



## Maidstone Ramblers Reviewed Programme for April 2026

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### Wednesday 1 April 2026 10:00

Wed 1 Apr 2026 6.5 miles/10.5 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 14:30 approx.)  
**Starting from Detling. The Street near The Cock Horse PH ME14 3JT, TQ793583**  
Grade Strenuous. Following North Downs Way to Cat's Mount, down to Whitehall and along to Thurnham Church, returning to Detling via Augustine Camino trail.  
**Text Leader to Book 07932 745125** Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at The Cock Inn, Detling. Steep ascents and descents, bring walking pole(s) if you have them. Spectacular views and no stiles. Let me know by the Sunday evening before the walk, if you are eating at the pub.  
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate  
Contact: Les H 07932 745125 [walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk](mailto:walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk)

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### Wednesday 1 April 2026 10:00

Wed 1 Apr 2026 9 miles/14.5 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)  
**Starting from Ulcombe Church ME17 1DN, TQ846498**  
Grade Moderate. Route to be confirmed on the day.  
**Booking Not Required** Assistance Dogs Only. Donations to church funds for parking. Bring a picnic  
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate  
Contact: Wendy Manser 07745 276900 [walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk](mailto:walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk)

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### Sunday 5 April 2026 10:00

Sun 5 Apr 2026 6 miles/9.7 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:00 approx.)  
**Starting from Egerton Village Hall CP TN27 9DS, TQ907472**  
Grade Moderate. Greensand way - Boughton Malherbe - Robin Cottage  
**Text Leader to Book 07990 619446** Assistance Dogs Only. No steep hills  
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate  
Contact: Tony 07990 619446 01474 706984 [tony.bushe@btinternet.com](mailto:tony.bushe@btinternet.com)

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**\_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday 8 April 2026 10:00 \_\_\_\_\_**

Wed 8 Apr 2026 10 miles/16.1 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)  
[Starting from Newington Village Hall ME9 7JJ, TQ860468](#)  
Grade Moderate .Upchurch, Saxon Shore Way, Lower Halstow  
**Text Leader to Book 07720 820266** Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at Three Tuns, Lower Halstow, Food Available The pub needs to know menu choices one week ahead. So, if you require lunch, please access their website to make a menu choice and let Chris know by **Wednesday 1st April**. Parking available  
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate  
Contact: Chris Spicer 07720 820266 [abbagail.spicer@btopenworld.com](mailto:abbagail.spicer@btopenworld.com)

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**\_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday 8 April 2026 10:00 \_\_\_\_\_**

Wed 8 Apr 2026 5 miles/8 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 12:30 approx.)  
[Starting from The Moat Pavilion car park, Charing TN27 0JJ, TQ955492](#)  
Grade Moderate Route to be confirmed on the day.  
**Booking Not Required** Assistance Dogs Only. One steep hill.  
Fig of 8 Walk, Pace Moderate  
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**\_\_\_\_\_ Thursday 9 April 2026 10:30 \_\_\_\_\_**

Thu 9 Apr 2026 3.5 miles/5.6 Km (Starting at 10:30 Finishes 12:30 approx.)  
[Starting from King and Queen East Malling ME19 6DD, TQ 703573](#)  
Grade Easy. Research Station, Barming, Allington  
**Booking Not Required** Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at King and Queen, East Malling. Park in public car park, not the pub car park.  
Circular Walk, Pace Slow  
Contact: Joan Jenner 07530 948372 01622 764637

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**\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday 12 April 2026 10:00 \_\_\_\_\_**

Sun 12 Apr 2026 11 miles/17.7 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)  
[Starting from Meopham Village Green DA13 0PZ, TQ641652](#)  
Grade Moderate. Dunstan Wood, Luddesdown, Cobham Woods, Foxenden  
**Booking Not Required** Well Behaved Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at Darnley Arms Cobham, Food Available. Darnley Mausoleum, Hilly Walk  
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate  
Contact: Gerald Carr 0793 1781960 01474 329140 [thecarrs270@btinternet.com](mailto:thecarrs270@btinternet.com)

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**\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday 12 April 2026 10:00 \_\_\_\_\_**

Sun 12 Apr 2026 5.5 miles/8.9 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)  
[Starting from Wishful Thinker \(overflow CP\), Lenham Heath Rd ME17 2HY, TQ890509](#)  
Grade Moderate. Bluebell Walk  
**Booking Not Required** Assistance Dogs Only.  
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate  
Contact: Wendy Manser 07745 276900 [walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk](mailto:walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk)

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**\_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday 15 April 2026 10:00 \_\_\_\_\_**

Wed 15 Apr 2026 11 miles/17.7 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)

Starting from Dene Park car park TN11 6RJ, TQ606510

Grade Moderate. Coldharbour, Rooks Hill, Shipbourne

Email Leader to Book [vahughes227@gmail.com](mailto:vahughes227@gmail.com) Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at White Rock Inn, Underriver, Food Available. Email leader by 9pm on 13/4, if pub lunch required

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Anne Hughes 07473 909692 [vahughes227@gmail.com](mailto:vahughes227@gmail.com)

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**\_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday 15 April 2026 10:00 \_\_\_\_\_**

Wed 15 Apr 2026 5.1 miles/8.2 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 12:45 approx.)

