



Maidstone Ramblers Programme of walks for October 2026 (Reviewed)

Saturday 3 October 2026 10:00

Sat 3 Oct 2026 11 miles/ 17.7 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)
[Starting from Millennium Field, Biddenden TN27 8DD, TQ849381](#)
Grade Moderate, Rogers Wood, Causton Wood, Sissinghurst Castle
Booking Not Required. Assistance Dogs Only. Drinks only at Bell & Jorrocks
Frittenden Starting place is off the A262 Old Mill Street. Bring Picnic
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Carol Wilken 07816 861207 walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

Sunday 4 October 2026 10:00

Sun 4 Oct 2026 5 miles/ 8 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:15 approx.)
[Starting from Station Road, Hollingbourne ME17 1TX, TQ834550](#)
Grade Moderate, Route to be decided on the day
Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Wendy Manser 07745 276900 walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

Wednesday 7 October 2026 10:00

Wed 7 Oct 2026 10.5 miles/ 16.9 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)
[Starting from National Trust car park at Bodiam Castle, NB opens at 9.45am and £5 for non NT members. Cafe available at end. TN32 5UD, TQ783254](#)
Grade Moderate, Moat Farm, Hasselman's Farm, Great Wigsell, The Moor, Conghurst Farm, Lower Northlands Farm
Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The Eight Bells The Moor, Hawkhurst, Food Available
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Graham Smith 07762 458654 01622 755822
walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

Wednesday 7 October 2026 10:00

Wed 7 Oct 2026 5 miles/ 8 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:00 approx.)

Starting from Penenden Heath PCP ME14 2DD, TQ771577

Grade Moderate, Bus to Hempstead Valley - Bredhurst Woods - Boxley - Penenden Heath

Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at The Bull Inn, Penenden Heath. Catch the 130 bus at 10:12 am from Penenden Heath shops to Hempstead Valley Shopping Centre and walk back. One long but gradual ascent and one steep descent. Poles useful.

Linear Walk, Pace Leisurely

Contact: Ray Golland 07880 727619 golland14@yahoo.com

Wednesday 7 October 2026 10:00

Wed 7 Oct 2026 5 miles/ 8 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 12:15 approx.)

Starting from Park Gate Inn, Ashford Road A20 ME17 1PG, TQ838537

Grade Moderate, Via Leeds Castle

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 8 October 2026 10:30

Thu 8 Oct 2026 3.5 miles/ 5.6 Km (Starting at 10:30 Finishes 12:30 approx.)

Starting from Old Loose Hill near to Rosemount Close ME15 OAJ, TQ758518

Grade Leisurely, Greensand Way and Coxheath

Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at Chequers Inn, Loose, Food Available. Mostly flat

Circular Walk, Pace Slow

Contact: Roger Batt 07892 882680 01622 730534 walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

Sunday 11 October 2026 10:00

Sun 11 Oct 2026 6 miles/ 9.7 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:00 approx.)

Starting from Harrietsham Station ME17 1JA, TQ866528

Grade Moderate, No Mans Acre, Lower Deans Farm

Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk One steep hill. Park in side roads near station.

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

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

Wednesday 14 October 2026 10:00

Wed 14 Oct 2026 9 miles/ 14.5 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)
[Starting from Bearsted Church Car Park ME14 4EE, TQ800555](#)
Grade Moderate, Caring Farm, Otham, Leeds
Email Leader to Book mgsport@hotmail.co.uk
Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The George Leeds, Food Available. If pub lunch is required please advise leader by 6pm Monday 12th at the latest. Please share cars if possible.
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Martin 07845088373 mgsport@hotmail.co.uk

Wednesday 14 October 2026 10:00

Wed 14 Oct 2026 6.5 miles/ 10.5 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:30 approx.)
[Starting from Eggringe Wood, Nr Chartham CT4 7EY, TR097504](#)
Grade Moderate, Sole Street - Crundale - Stour Valley Way
Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Hilly downland walk. Postcode approx only, continue S on lane to CP.
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Tony 07990 619446 01474 706984 tony.bushe@btinternet.com

