



Maidstone Ramblers Programme of walks for September 2026

Wednesday 2 September 2026 10:00

Wed 2 Sep 2026 10 miles/16 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:30 approx.)
[Starting from layby on A25 by the Pig and Pickle Pub. TN15 0HB, TQ577557](#)
Grade Strenuous. Red Hill Wood. Godden Green. Knole Park. Greensand Way.
Ightham Mote. Stone Street.
Text Leader to Book 07929 241 435 Well Behaved Dogs Only. A hilly walk with 1300ft of total ascent. Picnic lunch (bring your own) in the grounds of Knole park.
The cafe may be open, but not sure.
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Ian Tandy 07929 241 435 ianj.tandy@gmail.com

Wednesday 2 September 2026 10:00

Wed 2 Sep 2026 7 miles/11.3 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:45 approx.)
[Starting from All Saints Church Car Park, Ulcombe Hill, Ulcombe ME17 1DN, TQ846497](#)
Grade Moderate. Grafty Green, St Nicholas Church, Boughton Malherbe, Greensand Way
Booking Not Required Well Behaved Dogs Only. Bring Pack lunch to eat near St Nicholas Church, Boughton Malherbe. Donation of £1 per car for using the Church Car Park please.
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Les H 07932 745125 walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

Sunday 6 September 2026 10:00

Sun 6 Sep 2026 8 miles/ 12.9 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:30 approx.)
[Starting from Appledore Village Hall Car Park TN26 2AE, TQ956296](#)
Grade Moderate, Saxon Shore Way to Warehorne and back along the Royal Military Canal Path.
Booking Not Required Well Behaved Dogs Only. Drink at the Black Lion Appledore at conclusion of walk.
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Michael Trevillion 07572 351907 01622 747274
michael.trevillion1@btinternet.com

Cancelled Sunday 6 September 2026 18:00 Cancelled

~~Sun 6 Sep 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~~

Wednesday 9 September 2026 10:00

Wed 9 Sep 2026 10 miles/16.1 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)
Starting from King George V Playing Field, Sittingbourne ME10 1QX, TQ900624
Grade Moderate. Tunstall, Borden, Oad Street, Bredgar, Science Park Woodstock.
Text Leader to Book 07720 820266 Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The Sun
Bredgar, Food Available. Parking and public toilets at start. Cafe open from 10am to
4pm. Extensive Menu at Pub. Advise leader if lunch required, by Monday before
walk.
Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely
Contact: Christine Spicer 07720 820266 abbagail.spicer@btopenworld.com

Wednesday 9 September 2026 10:30

Wed 9 Sep 2026 7 miles/11.3 Km (Starting at 10:30 Finishes 15:00 approx.)
Starting from Chatham bus station, Globe Lane ME4 4SL, TQ757681
Grade Moderate. Dock Yard, Great Line memorial
Text Leader to Book 07745 276900 Assistance Dogs Only. Mainly flat. Maritime walk
by river. Bring packed lunch
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Wendy Manser 07745 276900 walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

Thursday 10 September 2026 10:30

Thu 10 Sep 2026 3.5 miles/5.6 Km (Starting at 10:30 Finishes 12:30 approx.)
Starting from Aylesford Friary ME20 7BX, TQ724590
Grade Easy. Eccles
Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at
Friars tea shop Aylesford. Park in main car park. £2 Voluntary parking fee
Circular Walk, Pace Slow
Contact: Joan Jenner 07530 948372 01622 764637 djenner637@btinternet.com

Sunday 13 September 2026 10:00

Sun 13 Sep 2026 3 miles/4.8 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 12:00 approx.)

Starting from Aylesford Priory car park ME20 7BX, TQ723 590

Grade Leisurely. Burham

Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk. This can serve as a walk out for 3 mile Heli Hike on Saturday 19th September, for those involved.

Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely

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

Wednesday 16 September 2026 10:00

Wed 16 Sep 2026 9 miles/14.5 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)

Starting from Luton Recreation Ground CP ME5 7PN, TQ779659

Grade Moderate. Darland Banks, Farthing Wood, Lidsing, Capstone

Text Leader to Book 07711 605067 Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The Harrow, Lidsing ME7 3NL, Food Available. Free CP. Use 'Luton Rec' rather than postcode for satnav. 1 steep hill. 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 16 September 2026 10:00

Wed 16 Sep 2026 7 miles/11.3 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 14:00 approx.)

