



Maidstone Ramblers Programme of walks for August - November 2026 & newsletter

From the Chairman

As we pass the summer solstice and the long hot days of summer are with us, it is already time to start thinking about those shorter autumn days out walking. Again, we are lucky to have our walk leaders offering a very full programme of walks for the next four months, as well as all the other activities we get involved in, all of which only happen because of individuals giving up their time to volunteer in one capacity or another. So please come and get involved either leading walks, clearing footpaths or walking the paths to check they are usable.

The Air Ambulance charity is running a Heli Hike again this year, which starts and finishes at Aylesford Priory. The walk event consists of a choice of three distances: approximately 10, 7.5 and 3 miles. Last year we had 330 supporters taking part and raising funds for our life-saving charity. The hike starts and finishes at our KSS Fun Day event, which attracted 2500 supporting families last year.

Our group is assisting with running this event and we are looking for volunteers, particularly for marshalling on the day, but also helping with signage on the previous Wednesday and Thursday. KSS Air Ambulance is very grateful for this help. If you can assist, please contact Des on 07729584260 or chairman@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

I hope that you will be able to attend the AGM and the Christmas meal later this year. Details are below.

Des Relf

From our membership secretary

League table of walks undertaken

I will be publishing a walks league table at the Annual General Meeting and again at the Christmas lunch, showing name, number of miles walked and number of walks attended for our Maidstone and affiliated members for the period 1st October 2025 to 30th September 2026. If you have or will have walked with us during this period, but DO NOT want your name published, please email me at maidstoneramblersms2025@yahoo.com and I will take note of your request.

Les Holmans

From our secretary

2026 AGM

I draw your attention to a change in venue for this year's AGM. We were unable to hire the meeting room at Aylesford Community Centre for the date we wanted, so this year our AGM will be at the Tovil Community Centre on the 24 October at 10.00am for a 10.30am start. The Centre

is in Courtney Road, close to the junction of Courtney Road and Tovil Road (Grid. ref. TQ756546). There's ample free parking.

2026 CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Another change I need to make you aware of is that the Christmas lunch will not be at Bearsted Golf Club this year. The Club has changed its caterers and the menu prices quoted were significantly higher than last year; plus, menu choices were somewhat limited. It was not considered good value, so Alison has sourced a suitable alternative, for which we are very grateful. So, this year the Christmas lunch will be at the Orida Hotel, Eclipse Park, on the 9th December. PLEASE HOLD THE DATE and Alison will be providing details of menus and prices in due course.

2027 WALKING HOLIDAY

Some have commented on the early need to book for next year's walking holiday. The simple explanation is that Alfa Travel could only offer a couple of resorts that could meet our requirements and Sue had to act promptly to secure the holiday booking. If you were unable to commit then, but might be interested nearer the time, my advice is to contact Sue and get yourself on the waiting list. The higher up the list you are the more chance of getting a place if one comes available.

Mike Tracey

Sunday 2 August 2026 10:00

Sun 2 Aug 2026 10 miles/16.1 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)

[Starting from Cranbrook Co-op Car Park TN17 3DQ, TQ775359](#)

Grade Moderate. Bedgebury forest

Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Bring picnic lunch

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

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

Monday 3 August 2026 18:00

Mon 3 Aug 2026 5 miles/8 Km (Starting at 18:00 Finishes 20:15 approx.)

[Evening Walk Starting from Bearsted Holy Cross Church car park ME14 4EE, TQ801555](#) Grade Moderate. Route to be confirmed on the day

Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Evening walk

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

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

Wednesday 5 August 2026 10:00

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

[Starting from Hook and Hatchet pub ME17 1QT, TQ837583](#)

Grade Moderate. Admiral Wood, Bicknor Church, Smokes Wood (Woodland Trust)

Text Leader to Book 07729 584260 Well Behaved Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at Hook and Hatchet. Text leader to book and let him know if eating at pub

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate.

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

Wednesday 5 August 2026 10:00

Wed 5 Aug 2026 10 miles/16 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:30 approx.)