Wednesday 14 October 2026 10:50

Wed 14 Oct 2026 10 miles/ 16.1 Km (Starting at 10:50 Finishes 16:30 approx.)
[Starting from Folkestone Central Train Station CT19 5HB, TR220362](#)
Grade Moderate, Mainly flat, circular coastal walk, Finishing Sandgate (bring bus pass for return to Folkestone)
Text Leader to Book 07745 276900 Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at 12.30 at British Lion - oldest pub in Folkestone, Food Available. Phone pub 01303 251478 if you would like to book lunch; or there is a church nearby for those wishing to bring picnic. Leader catching 10:12 train from Headcorn, so option to join just outside either station.
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Wendy Manser 07745 276900 walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

Sunday 18 October 2026 10:00

Sun 18 Oct 2026 5.5 miles/ 9 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:00 approx.)
[Starting from on the road near the entrance to Straymarsh farm. ME12 3NR, TQ927704](#)
Grade Easy, Ferry marsh. KCIIECP. Kings Hill farm.
Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. A very leisurely walk which takes us through the Elmley nature reserve with only 25ft total ascent. Bring food & drink.
Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely
Contact: Ian Tandy 07929 241 435 ianj.tandy@gmail.com

Wednesday 21 October 2026 10:00

Wed 21 Oct 2026 10.25 miles/ 16.5 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)
Starting from Meopham Green DA13 0QU, TQ642652
Grade Moderate, Harvel, Great Buckland, Cobham
Email Leader to Book vahughes227@gmail.com Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The Lion Luddesdown, Food Available. Email leader by 9pm on 19/10 if pub lunch required
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Anne Hughes 07473 909692 vahughes227@gmail.com

Wednesday 21 October 2026 10:00

Wed 21 Oct 2026 6 miles/ 9.5 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 12:30 approx.)
Starting from Burrows Lane (near airfield, which is signposted) Middle Stoke ME3 9RN, TQ832752
Grade Moderate, Lower and Upper Stoke
Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at Halt Café, Middle Stoke. Car Park is at very end of Burrows Lane, near railway line.
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: MoP 07736 217388 walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

Thursday 22 October 2026 10:30

Thu 22 Oct 2026 3 miles/ 4.8 Km (Starting at 10:30 Finishes 12:30 approx.)
Starting from Mote Park Car Park ME15 7SX, TQ 772552
Grade Easy, Walk around Mote Park. Car park fee £3
Booking Not Required Well Behaved Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk
Optional cafe stop at end of walk
Circular Walk, Pace Slow
Contact: Andrew Hider 07983 396807 01622 663063 andrewhider49@gmail.com

Sunday 25 October 2026 10:00

Sun 25 Oct 2026 5 miles/ 8 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 12:15 approx.)
Starting from Harrietsham Station ME17 1JA, TQ866528
Grade Moderate, Route to be decided on the day
Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Wendy Manser 07745 276900 walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

Wednesday 28 October 2026 10:00

Wed 28 Oct 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 Bul, Birling. Small car park, so people please 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 28 October 2026 10:00

Wed 28 Oct 2026 10.5 miles/ 16.9 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:30 approx.)

Starting from National Trust CP, Styants Bottom Rd, Sevenoaks TN15 0ET, TQ578558

Grade Moderate, Oldbury Hill, Heaverham, NDW, Cockney's Wood, Watery Lane

Text Leader to Book 07711 605067 Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The Bell, Kemsing TN15 6NB, Food Available. Free CP. Couple of steep ascents/descents. If you wish to eat at pub, please inform leader when booking at least 48h prior to walk, thank you.

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

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

Wednesday 28 October 2026 10:00

Wed 28 Oct 2026 8.5 miles/ 13.5 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 15:00 approx.)

Starting from Batemans National Trust Car park TN19 7DS, TQ677237

Grade Moderate, Highwood Brightling, Willingford

Text Leader to Book 07729 584260 Well Behaved Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk Parking free for NT members

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

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

Finding the start of your walk

Start and meeting points include the name of the road, station or car park and nearest postcode and an Ordnance Survey grid reference accurate to 100m. Use postcodes with care: in rural areas the nearest postcode is for a house or business and may be some distance from the actual start point.

If you are not familiar with the start point, please use www.streetmap.co.uk and enter the grid reference or www.google.co.uk/maps and enter a postcode or just use an OS map to be sure you know exactly where to find the leader and the rest of the group. Always leave plenty of time!

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.
- 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
www.maidstoneramblers.org.uk/walks