372 01622 764637
walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

Wednesday 4 February 2026 10:00

Wed 4 Feb 2026 6 miles/ 9.7 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:00 approx.)
[Starting from Old Teston Road Red Hill, Watlington ME18 5BJ, TQ699548](#)
Grade Leisurely, Oaken Wood, Kiln Barn Farm, The Rocks, Sweets Lane
Text Leader to Book 07711 605067 Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at North Pole. Please park in Old Teston Road opposite North Pole NOT in pub car park. If food required, please inform leader when booking at least 48h before walk. Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely
Contact: Bob Buist 07711 605067 rj.buist@gmail.com

Wednesday 4 February 2026 10:00

Wed 4 Feb 2026 10 miles/ 16.1 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 15:30 approx.)
[Starting from Approach Road Hollingbourne Station ME17 1TX, TQ836549](#)
Grade Moderate, Thurnham - Bearsted - Leeds Castle
Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at choice of two pubs on the Green in Bearsted, Food Available
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Ray and Carol Golland 07880 727619 golland14@yahoo.com

Sunday 8 February 2026 10:00

Sun 8 Feb 2026 6 miles/ 9.7 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:00 approx.)
[Starting from Penenden Heath Car Park ME14 2DQ, TQ773573](#)
Grade Leisurely, Boxley, Cuckoo Woods
Booking Not Required Well Behaved Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at The Bull, Penenden Heath
Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely
Contact: Amy Hider 07805 307611 01622 663063 amymonky@hotmail.co.uk

Sunday 8 February 2026 10:00

Sun 8 Feb 2026 7 miles/ 11.2 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:30 approx.)
[Starting from Public car park behind Dog and Bear, Lenham ME17 2PG, TQ897523](#)
Grade Moderate, NDW, Hog Barn Lane, Ringlestone, Deans Hill
Text Leader to Book 07724 143509 Well Behaved Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at Red Lion Lenham. Inform leader when booking, if lunch required
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Sue B 07724 143509 suebennett643@gmail.com

Wednesday 11 February 2026 10:00

Wed 11 Feb 2026 9 miles/ 14.5 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)
[Starting from Toys Hill National Trust Car Park TN16 1QG, TQ470517](#)
Grade Moderate, Emmetts, Brasted Chart, French Street
Email Leader to Book vahughes227@gmail.com Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The White Hart Brasted, Food Available. Please advise leader by 9pm, 9 Feb, if pub lunch is required
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Anne Hughes 07473 909692 vahughes227@gmail.com

_____ Wednesday 11 February 2026 10:00 _____

Wed 11 Feb 2026 8.9 miles/ 14.5 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 15:00 approx.)
[Starting from Penenden Heath car park, Sandy Lane Maidstone ME14 2DQ, TQ772574](#)

Grade Moderate, Boxley and North Downs

Booking Not Required Well Behaved Dogs Only. Ascent up on to north downs 290 meters

Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely

Contact: Des Relf 07729 584260 desmond.relf@btinternet.com

_____ Thursday 12 February 2026 10:30 _____

Thu 12 Feb 2026 3.5 miles/ 6 Km (Starting at 10:30 Finishes 12:30 approx.)
[Starting from The Bull, Barming ME16 HB9, TQ 723545](#)

Grade Easy, Barming Heath - Allington

Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at The Bull Barming. Only park in pub car park, if having refreshments; otherwise use local roads

Circular Walk, Pace Slow

Contact: Joan Jenner 07530 948372 01622 764637

walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

_____ Sunday 15 February 2026 10:00 _____

Sun 15 Feb 2026 6 miles/ 9.7 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:15 approx.)
[Starting from Filson Lane, CP Shoreham TN14 7SR, TQ518614](#)

Grade Moderate, Lullingstone - Shoreham Cross - Home farm

Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Moderately hilly

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Tony 07990 619446 01474 706984 tony.bushe@btinternet.com

_____ Wednesday 18 February 2026 10:00 _____

Wed 18 Feb 2026 10 miles/ 16.1 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)
[Starting from King George V Playing Field, Sittingbourne. ME10 1QX, TQ900624](#)

Grade Moderate, Tunstall, Borden, Oad Street, Bredgar, Science Park Woodstock.