[Starting from Outside Church, Kilndown. TN17 2SF, TQ701353](#)

Grade Moderate. Shearnfold Wood. Chingley Manor. Bewl Water. The Down. Lamberhurst. Scotney Castle grounds.

Text Leader to Book 07929 241 435 Well Behaved Dogs Only. Our usual pub is closed. We can get drinks at The Vineyard Pub and have lunch (bring your own) on the green opposite.

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

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

Sunday 9 August 2026 10:00

Sun 9 Aug 2026 7.5 miles/12 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:30 approx.)

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

Grade Moderate. Coxheath. Loose. The Quarries. Boughton Monchelsea. Greensand Way.

Booking Not Required Well Behaved Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at The Bull Linton. Book your own lunch at the pub.

Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely

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

Wednesday 12 August 2026 10:00

Wed 12 Aug 2026 6 miles/9.7 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:00 approx.)

[Starting from Church Road, West Peckham ME18 5JL, TQ646526](#)

Grade Leisurely. Forge Farm, East Peckham, Grove Farm, Wealdway

Text Leader to Book 07711 605067 Assistance Dogs Only. Drinks only at Swan on the Green West Peckham. Park in layby on left at entrance to village. Pilgrimage Trail.

Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely

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

Wednesday 12 August 2026 10:00

Wed 12 Aug 2026 8 miles/12.9 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 15:00 approx.)

[Starting from Egerton Public Car Park TN27 9DS, TQ907472](#)

Grade Moderate. Greensand Way, Pluckley, Little Chart and Stour Valley Walk

Text Leader to Book 07932 745125 Well Behaved Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The Swan Inn, Little Chart, Food Available

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Les H 07932 745125 walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

Wednesday 12 August 2026 9:00

Wed 12 Aug 2026 21 miles/33.8 Km (Starting at 9:00 Finishes 16:30 approx.)
[Starting from Herne Bay Railway Station CT6 8PJ, TR171674](#)
Grade Moderate. Saxon Shore Way and coastal path
Text Leader to Book 07745 276900 NB EARLY START Assistance Dogs Only.
Lunch Stop at Margate. Food Available. Park in roads near station. Return by train from Ramsgate. Possibility of returning by train along the way
Linear Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Wendy Manser 07745 276900 walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

Thursday 13 August 2026 10:30

Thu 13 Aug 2026 3.5 miles/5.6 Km (Starting at 10:30 Finishes 12:30 approx.)
[Starting from Allington Open space car park ME16 0TT, TQ 748376](#)
Grade Easy. River path to Maidstone and return
Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at Toll Tea shop Allington, Food Available. Car Park 1/4 mile down Castle Road on right just past the 2nd railway bridge.
Circular Walk, Pace Slow
Contact: Joan Jenner 07530 948372 01622 764637 djenner637@btinternet.com

Sunday 16 August 2026 9:30

Sun 16 Aug 2026 12 miles/19.3 Km (Starting at 9:30 Finishes 16:00 approx.)
[Starting from Cuxton Station Road ME2 1AB, TQ714667](#)
Grade Moderate NDW - Cobham Woods
Booking Not Required NB EARLY START Well Behaved Dogs Only. Cobham Church. Bring picnic and water - Text to contact leader
Circular Walk, Pace Brisk
Contact: Allan Tufnel 07966 446335 walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

Wednesday 19 August 2026 10:00

Wed 19 Aug 2026 8.2 miles/13.2 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 15:00 approx.)
[Starting from Trosley Country Park car park adjacent to cafe DA13 0SG, TQ633611](#)
Grade Moderate. North Downs Way and Weald Way
Booking Not Required Well Behaved Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at cafe in park
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Des Relf 07729 584260 desmond.relf@btinternet.com

Wednesday 19 August 2026 18:00

Wed 19 Aug 2026 5 miles/8 Km (Starting at 18:00 Finishes 20:15 approx.)
[Evening Walk Starting from Sutton Valence. Lower Road by Kings Head pub ME17 3AG, TQ811492](#)
Grade Moderate. Route to be decided on the day
Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Evening walk
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Wendy Manser 07745 276900 walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

