



Maidstone Ramblers Reviewed Programme for May 2026

Sunday 3 May 2026 9:30

Sun 3 May 2026 10 miles/ 16.1 Km (Starting at 9:30 Finishes 15:15 approx.)
[Starting from Aylesford Priory ME20 7BX, TQ 724590](#)
Grade Moderate, Medway Valley Walk towards Wouldham and North Downs Way
Booking Not Required NB EARLY START Well Behaved Dogs Only.
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Alan Tufnell 07966 446335 walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

Wednesday 6 May 2026 10:00

Wed 6 May 2026 11 miles/ 17.7 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)
[Starting from Wye PCP, off Churchfield Road, 100m below church. TN25 5EG, TR052468](#)
Grade Moderate, Wye Crown, NDW, Troy Town
Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The Five Bells Brabourne, Food Available One significant hill up the North Downs. Those wishing to eat at the pub, please advise the leader no later than 6pm Monday prior to the walk.
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Graham Smith 07762 458654 01622 755822
walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

Wednesday 6 May 2026 10:00

Wed 6 May 2026 9 miles/ 14.5 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)
[Starting from Park on road between The Cock Horse and the village community store Detling. ME14 3JT, TQ793584](#)
Grade Strenuous, North Downs Way. Coldharbour. Broad street. Thurnham.
Booking Not Required Well Behaved Dogs Only. Picnic Lunch, Bring food and drink. North Downs Way. This walk has many hills to nearly half way. We will have lunch before descending for a flat walk to the finish. Drinks in The Cock Horse at end of walk.
Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely
Contact: Ian Tandy 07929 241435 ianj.tandy@gmail.com

Sunday 10 May 2026 10:00

Sun 10 May 2026 6 miles/ 9.6 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:15 approx.)

Starting from [The Plough, Stalisfield Green ME13 0HY, TQ954530](#)

Grade Moderate, Courts Lodge Farm, Hurst Wood, Charing Hill, Cole Wood, Bank Wood,

Text Leader to Book 07724 143509 Well Behaved Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at The Plough, Stalisfield

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Sue B 07724 143509 suebennett643@gmail.com

Wednesday 13 May 2026 10:00

Wed 13 May 2026 10 miles/ 16.1 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:30 approx.)

Starting from [Hemsted Forest CP \(Off Goddards Green Road\) TN17 4AN, TQ812343](#)

Grade Moderate, Brick Kiln Wood, Rolvenden, Benenden, Stream Farm, Hemsted

Text Leader to Book 07711 605067 Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The Bull Benenden, TN17 4DE, Food Available. Farmland, can be muddy. Several stiles, some short steep steps/slopes. Free car park, No WC. Please inform leader when booking at least 48h prior to walk, if food required, thank you. Lunch Stop at The Bull or café in Benenden

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

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

Thursday 14 May 2026 10:30

Thu 14 May 2026 3.5 miles/ 5.6 Km (Starting at 10:30 Finishes 12:30 approx.)

Starting from [Allington Open Space Car Park ME16 0TT, TQ748376](#)

Grade Easy, Alyesford

Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at Malta, Allington. Car Park just after 2nd Railway bridge in Castle Road

Circular Walk, Pace Slow

Contact: Joan Jenner 07530 948372 01622 764637 djenner637@btinternet.com

Saturday 16 May 2026 9:30

Sat 16 May 2026 10 miles/ 16 Km (Starting at 9:30 Finishes 17:00 approx.)

Starting from [London Waterloo station \(meeting point under the clock\) SE1 8SQ, TQ311799](#)

Grade Moderate, Neasden Hindu Temple - Kensal Green - Grand Union Canal - Paddington Station

Text Leader to Book 07745 276900 NB EARLY START Assistance Dogs Only.

Lunch Stop at Various options in London, Food Available. Bus to Neasden from Waterloo. No shorts permitted in the temple

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

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

Sunday 17 May 2026 10:00

Sun 17 May 2026 8.5 miles/ 13.7 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 14:15 approx.)
[Starting from Penenden Heath Car Park ME14 2DQ, TQ 773553](#)
Grade Leisurely, Boxley - Cobtree Manor Park - River Medway
Booking Not Required Well Behaved Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at
The Bull, Penenden Heath
Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely
Contact: Amy Hider 07805 307611 amymonky@hotmail.co.uk