Starting from Matfield Village Green. TN12 7JT, TQ658419

Grade Leisurely. High Weald Landscape Trail - Brenchley - The Crook - Matfield

Text Leader to Book 07704 437737 Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at The Halfway House, BRENCHLEY. Park on the far side of the green from the B2160 road. If dining at the pub, notify leader 48 hours prior to walk.

Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely

Contact: Denis M. 07704 437737 [walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk](mailto:walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk)

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**\_\_\_\_\_ Thursday 16 April 2026 10:00 \_\_\_\_\_**

Thu 16 Apr 2026 5 miles/8 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 12:30 approx.)

Starting from Kings Wood, White Hill, Challock TN25 4AR, TR023500

Grade Moderate. Bluebell Walk

Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only.

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Wendy Manser 07745 276900 [walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk](mailto:walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk)

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**\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday 19 April 2026 10:00 \_\_\_\_\_**

Sun 19 Apr 2026 3 miles/4.6 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 12:00 approx.)

Starting from Hook and Hatchet pub ME17 1QT, TQ 838582

Grade Easy. Hucking Woodland Trust

Text Leader to Book 07729 584260 Well Behaved Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at Hook and Hatchet. We hope to see Bluebells in the wood. Dogs on lead, as often sheep in the area. Will require 48 hour notice, if eating at pub

Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely

Contact: Des Relf 07729 584260 [desmond.relf@btinternet.com](mailto:desmond.relf@btinternet.com)

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**\_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday 22 April 2026 10:00 \_\_\_\_\_**

Wed 22 Apr 2026 10.25 miles/16.5 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)  
[Starting from Cranbrook public car park TN17 3DQ, TQ774359](#)  
Grade Moderate. Walk Through Time Route and High Weald Landscape Trail  
**Text Leader to Book 07932 745125** Well Behaved Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The Bull Inn, Benenden, Food Available. If dining, please advise leader by the Sunday evening before walk Circular Walk, Pace Moderate  
Contact: Les H 07932 745125 [walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk](mailto:walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk)

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**\_\_\_\_\_ Thursday 23 April 2026 10:30 \_\_\_\_\_**

Thu 23 Apr 2026 3.5 miles/5.6 Km (Starting at 10:30 Finishes 12:30 approx.)  
[Starting from Cliffe RSPB Car park ME3 7SU, TQ722760](#)  
Grade Leisurely. Saxon Shore Way - Hoo Peninsular Path  
**Booking Not Required** Assistance Dogs Only. Almost flat walk by Cliffe Pools  
Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely  
Contact: Tony 07990 619446 01474 706984 [tony.bushe@btinternet.com](mailto:tony.bushe@btinternet.com)

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**\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday 26 April 2026 10:00 \_\_\_\_\_**

Sun 26 Apr 2026 7 miles/11.3 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:30 approx.)  
[Starting from High Street PCP Marden TN12 9DP, TQ745445](#)  
Grade Leisurely. Tanner Farm, Huggins Farm  
**Text Leader to Book 07711 605067** Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at Unicorn Pub, High Street, Marden. TN12 9DR, Food Available CP small but free with WC. Route through farmland, orchards, hop fields, stiles x2. Choice of 2 pubs or cafe at end. Please inform leader at least 48h prior to walk if food required, thank you.  
Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely  
Contact: Bob Buist 07711 605067 [rj.buist@gmail.com](mailto:rj.buist@gmail.com)

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**\_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday 29 April 2026 10:00 \_\_\_\_\_**

Wed 29 Apr 2026 8 miles/12.9 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 15:00 approx.)  
[Starting from Coronation Square, Maidstone Lockmeadow car park ME16 8LW, TQ758552](#)  
Grade Moderate. River bank, East Farleigh, Wateringbury, Yalding  
**Booking Not Required** Assistance Dogs Only. Food Available at cafe stop in Wateringbury. Return by train from Yalding .  
Linear Walk, Pace Moderate  
Contact: Colin Philpott 07986 131021 [colinphilpott88@gmail.com](mailto:colinphilpott88@gmail.com)

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**\_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday 29 April 2026 10:00 \_\_\_\_\_**

Wed 29 Apr 2026 6.5 miles/10.5 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:00 approx.)  
[Starting from Cobham PCP DA12 3BZ, TQ671685](#)  
Grade Moderate. Upper Bush  
**Booking Not Required** Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk  
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate  
Contact: MoP 07736 217388 [walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk](mailto:walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk)

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## Finding the start of your walk

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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](#)