Sunday 23 August 2026 10:00

Sun 23 Aug 2026 10 miles/16.1 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)
[Starting from Cranbrook Co-op Car Park TN17 3DQ, TQ775359](#)
Grade Moderate. Kennel Holt - Knoxbridge
Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Drinks stop only at Bell and Jorrocks, Frittenden. Bring picnic lunch for stop at Frittenden
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Carol Wilken 07816 861207 walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

Monday 24 August 2026 18:00

Mon 24 Aug 2026 5 miles/8 Km (Starting at 18:00 Finishes 20:15 approx.)
[Evening Walk Starting from Station Road, Hollingbourne ME17 1TX, TQ834550](#)
Grade Moderate. Route to be decided on the day
Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Evening walk
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Wendy Manser 07745 276900 walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

Wednesday 26 August 2026 10:00

Wed 26 Aug 2026 6.5 miles/10.4 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:00 approx.)
[Starting from Birling, car park behind village hall ME19 5JG, TQ680606](#)
Grade Moderate. Visiting St Benedicts Historic Church Paddlesworth and Birling Church. Lovely views of North Downs
Text Leader to Book 07759 439899 Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at Nevill Bull, Birling. Small car park, so can people share cars where possible. Drinks at end, Book with Leader 48 hours in advance, if wishing to dine at pub,
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Andy Osborne 07759 439899 andyos.ao@gmail.com

Wednesday 26 August 2026 10:00

Wed 26 Aug 2026 11 miles/17.7 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)
[Starting from Matfield Green \(free parking at back of Green\) TN12 7JL, TQ657417](#)
Grade Moderate. Pembury, Kent College
Email Leader to Book vahughes227@gmail.com. Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The Dovecote, Capel. Food Available. Please confirm to leader by 9pm on 24/8, if pub lunch required
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Anne Hughes 07473 909692 vahughes227@gmail.com

Thursday 27 August 2026 10:30

Thu 27 Aug 2026 4 miles/6.4 Km (Starting at 10:30 Finishes 12:30 approx.)
[Starting from East Malling public car park ME19 6DD, TQ 703573](#)
Grade Easy. Research Station Barming
Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at King and Queen East Malling, Food Available
Circular Walk, Pace Slow
Contact: Joan Jenner 07530 948372 01622 764637 djenner637@btinternet.com

Sunday 30 August 2026 9:45

Sun 30 Aug 2026 11.5 miles/18.5 Km (Starting at 9:45 Finishes 16:00 approx.)
[Starting from Wye Public CP TN25 5EG, TR052468](#)
Grade Moderate. Browning Bridge, Eastwell Park, Challock, Kings Wood, Soakham Downs
Booking Not Required NB EARLY START Well Behaved Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The Stag, Challock, Food Available. Joint walk with Canterbury Ramblers
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Gerald Carr 0793 1781960 01474 329140

Monday 31 August 2026 18:00

Mon 31 Aug 2026 5 miles/8 Km (Starting at 18:00 Finishes 20:15 approx.)
[Evening Walk Starting from Bearsted Holy Cross Church car park ME14 4EE, TQ801555](#)
Grade Moderate. Route to be decided on the day
Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Evening walk
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Wendy Manser 07745 276900 walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

_____ Wednesday 2 September 2026 10:00 _____

Wed 2 Sep 2026 10 miles/16 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:30 approx.)
[Starting from layby on A25 by the Pig and Pickle Pub. TN15 0HB, TQ577557](#)
Grade Strenuous. Red Hill Wood. Godden Green. Knole Park. Greensand Way.
Ightham Mote. Stone Street.
Text Leader to Book 07929 241 435 Well Behaved Dogs Only. A hilly walk with 1300ft of total ascent. Picnic lunch (bring your own) in the grounds of Knole park.
The cafe may be open, but not sure.
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Ian Tandy 07929 241 435 ianj.tandy@gmail.com

_____ Wednesday 2 September 2026 10:00 _____

Wed 2 Sep 2026 7 miles/11.3 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:45 approx.)
[Starting from All Saints Church Car Park, Ulcombe Hill, Ulcombe ME17 1DN, TQ846497](#)
Grade Moderate. Grafty Green, St Nicholas Church Boughton Malherbe, Greensand Way
Booking Not Required Well Behaved Dogs Only. Bring Pack lunch to eat near St Nicholas Church, Boughton Malherbe. Donation of £1 per car for using the Church Car Park please.
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Les H 07932 745125 walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