Starting from Aylesford Priory ME20 7BX, TQ723590

Grade Moderate. Blue Bell hill and Burham

Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at Priory Café. Recommended as familiarisation for those marshalling the air ambulance charity walk

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Des Relf 07729 584260 7729584260 desmond.relf@btinternet.com

Sunday 20 September 2026 10:00

Sun 20 Sep 2026 4 miles/6.4 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 12:30 approx.)

Starting from Cranbrook High Street Car Park TN17 3DQ, TQ 774359

Grade Easy. Crane Valley Nature Reserve - then around the town of Cranbrook - then out to Angley Wood

Booking Not Required Well Behaved Dogs Only. This walk is "A Cranbrook Town and Country Stroll" for the High Weald Walking Festival. There is a choice of places to eat in Cranbrook after walk.

Circular Walk, Pace Slow

Contact: Andrew Hider 07983 396807 1622663063 andrewhider49@gmail.com

Wednesday 23 September 2026 10:00

Wed 23 Sep 2026 11 miles/17.7 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:30 approx.)
[Starting from Chilham CP - Memorial Walk CT4 8DB, TR066536](#)
Grade Moderate Boughton Street - Joan Beech Wood - Old Wives Lees
Email Leader to Book mgsport@hotmail.co.uk. Well Behaved Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at White Horse Inn Boughton Street, Food Available. Walk in memory of Barry Naylor. If pub lunch is required, please advise leader by 6pm Monday 21st at the latest.
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Martin 07845088373 mgsport@hotmail.co.uk

Wednesday 23 September 2026 9:30

Wed 23 Sep 2026 8.5 miles/13.5 Km (Starting at 9:30 Finishes 13:30 approx.)
[Starting from Buttway Lane Car Park, Cliffe ME3 7QD, TQ736765](#)
Grade Moderate. Coastal/Thames Path and Cliffe Marshes
Booking Not Required NB EARLY START Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at Six Bells, Cliffe. Some history en route.
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: MoP 07736 217388 walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

Thursday 24 September 2026 10:30

Thu 24 Sep 2026 3.5 miles/5.6 Km (Starting at 10:30 Finishes 12:30 approx.)
[Starting from Barming Bull ME16 HB9, TQ723545](#)
Grade Easy. Fant River path
Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at Barming Bull. Food Available. Only park in pub car park, if having refreshments; otherwise use local roads
Circular Walk, Pace Slow
Contact: Bob Buist 07711 605067 rj.buist@gmail.com

Sunday 27 September 2026 10:00

Sun 27 Sep 2026 6 miles/9.7 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:00 approx.)
[Starting from Wishful Thinker pub overflow car park ME17 2HY, TQ880509](#)
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 30 September 2026 10:00

Wed 30 Sep 2026 10.5 miles/16.9 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)
Starting from Shipbourne - parking on road opposite The Chaser Inn TN11 9PE, TQ592522

Grade Moderate. Ightham Mote, Knole, Ivy Hatch

Email Leader to Book vahughes227@gmail.com. Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at Bucks Head, Godden Green, Food Available. Email lead by 9pm on 28/9, if pub lunch required.

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Anne Hughes 07473 909692 vahughes227@gmail.com

Wednesday 30 September 2026 8:00

Wed 30 Sep 2026 12 miles/19.3 Km (Starting at 8:00 Finishes 14:45 approx.)
Starting from Cobham Car Park DA12 3BN, TQ672685

Grade Moderate. Sole Street, Wealdway, Ifield Court, Darnley Mausoleum

Booking Not Required NB EARLY START Well Behaved Dogs Only. Breakfast walk with breakfast at Nells Café - featured in many TV programmes. Hilly in places, but with Thames views

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Gerald Carr 0793 1781960 01474 329140

Wednesday 30 September 2026 10:00

Wed 30 Sep 2026 6 miles/9.7 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 14:00 approx.)
Starting from Bearsted Church Car Park - Memorial Walk ME14 4EE, TQ800555

Grade Moderate. Bearsted vineyard - White Horse Wood

Email Leader to Book mgsport@hotmail.co.uk. Well Behaved Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at Black Horse Inn, Thurnham, Food Available. Walk in memory of Barry Naylor. If pub lunch is required, please advise leader by 6pm Monday 28th at the latest. Please share cars if possible.

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Martin 07845088373 mgsport@hotmail.co.uk

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