



Maidstone Ramblers Reviewed Programme for July 2026

_____ Wednesday 1 July 2026 10:00 _____

Wed 1 Jul 2026 10 miles/16.1 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)

[Starting from Sea front at Minnis Bay \(free parking\) Meet outside Minnis Bay Bar & Brasserie CT7 9QP, TR285695](#)

Grade Moderate (KCIIECP celebration walk) - Sea front, Reculver, Saxon Shore Way

Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The Bell, St Nicholas at Wade, Food Available. Please let leader know by email by **midday on preceding Monday** if you want to eat at the pub. Flat terrain.

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Colin Philpott 07976 131021 colinjphilpott88@gmail.com

_____ Wednesday 1 July 2026 10:00 _____

Wed 1 Jul 2026 12.2 miles/20 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)

[Starting from Fox and Goose pub, Weaving Street ME14 5JP, TQ786560](#)

Grade Moderate. Penenden Heath, Detling, Bearsted

Text Leader to Book 07729 584260 Well Behaved Dogs Only. Fox and Goose Optional late lunch at end, bring snack for midway break. Text leader, if eating at the pub at the end, giving 48 hours notice. Where possible park in Grovewood drive N to prevent clogging up carpark

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

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

_____ Wednesday 1 July 2026 10:00 _____

Wed 1 Jul 2026 5 miles/8 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 12:30 approx.)

[Starting from Lenham public car park in Maidstone Road ME17 2QH, TQ897522](#)

Grade Moderate. Route to be decided on the day

Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk. There are parking retrictions in the village

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

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

Saturday 4 July 2026 10:00

Sat 4 Jul 2026 10 miles/16 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 17:00 approx.)

[Starting from Manningtree Station Essex. CO11 2LH, TM094322](#)

Grade Easy. St Edmonds Way to Flatford Mill. Stour Valley path. Dedham. The Essex Way.

Text Leader to Book 07929 241435 Well Behaved Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at Pub, Cafe or Bakery in Dedham, Food Available. Sue and I are staying 2 nights at the Holiday Inn, Langham - a 15min drive to start of walk. Parking at station £4.90. We are visiting Colchester Zoo on Sunday. Gate price £25.85. On line E-tickets £13.75. Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely

Contact: Ian Tandy 07929 241435 ianj.tandy@gmail.com

Sunday 5 July 2026 10:00

Sun 5 Jul 2026 6.5 miles/10.5 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:30 approx.)

[Starting from War Memorial Yalding ME18 6JB, TQ699503](#)

Grade Leisurely. Greensand Way, Hunton Church, Stonewall, Grove Farm

Text Leader to Book 07711605067 Assistance Dogs Only. Drinks only at Vvarious pubs/cafes in Yalding Please park considerately in side roads

Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely

Contact: Bob Buist 07711605067 rj.buist@gmail.com

Wednesday 8 July 2026 10:00

Wed 8 Jul 2026 11 miles/17.7 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:30 approx.)

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

Grade Moderate. Golford, Goddards Green, High Weald Landscape Trail

Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The Bull Benenden, Food Available. Alternative of cafe available for lunch in Benenden

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Graham Smith 07762 458654 01622 755822
walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

Wednesday 8 July 2026 10:00

Wed 8 Jul 2026 6 miles/9.7 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:00 approx.)

[Starting from The Wishful Thinker pub overflow car park, Lenham Heath Road, Lenham Heath ME17 2HY, TQ889509](#)

Grade Moderate Route to be confirmed

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 9 July 2026 10:30

Thu 9 Jul 2026 3.5 miles/6.5 Km (Starting at 10:30 Finishes 12:30 approx.)

[Starting from Teston Bridge Country Park ME18 5BX, TQ706532](#)

Grade Leisurely. Along path to Wateringbury 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: Tony 07990 619446 01474 706984 tony.bushe@btinternet.com

Sunday 12 July 2026 10:00

Sun 12 Jul 2026 5 miles/8 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 12:30 approx.)

[Starting from Sutton Valence, Lower Road ME17 3AG, TQ812492](#)

Grade Moderate. Route to be confirmed

Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only.

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

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

Wednesday 15 July 2026 10:00

Wed 15 Jul 2026 10 miles/16.1 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:30 approx.)

[Starting from Harrietsham Village Hall Church Rd, Harrietsham ME17 1AP, TQ872528](#)

Grade Moderate. Lea Farm, Lords Hill, Drake Lane, Pilgrims Way

Text Leader to Book 07711 605067 Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The Ringlestone Inn Ringlestone Road, Harrietsham, ME17 1NX, Food Available. Small parking charge, WC. Moderate inclines, farmland, can be muddy. Optional lunch stop at Ringlestone Inn. Please inform leader when booking at least 48h prior to walk, if food required, thankyou.