_____ Sunday 6 September 2026 18:00 _____

Sun 6 Sep 2026 5 miles/8 Km (Starting at 18:00 Finishes 20:15 approx.)
[Evening Walk. Starting from Sutton Valence Lower Road by Kings Head pub ME17 3AG, TQ811492](#)
Grade Moderate. Route to be decided on the day
Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Evening walk
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Wendy Manser 07745 276900 walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

_____ Wednesday 9 September 2026 10:00 _____

Wed 9 Sep 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 Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The Sun Bredgar, Food Available. Parking and public toilets at start. Cafe open from 10am to 4pm. Extensive menu at Pub. Advise leader if lunch required by Monday before walk.
Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely
Contact: Christine Spicer 07720 820266 abbagail.spicer@btopenworld.com

Wednesday 9 September 2026 10:30

Wed 9 Sep 2026 7 miles/11.3 Km (Starting at 10:30 Finishes 15:00 approx.)
[Starting from Chatham bus station, Globe Lane ME4 4SL, TQ757681](#)
Grade Moderate .Dock Yard, Great Lines memorial
Text Leader to Book 07745 276900 Assistance Dogs Only. Mainly flat. Maritime walk by river. Bring packed lunch
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Wendy Manser 07745 276900 walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

Thursday 10 September 2026 10:30

Thu 10 Sep 2026 3.5 miles/5.6 Km (Starting at 10:30 Finishes 12:30 approx.)
[Starting from Aylesford Friary ME20 7BX, TQ724590](#)
Grade Easy. Eccles
Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at Friars tea shop ,Aylesford. Park in main car park. £2 Voluntary parking fee
Circular Walk, Pace Slow
Contact: Joan Jenner 07530 948372 01622 764637 djenner637@btinternet.com

Sunday 13 September 2026 10:00

Sun 13 Sep 2026 3 miles/4.8 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 12:00 approx.)
[Starting from Aylesford Priory car park ME20 7BX, TQ723 590](#)
Grade Leisurely Burham
Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk. Walk-out for 3 mile Heli Hike the following Saturday
Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely
Contact: Des Relf 07729 584260 Desmond.Relf@btinternet.com

Wednesday 16 September 2026 10:00

Wed 16 Sep 2026 9 miles/14.5 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)
[Starting from Luton Recreation Ground CP ME5 7PN, TQ779659](#)
Grade Moderate. Darland Banks, Farthing Wood, Lidsing, Capstone
Text Leader to Book 07711 605067 Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The Harrow, Lidsing ME7 3NL, Food Available. Free CP. Use 'Luton Rec' rather than postcode for satnav. 1 steep hill. If you wish to eat at pub, please inform leader when booking at least 48h prior to walk, thank you.
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Bob Buist 07711 605067 rj.buist@gmail.com

Wednesday 16 September 2026 10:00

Wed 16 Sep 2026 7 miles/11.3 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 14:00 approx.)
[Starting from Aylesford Priory ME20 7BX, TQ723590](#)
Grade Moderate. Blue Bell Hill and Burham
Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at Priory Café. Recommended as familiarisation for those marshalling the air ambulance charity walk
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Des Relf 07729 584260 7729584260 desmond.relf@btinternet.com

Sunday 20 September 2026 10:00

Sun 20 Sep 2026 4 miles/6.4 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 12:30 approx.)
[Starting from Cranbrook High Street Car Park TN17 3DQ, TQ 774359](#)
Grade Easy. Crane Valley Nature Reserve - then around the town of Cranbrook - then out to Angley Wood
Booking Not Required Well Behaved Dogs Only. This walk is "A Cranbrook Town and Country Stroll" for the High Weald Walking Festival. There is a choice of places to eat in Cranbrook after walk.
Circular Walk, Pace Slow
Contact: Andrew Hider 07983 396807 1622663063 andrewhider49@gmail.com

