



Maidstone Ramblers Programme of walks for August 2026

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

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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](#)