Text Leader to Book 07720 820266 Well Behaved Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at Sun at Bredgar, Food Available. Parking and public toilets at start. Cafe open from 10am to 4pm. Good menu at Pub. Advise leader by Monday before, if Lunch required.

Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely

Contact: Chris Spicer 07720 820266 abbagail.spicer@btopenworld.com

_____ Wednesday 18 February 2026 10:00 _____

Wed 18 Feb 2026 6 miles/ 9.7 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:30 approx.)
[Starting from Trossley Country Park - by kiosk DA13 0SG, TQ632610](#)
Grade Moderate, Pilgrims' Way, Ryarsh
Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at end.
Some steep hills. Parking £2.50
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Colin Philpott 07986 131021 colinphilpott88@gmail.com

_____ Sunday 22 February 2026 10:00 _____

Sun 22 Feb 2026 7 miles/ 11 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:30 approx.)
[Starting from end of Lapwing Close, Lower Halstow ME9 7DZ, TQ859675](#)
Grade Moderate, River Medway - Upchurch - Breach - Lower Newington
Booking Not Required Well Behaved Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at
Three Tuns Lower Halstow. Drinks and lunch at end of walk. Book own lunch.
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Ian Tandy 07929 241 435 ianj.tandy@gmail.com

_____ Wednesday 25 February 2026 10:00 _____

Wed 25 Feb 2026 9 miles/ 14.5 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)
[Starting from Egerton PCP. TN27 9DS, TQ906473](#)
Grade Moderate, Grafty Green - Fairbourne Heath - Greensand Way - Liverton
Street - Boughton Malherbe
Text Leader to Book 07704 437737 Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The
Pepperbox Inn Fairbourne Heath, Food Available. If requiring a pub lunch, notify
Leader WHEN BOOKING, no later than 48 hours prior to walk, thank you.
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Denis M. 07704 437737 walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

_____ Wednesday 25 February 2026 10:00 _____

Wed 25 Feb 2026 5 miles/ 8 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 12:30 approx.)
[Starting from Grovewood Drive South \(by Crown Fields cul-de-sac\), Grove Green ME14 5TH, TQ786557](#)
Grade Moderate, via Mote Park
Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Wendy Manser 07745 276900 walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

Thursday 26 February 2026 10:30

Thu 26 Feb 2026 4 miles/ 6.4 Km (Starting at 10:30 Finishes 12:45 approx.)
[Starting from Cobham public car park DA12 3BZ, TQ671685](#)
Grade Moderate, Lodge Farm - Cobham Park - Ashenbank Wood
Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at various places in Cobham. Fairly level
Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely
Contact: Tony 07990 619446 01474 706984 tony.bushe@btinternet.com

Sunday 1 March 2026 10:00

Sun 1 Mar 2026 11.5 miles/ 18.5 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:30 approx.)
[Assemble at Blackheath Station PCP SE3 9LE, TQ396759](#)
Grade Leisurely, By Uber boat to London Bridge and return via - Bermondsey - Rotherhithe - Deptford. Boat ticket £10.80 - possible discount with bus pass
Text Leader to Book 07880 727619 Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at various places on Thames Path, Food Available. Free on road parking in roads around train station. Packed lunch with opportunities to buy food along the way.
Linear Walk, Pace Leisurely
Contact: Ray and Carol Golland 07880 727619 golland14@yahoo.com

Wednesday 4 March 2026 10:00

Wed 4 Mar 2026 7 miles/ 11.3 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 14:30 approx.)
[Starting from Bluebell Hill picnic site ME5 9RG, TQ742621](#)
Grade Moderate, Kit's Coty, Aylesford, Burham
Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. One steep ascent and one steep descent. 30 minute refreshment stop in Aylesford.
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Colin Philpott 07986 131021 colinphiott88@gmail.com

Wednesday 4 March 2026 10:00

Wed 4 Mar 2026 10 miles/ 18 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 15:45 approx.)
[Starting from RSPB Car Park , Northwood Avenue High Halstow ME3 8SX, TQ781757](#)
Grade Moderate, Egypt Bay, St Mary Hoo, Solomon's Farm
Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at Fenn Bell St Mary Hoo, Food Available Car Park: turn onto Longfield Ave then 2nd left onto Harrison Drive, first right onto Northwood Ave, first left into car park
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: MoP 07736 217388 walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

Sunday 8 March 2026 10:00

Sun 8 Mar 2026 5 miles/ 8 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:00 approx.)