Wednesday 23 September 2026 9:30

Wed 23 Sep 2026 8.5 miles/13.5 Km (Starting at 9:30 Finishes 13:30 approx.)
[Starting from Buttway Lane Car Park, Cliffe ME3 7QD, TQ736765](#)
Grade Moderate Coastal/Thames Path and Cliffe Marshes
Booking Not Required NB EARLY START Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at Six Bells, Cliffe. Some history en route.
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: MoP 07736 217388 walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

Thursday 24 September 2026 10:30

Thu 24 Sep 2026 3.5 miles/5.6 Km (Starting at 10:30 Finishes 12:30 approx.)
[Starting from Barming Bull ME16 HB9, TQ723545](#)
Grade Easy. Fant, river path
Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at Barming Bull. Food Available. Only park in pub car park, if having refreshments; otherwise use local roads
Circular Walk, Pace Slow
Contact: Joan Jenner 07530 948372 01622 764637 djenner637@btinternet.com

Sunday 27 September 2026 10:00

Sun 27 Sep 2026 6 miles/9.7 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:00 approx.)
[Starting from Wishful Thinker pub overflow car park ME17 2HY, TQ880509](#)
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

Wednesday 30 September 2026 10:00

Wed 30 Sep 2026 10.5 miles/16.9 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)
[Starting from Shipbourne - parking on road opposite The Chaser Inn TN11 9PE, TQ592522](#)
Grade Moderate. Ightham Mote, Knole, Ivy Hatch
Email Leader to Book vahughes227@gmail.com. Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at Bucks Head, Godden Green, Food Available. Email lead by 9pm on 28/9, if pub lunch required.
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Anne Hughes 07473 909692 vahughes227@gmail.com

Wednesday 30 September 2026 8:00

Wed 30 Sep 2026 12 miles/19.3 Km (Starting at 8:00 Finishes 14:45 approx.)
[Starting from Cobham Car Park DA12 3BN, TQ672685](#)
Grade Moderate. Sole Street, Wealdway, Ifield Court, Darnley Mausoleum
Booking Not Required NB EARLY START. Well Behaved Dogs Only. Breakfast walk with breakfast at Nells Café - featured in many TV programmes. Hilly in places but Thames views
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Gerald Carr 0793 1781960 01474 329140

Sunday 4 October 2026 10:00

Sun 4 Oct 2026 5 miles/8 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:15 approx.)
[Starting from Station Road, Hollingbourne ME17 1TX, TQ834550](#)
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

Wednesday 7 October 2026 10:00

Wed 7 Oct 2026 10.5 miles/16.9 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)
[Starting from National Trust car park at Bodiam Castle, NB opens at 9.45am and £5 for non NT members. Cafe available at end. TN32 5UD, TQ783254](#)
Grade Moderate. Moat Farm, Hasselman's Farm, Great Wigsell, The Moor, Conghurst Farm, Lower Northlands Farm
Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The Eight Bells, The Moor, Hawkhurst, Food Available
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Graham Smith 07762 458654 01622 755822
walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

Wednesday 7 October 2026 10:00

Wed 7 Oct 2026 5 miles/8 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 12:15 approx.)
[Starting from Park Gate Inn, Ashford Road A20 ME17 1PG, TQ838537](#)
Grade Moderate Via Leeds Castle
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 8 October 2026 10:30

Thu 8 Oct 2026 3.5 miles/5.6 Km (Starting at 10:30 Finishes 12:30 approx.)
[Starting from Old Loose Hill near to Rosemount Close ME15 OAJ, TQ758518](#)
Grade Leisurely. Greensand Way and Coxheath
Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at Chequers Inn, Loose, Food Available. Mostly flat
Circular Walk, Pace Slow
Contact: Roger Batt 07892 882680 01622 730534 walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

Sunday 11 October 2026 10:00

Sun 11 Oct 2026 6 miles/9.7 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:00 approx.)
[Starting from Harrietsham Station ME17 1JA, TQ866528](#)
Grade Moderate. No Mans Acre, Lower Deans Farm
Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk. One steep hill. Park in side roads near station.
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Wendy Manser 07745 276900 walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

Wednesday 14 October 2026 10:00

Wed 14 Oct 2026 9 miles/14.5 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)

[Starting from Bearsted Church Car Park ME14 4EE, TQ800555](#)

Grade Moderate. Caring Farm, Otham, Leeds

Email Leader to Book mgsport@hotmail.co.uk Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The George, Leeds, Food Available. If pub lunch is required, please advise leader by 6pm Monday 12th at the latest. Please share cars if possible.

