



Maidstone Ramblers March 2026

Reviewed Programme

Cancelled Sunday 1 March 2026 10:00 Canceled

~~Sun 1 Mar 2026 11.5 miles/ 18.5 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:30 approx.)
Starting from 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
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~~

Sunday 1 March 2026 10:50

Sun 1 Mar 2026 10 miles/ 16.1 Km (Starting at 10:50 Finishes 16:30 approx.)
Starting from London Bridge train station (Tooley St entrance) SE1 2HD, TQ330802
Grade Moderate, Thames Path - Stave Hill - Surrey Docks - Rotherhithe - Burgess
Park and Graffiti Tunnels
Text Leader to Book 07745 276900 Assistance Dogs Only. Start point = Station
entrance via Hays Galleria
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Wendy Manser 07745 276900 walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

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 Cory, 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 10.5 miles/ 17 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. Lunch Stop at The Bowl, Egg
Hill/Stalisfield Road. Contact leader by Wed 4th March if lunch required, else bring
own food. 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 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: Roger Batt 07892 882680 01622 730534 walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

Sunday 15 March 2026 10:00

Sun 15 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

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

[Starting from Villager Pub Car Park in Vigo DA13 0TD, TQ645616](#)

Grade Moderate, Trosley Country Park, Holly Hill Beacon Viewpoint, Great Buckland, Wealdway (part of), Harvel

Text Leader to Book 07759 439899 Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at The Villager Vigo Mainly flat but hilly in places. Book with Leader 48 hours before walk, also let me know if you require lunch at the Pub.

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

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

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~~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~~

~~Circular Walk, Pace Moderate~~

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

Wednesday 25 March 2026 10:00

Wed 25 Mar 2026 5.1 miles/ 8.2 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 12:30 approx.)

[Starting from Horsmonden Village Green, junction of Brenchley Road and B2162 Maidstone Road. TN12 8HT, TQ700452](#)

Grade Leisurely, Lewes Heath - Etchinghill Farm - Grovehurst Farm - Horsmonden. Optional lunch stop AFTER walk in Brenchley, a short drive away.

Text Leader to Book 07704 437737 Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The Halfway House BRENCHLEY, Food Available Limited street parking, please share cars. If intending to dine at pub, advise leader when booking no later than 48 hours prior to walk.

Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely

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

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.
- 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](#)