Starting from Allington open space Car Park ME16 0TT, TQ748376

Grade Leisurely, Maidstone and river walk

Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at Malta Inn. Car Park 1/4 Mile down Castle Road on right just after second railway bridge. Advise booking with the Malta, if you require a meal

Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely

Contact: Joan Jenner 07530 948372 01622 764637

walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

Wednesday 11 March 2026 10:00

Wed 11 Mar 2026 12 miles/ 19.3 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:30 approx.)

Starting from Meopham Village Green DA13 0PZ, TQ642652

Grade Moderate, Foxendown, Luddesdown, NDW, River Medway Wealdway

Booking Not Required Well Behaved Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at 5 Bells Halling, Food Available. Hilly. Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Gerald Carr 0793 1781960 01474 329140 thecarrs270@btinternet.com

Wednesday 11 March 2026 10:00

Wed 11 Mar 2026 11 miles/ 17.5 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:30 approx.)

Starting from Lenham village car park behind The Dog & Bear Pub ME17 2QH, TQ898522

Grade Moderate, Payden Street - Otterden CP - Warren Street Rd - Pilgrim's way/NDW

Booking Not Required Well Behaved Dogs Only. No pub stop planned. Bring food & drink. Long hill at start of walk with some ups and downs in between. Also a long down hill coming off the North Downs.

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Ian Tandy 07929 241 435 ianj.tandy@gmail.com

Thursday 12 March 2026 10:30

Thu 12 Mar 2026 3.5 miles/ 6 Km (Starting at 10:30 Finishes 12:30 approx.)

Starting from Teston Bridge Country Park ME18 5BX, TQ706532

Grade Leisurely, Along path to Watlingtonbury and return to Teston Bridge Country Park

Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at Bull Inn Barming, Food Available. Parking charge Toilets at start

Circular Walk, Pace Slow

Contact: Roger Batt 07892 882680 01622 730534 walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

Wednesday 18 March 2026 10:00

Wed 18 Mar 2026 12 miles/ 19.3 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)

Starting from East Farleigh Village car park ME15 0LY, TQ736528

Grade Moderate, Coxheath, Stonewall, Hunton, Quarry Wood

Email Leader to Book vahughes227@gmail.com Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The Boathouse Yalding, Food Available Please advise leader by 9pm, 16 March, if pub lunch is required. Food also available at "The Hop Pickers Rest" cafe nearby.

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Anne Hughes 07473 909692 vahughes227@gmail.com

Wednesday 18 March 2026 10:00

Wed 18 Mar 2026 7 miles/ 11.3 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:30 approx.)

Starting from Luton Recreation Ground, Capstone Road, Chatham ME7 3JE, TQ779659

Grade Moderate, Darland Banks, Hempstead, East Hill

Text Leader to Book 07711 605067 Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at Waggon at Hale, Food Available Steep ascent up Darland Banks. If food required, please inform leader when booking at least 48h before walk

Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely

Contact: Bob Buist 07711 605067 rj.buist@gmail.com

Sunday 22 March 2026 10:00

Sun 22 Mar 2026 4 miles/ 6.4 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 12:30 approx.)

Starting from Lockmeadow Car Park, Maidstone ME16 8LW, TQ758552

Grade Leisurely, River Medway-Loose Valley-Hayle Park Nature Reserve- Elaine's Fairy Garden

Booking Not Required Well Behaved Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at Lockmeadow Food Hall Maidstone. Parking free at Lockmeadow on Sundays.

Points of interest on walk regarding the history of Maidstone and natural history.

Dogs are welcome in the food hall, to the extent that there is a water bowl and biscuits for them! Circular Walk, Pace Slow

Contact: Andrew Hider 07983 396807 01622 663063 andrewhider49@gmail.com

Wednesday 25 March 2026 10:00

Wed 25 Mar 2026 11 miles/ 17.7 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)

Starting from Seasalter Sailing Club (free parking) CT5 4 BW, TR068650

Grade Moderate, Nagden Marshes, Goodnestone, Faversham

Email Leader to Book colinphilpott88@gmail.com Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The Anchor Faversham Creek, Food Available. Flat terrain. If wanting to eat at pub, please book place by Monday midday before walk. Cafe also available.