Wednesday 20 May 2026 10:00

Wed 20 May 2026 12.5 miles/ 20.1 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)
[Starting from Cranbrook Public Car Park TN17 3DQ, TQ774359](#)
Grade Moderate, Friezley, Brewers Wood
Email Leader to Book vahughes227@gmail.com Assistance Dogs Only. Bring
packed lunch. Afternoon tea stop at Sissinghurst Castle Gardens
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Anne Hughes 07473 909692 vahughes227@gmail.com

Wednesday 20 May 2026 10:00

Wed 20 May 2026 10.1 miles/ 16.3 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)
[Starting from Leigh Village Green TN11 8QN, TQ549464](#)
Grade Moderate, Eden Valley Walk - Penshurst Park - Charcott - Leigh Park Farm
Email Leader to Book nobbynaylor3@gmail.com Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop
at The Greyhound, Charcott. (523472), Food Available. Please park
considerately around the Green or in surrounding streets. If requiring a pub lunch,
notify leader WHEN BOOKING, no later than 48 hours prior to walk, thank you. A
menu adapted specially for us is being offered and pre-orders will be required.
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Barry Naylor 07593 230465 01622 739493 nobbynaylor3@gmail.com

Wednesday 20 May 2026 10:00

Wed 20 May 2026 6 miles/ 9.7 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:00 approx.)
[Starting from Pluckley public car park TN27 0QS, TQ925454](#)
Grade Moderate, Route to be confirmed. - Undulating
Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at
Black Horse, Pluckley. Small car park/additional road parking nearby
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Wendy Manser 07745 276900 walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

Sunday 24 May 2026 10:00

Sun 24 May 2026 5.7 miles/ 9.2 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:00 approx.)
Starting from Shipbourne (The Common) TN11 9PF, TQ592522
Grade Moderate, Dunks Green - Ightham Mote - Budds green
Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Parking spaces on the left in Upper Green Road. Gently undulating.
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Colin Philpott 07986 131021 colnjphilpott88@gmail.com

Wednesday 27 May 2026 10:00

Wed 27 May 2026 10.3 miles/ 16.6 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)
Starting from ASH-NEXT-SANDWICH, Queens Road car park. CT3 2BG, TR288585
Grade Moderate, Staple - Goodnestone - Chillenden - Summerfield - Ash
Text Leader to Book 07704 437737 Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The Griffin's Head, CHILLENDEEN, 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

Wednesday 27 May 2026 9:45

Wed 27 May 2026 11.5 miles/ 18.5 Km (Starting at 9:45 Finishes 16:00 approx.)
Starting from Wye CP TN25 5EG, TR052468
Grade Moderate, Browning Bridge, Eastwell Park, Challock, Soakham Downs, Wye Court
Booking Not Required NB EARLY START Well Behaved Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at Chequers, Challock, Food Available. Hilly Walk
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Gerald Carr 0793 1781960 01474 329140 thecarrs270@btinternet.com

Wednesday 27 May 2026 10:00

Wed 27 May 2026 6 miles/ 9.7 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:00 approx.)
Starting from Red Lion car park, Charing Heath TN27 0AU, TQ929492
Grade Moderate, Hurst Wood, sandpits
Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at Red Lion ,Charing Heath, Food Available Mainly flat. For pub lunch advisable to book 01233 714 949
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Wendy Manser 07745 276900 walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

Thursday 28 May 2026 10:30

Thu 28 May 2026 3.5 miles/ 5.6 Km (Starting at 10:30 Finishes 12:30 approx.)

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

Grade Leisurely, Bearsted Green, Bearsted Golf Course, Weaving Street.

Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at Fox & Goose Weaving. Park in car-park at rear of pub. No stiles. Short hill at start.

Circular Walk, Pace Slow

Contact: Dave Houghton 07974 068452 dave.houghton19@btinternet.com

Sunday 31 May 2026 10:30

Sun 31 May 2026 8.5 miles/ 13.5 Km (Starting at 10:30 Finishes 16:30 approx.)

Starting from [Public car park above The Devil's Kneading Trough, Broad Down near Wye. TN25 5PL, TR079454](#)

Grade Moderate, Coombe Manor. Hassell Street. Hastingleigh. Kings Mill Down. NDW. Cold Blow.

Booking Not Required Well Behaved Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The Bowl Inn. Hastingleigh., Food Available. Only a couple of easy hills. A steady walk to the pub which opens at midday. Pizza and snacks at pub. See menu on line.

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Ian Tandy 07929 241435 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](#)