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Martin 07845088373 mgsport@hotmail.co.uk

Wednesday 14 October 2026 10:00

Wed 14 Oct 2026 6.7 miles/10.8 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:30 approx.)

[Starting from Eggringe Wood, Nr Chartham CT4 7EY, TR097504](#)

Grade Moderate. Sole Street - Crundale - Stour Valley Way

Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Hilly downland walk. Postcode approx only, continue S on lane to CP.

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

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

Sunday 18 October 2026 10:00

Sun 18 Oct 2026 5.5 miles/9 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:00 approx.)

[Starting from the road near the entrance to Straymarsh farm. ME12 3NR, TQ927704](#)

Grade Easy. Ferry marsh. KCIIIECP. Kings hill farm.

Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. A very leisurely walk which takes us through the Elmley nature reserve with only 25ft total ascent. Bring food & drink.

Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely

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

Wednesday 21 October 2026 10:00

Wed 21 Oct 2026 10.5 miles/16.9 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:30 approx.)

[Starting from National Trust CP, Styants Bottom Rd, Sevenoaks TN15 0ET, TQ578558](#)

Grade Moderate. Oldbury Hill, Heaverham, NDW, Cockney's Wood, Watery Lane

Text Leader to Book 07711 605067 Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The Bell, Kemsing TN15 6NB, Food Available Free CP. Couple of steep ascents/descents. If you wish to eat at pub, please inform leader when booking at least 48h prior to walk, thank you.

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

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

Wednesday 21 October 2026 10:00

Wed 21 Oct 2026 6 miles/9.5 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 12:30 approx.)
[Starting from Burrows Lane \(near airfield, which is signposted\) Middle Stoke ME3 9RN, TQ832752](#)

Grade Moderate. Lower and Upper Stoke

Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at Halt Café, Middle Stoke. Car Park is at very end of Burrows Lane, near railway line.

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

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

Thursday 22 October 2026 10:30

Thu 22 Oct 2026 3 miles/4.8 Km (Starting at 10:30 Finishes 12:30 approx.)

[Starting from Mote Park Car Park ME15 7SX, TQ 772552](#)

Grade Easy. Walk around Mote Park. Car park fee £3

Booking Not Required Well Behaved Dogs Only. Optional cafe stop at end of walk
Circular Walk, Pace Slow

Contact: Andrew Hider 07983 396807 1622663063 andrewhider49@gmail.com

Sunday 25 October 2026 10:00

Sun 25 Oct 2026 5 miles/8 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 12:15 approx.)

[Starting from Harrietsham Station 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

Wednesday 28 October 2026 10:00

Wed 28 Oct 2026 10.25 miles/16.5 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)

[Starting from Meopham Green DA13 0QU, TQ642652](#)

Grade Moderate. Harvel, Great Buckland, Cobham

Email Leader to Book vahughes227@gmail.com. Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The Lion Luddesdown, Food Available. Email leader by 9pm on 26/10, if pub lunch required

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Anne Hughes 07473 909692 vahughes227@gmail.com

Wednesday 28 October 2026 10:00

Wed 28 Oct 2026 8.5 miles/13.5 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 15:00 approx.)
[Starting from Batemans National Trust Car park TN19 7DS, TQ677237](#)
Grade Moderate. Highwood Brightling, Willingford
Text Leader to Book 07729 584260 Well Behaved Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk. Parking free for NT members
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Des Relf 07729 584260 desmond.relf@btinternet.com

Sunday 1 November 2026 10:00

Sun 1 Nov 2026 6 miles/9.7 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:00 approx.)
[Starting from Lockmeadow Car Park Maidstone ME16 8LW, TQ 758552](#)
Grade Leisurely. Medway Valley - East Farleigh - 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
Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely
Contact: Amy Hider 07805 307611 1622663063 desmond.relf@btinternet.com