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Colin Philpott 07986 131021 colinphilpott88@gmail.com

Wednesday 25 March 2026 10:00

Wed 25 Mar 2026 9.4 miles/ 15.1 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 15:30 approx.)

Starting from [Five Oak Green Community Centre CP TN12 6RD, TQ651453](#)

Grade Moderate, Barnes Street - Kent House Farm - Peckham Bush - East

Peckham - Branbridges - Medway Valley Walk - Moat Farm

Text Leader to Book 07704 437737 Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The Bush, Blackbird & Thrush PECKHAM BUSH, Food Available. If requiring a pub lunch, notify Leader WHEN BOOKING, no later than 48 hours prior to walk, thank you.

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Denis M. 07704 437737 walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

Wednesday 25 March 2026 10:00

Wed 25 Mar 2026 5.5 miles/ 8.9 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:00 approx.)

Starting from [Camer Park, Meopham DA13 0XT, TQ651670](#)

Grade Moderate, Henley Down - Luddesdown - Wood Hill Farm

Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Downland walk, moderately undulating.

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Tony 07990 619446 01474 706984 tony.bushe@btinternet.com

Thursday 26 March 2026 10:30

Thu 26 Mar 2026 3.5 miles/ 5.6 Km (Starting at 10:30 Finishes 12:45 approx.)

Starting from [The Park Gate Inn on A20 at Hollingbourne ME17 1PG, TQ838537](#)

Grade Leisurely, Eyhorne Street

Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk

Circular Walk, Pace Slow

Contact: Dave Houghton 07974 068452 dave.houghton19@btinternet.com

Sunday 29 March 2026 10:00

Sun 29 Mar 2026 7.5 miles/ 10.5 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:30 approx.)

Starting from [Linton Car Park ME17 4AW, TQ754501](#)

Grade Moderate, Greensand Way - Coxheath - Loose - The Quarries - Greensand Way. **Booking Not Required** Well Behaved Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at Bull Inn Linton. Book own lunch if required.

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Ian Tandy 07929 241 435 ianj.tandy@gmail.com

Finding the start of your walk

Start and meeting points include nearest postcode and an Ordnance Survey grid reference accurate to 100m.

Use postcodes with care: in rural areas the nearest postcode may be some distance from the actual start point.

See OS maps for an explanation of how to use grid references.

Grades

- **Easy Access** - walks for everyone, including people with conventional wheelchairs and pushchairs, using easy access paths. Comfortable shoes or trainers can be worn. Assistance may be needed to push wheelchairs on some sections.
- **Easy** - walks for anyone who does not have a mobility difficulty, a specific health problem or is seriously unfit. Suitable for pushchairs if they can be lifted over occasional obstructions. Comfortable shoes or trainers can be worn.
- **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.
- **Strenuous** - walks for experienced country walkers with an above average fitness level. May include hills and rough country and may be at a brisk pace. Walking boots and warm, waterproof clothing are essential. People in doubt about their fitness should contact the organiser or leader in advance.
- **Technical** - walks for experienced and very fit walkers with additional technical skills. May require scrambling and use of ropes, ice axes and crampons. You must contact the organiser or leader in advance for further details.

Notes

- Walk gradings are provided as a general guide only. If you have any doubt about your fitness for a particular walk, please contact the organiser or leader in advance.
- Bear in mind the distance of the walk, regional differences in terrain and the possibility of bad weather, which can make a walk more difficult than planned.
- Please remember it is the responsibility of each walker to advise the leader if they intend to leave the walk at any time between the start and end. The walker must at least ask the back-marker or other group member to pass a message to

the leader that they do not intend to continue on the walk but in most cases this should be to the leader in person.

- If you're unsure of your fitness level, try a short and easy walk first - it's much better to find a walk a little too slow and easy than to make yourself miserable and exhausted.
- Leaders may refuse to accept participants who in their opinion are inadequately equipped or unfit.

Ticks can be found in dense vegetation or long grass. It is quite rare to get a tick on you but if not removed they can cause Lyme disease which can be very serious. For more details see [Maidstone Ramblers Walking Group](#)