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

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

Wednesday 15 July 2026 10:00

Wed 15 Jul 2026 11 miles/18 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)

[Starting from Fox and Goose, Weaving Street, Grove Green, Maidstone ME14 5JP, TQ787563](#)

Grade Moderate Stoneacre, Langley Lock, and Mote Park

Text Leader to Book 07729 584260 Well Behaved Dogs Only. Optional late lunch at end, bring snack for midway break. Text leader if eating at the pub at the end, giving 48 hours notice

Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely

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

Wednesday 15 July 2026 10:00

Wed 15 Jul 2026 5 miles/8 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 12:30 approx.)
[Starting from Outside Chequers Pub in Losse Valley ME15 0BL, TQ758521](#)
Grade Moderate. Route to be decided on the day
Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk
Undulating landscape
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Wendy Manser 07745 276900 walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

Sunday 19 July 2026 10:00

Sun 19 Jul 2026 6 miles/9.7 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:15 approx.)
[Starting from Penenden Heath car park \(by play area\) ME14 2DQ, TQ772573](#)
Grade Moderate. North Downs Way, Boxley, vineyards
Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate. Contact: Colin Philpott 7986131021
colinjphilpott88@gmail.com

Monday 20 July 2026 18:30

Mon 20 Jul 2026 5 miles/8 Km (Starting at 18:30 Finishes 20:30 approx.)
[Starting from Harrietsham Station ME17 1JA, TQ866528](#)
Grade Moderate. Route to be decided on the day
Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Optional food Stop after walk Evening walk. One steep hill
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Wendy Manser 07745 276900 walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

Wednesday 22 July 2026 10:00

Wed 22 Jul 2026 12 miles/19.3 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)
[Starting from Rear of Matfield Village Green TN12 7JT, TQ657417](#)
Grade Moderate. Bakers Hill, Sprivers, Cinderhill Wood, Brenchley Wood
Email Leader to Book vahughes227@gmail.com Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at Halfway House Brenchley, Food Available NB. THERE IS A 10 MILE OPTION FOR ANYONE NOT WISHING TO WALK THE FULL DISTANCE. Email leader by 9pm 20/7 if pub lunch required
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Anne Hughes 07473 909692 vahughes227@gmail.com

Wednesday 22 July 2026 10:00

Wed 22 Jul 2026 6.1 miles/9.8 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:00 approx.)

[Starting from The Bowl Car Park, Nr Charing TN27 0HG, TQ955512](#)

Grade Moderate. Bank Wood - Stalisfield Green - Heel Farm - Sucklers Wood

Text Leader to Book 07990 619446 Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at The Bowl, Egg Hill Road. Some moderate hills. Park left- rear in pub CP. Pub requests at least a drink is purchased - Contact leader by Friday 17th (pre-order needed for 12+), if lunch required.

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

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

Thursday 23 July 2026 10:30

Thu 23 Jul 2026 3.5 miles/5.6 Km (Starting at 10:30 Finishes 12:30 approx.)

[Starting from Barming Bull ME16 HB9, TQ723545](#)

Grade Easy. Farleigh river walk

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

Circular Walk, Pace Slow

Contact: Bob Buist 07711605067 rj.buist@gmail.com

Sunday 26 July 2026 10:00

Sun 26 Jul 2026 7.5 miles/12 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:30 approx.)

[Starting from Barton Point Coastal Park. Sheerness. ME12 2BE, TQ937747](#)

Grade Moderate (KCIIECP celebration walk) - Saxon Shore Way. Minster East End. Minster Abbey. Halfway.

Booking Not Required Well Behaved Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at Cafe at end of walk. Sheerness, Food Available Part of walk on coastal path. Nice sea views and cafe at end of walk.

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

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

Monday 27 July 2026 18:30

Mon 27 Jul 2026 5 miles/8 Km (Starting at 18:30 Finishes 20:30 approx.)

[Starting from Harrietsham Station ME17 1JA, TQ866528](#)

Grade Moderate. Route to be decided on the day

Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Optional food stop after walk. Evening walk. One steep hill

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

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

Wednesday 29 July 2026 10:00

Wed 29 Jul 2026 7.7 miles/12.4 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 15:00 approx.)
[Starting from Snodland Community Centre \(Potyns\) Free Parking , Paddlesworth Road ME6 5BF, TQ697620](#)

Grade Moderate. Pilgrims Way along the base of North Downs, Long Barrow Stones, Ryarsh Wood, Birling.

Text Leader to Book 07759 439899 Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at Duke of Wellington Ryarsh, Food Available Steady climb for 30 mins, Pub stop 2/3 Distance, fairly level after lunch with 3 stiles. Please book 48 hours before and state if you need lunch

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

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

Wednesday 29 July 2026 10:00

Wed 29 Jul 2026 10.4 miles/16.7 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)
[Starting from Chilham public car park. \(Toilets at start.\) CT4 8BZ, TR066536](#)

Grade Moderate Old Wives Lees - North Downs Way - Chartham - Stour Valley Walk - Bagham

Text Leader to Book 07704 437737 Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The Artichoke CHARTHAM, 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

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](#)