Wednesday 4 November 2026 10:00

Wed 4 Nov 2026 10 miles/16.1 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 15:30 approx.)
[Starting from Clowes Wood car park, Chestfield. CT5 3ER, TR136629](#)
Grade Moderate Radfall, Chestfield, sea front, Whitstable, Crab & Winkle path
Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at various places by harbour, Food Available. Postcode is for nearby Dogs Trust - car park is towards Canterbury from there
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Colin Philpott 07986 131021 colinjphilpott88@gmail.com

Wednesday 4 November 2026 10:00

Wed 4 Nov 2026 5 miles/8 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:00 approx.)
[Starting from Blue Bell Hill public car park ME5 9RG, TQ744621](#)
Grade Moderate. Look at Late stone age megaliths to East of river Medway
Booking Not Required Well Behaved Dogs Only. 600 feet of ascent and decent as we go down Down's escarpment
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Des Relf 07729 584260 desmond.relf@btinternet.com

Sunday 8 November 2026 10:00

Sun 8 Nov 2026 7 miles/11.3 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:30 approx.)
[Starting from High St CP Otford TN14 5PQ, TQ526593](#)
Grade Moderate. Solar System, Darent Valley, Romney St, NDW
Text Leader to Book 07711 605067 Assistance Dogs Only. Drinks only at The Bull,
Otford Car park is free on Sundays. Couple of steep slopes
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Bob Buist 07711 605067 rj.buist@gmail.com

Wednesday 11 November 2026 10:00

Wed 11 Nov 2026 9.5 miles/15.3 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)
[Starting from Bearsted Church Car Park. ME14 4EE, TQ800555](#)
Grade Moderate. Barty Farm, Coldharbour, Hucking Wood, Broad Street Farm.
Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The Hook and Hatchet
Hucking, Food Available
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Graham Smith 07762 458654 01622 755822
walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

Wednesday 11 November 2026 10:00

Wed 11 Nov 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
Text Leader to Book 07990 619446 Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop
after walk at White Lion, Selling. Postcode approx only
Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely
Contact: Tony 07990 619446 01474 706984 tony.bushe@btinternet.com

Thursday 12 November 2026 10:30

Thu 12 Nov 2026 4 miles/6.4 Km (Starting at 10:30 Finishes 12:30 approx.)
[Starting from Linton Public car park ME17 4HN, TQ754502](#)
Grade Easy.
Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at Bull Inn, Linton. Food
Available. This will be a new route for the Thursday Walks
Circular Walk, Pace Slow
Contact: Joan Jenner 07530 948372 01622 764637 djenner637@btinternet.com

Wednesday 18 November 2026 10:00

Wed 18 Nov 2026 7.5 miles/12.1 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 15:00 approx.)
[Starting from Hampstead Lane, Yalding ME18 6HH, TQ690500](#)
Grade Moderate. Medway Valley Walk, Wateringbury, West Farleigh
Text Leader to Book 07932 745125 Well Behaved Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The Tickled Trout, West Farleigh, Food Available
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Les H 07932 745125 walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

Wednesday 25 November 2026 10:00

Wed 25 Nov 2026 10.25 miles/16.5 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)
[Starting from Mereworth - near Church. Please park considerably on the roadside. ME18 5LY, TQ659537](#)
Grade Moderate. Offham
Email Leader to Book vahughes227@gmail.com. Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The Blue Anchor, St Mary's Platt, Food Available Please email leader by 9pm on 23/11, if pub lunch required
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Anne Hughes 07473 909692 vahughes227@gmail.com

Thursday 26 November 2026 10:30

Thu 26 Nov 2026 4 miles/6.4 Km (Starting at 10:30 Finishes 12:30 approx.)
[Starting from Grovewood Drive South \(by Crown Fields cul-de-sac\), Grove Green ME14 5TH, TQ786557](#)
Grade Leisurely. Holy Cross Church - Mote Park
Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only.
Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely
Contact: Tony 07990 619446 01474 706984 tony.bushe@btinternet.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.
- 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](#)