



## Maidstone Ramblers Programme of walks for August 2025

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### **Sunday 3 August 2025 10:00**

Sun 3 Aug 2025 6 miles/9.7 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:00 approx.)  
[Starting from Penenden Heath car park \(by play area\) ME14 2DQ, TQ772573](#)  
Grade Moderate Pilgrims away, Boxley, NDW  
**Booking Not Required** Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at The Bull Make your own booking if required  
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate  
Contact: Colin Philpott 07986 131021 [colinphilpott88@gmail.com](mailto:colinphilpott88@gmail.com)

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### **Wednesday 6 August 2025 10:00**

Wed 6 Aug 2025 10.5 miles/16.9 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)  
[Starting from Sutton Valence Village Hall Car Park ME17 3HS, TQ812496](#)  
Grade Moderate Greensand Way, Mansion Farm, Ulcombe  
**Booking Not Required** Assistance Dogs Only. Drinks only at The King's Head Grafty Green £1 voluntary CP contribution to Parish funds. The pub is opening specially for us, serving drinks only. Those purchasing drinks may eat their own food in the pub bar or garden.  
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate  
Contact: Graham Smith 07762 458654 01622 755822  
[walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk](mailto:walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk)

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### **Wednesday 6 August 2025 10:00**

Wed 6 Aug 2025 7.5 miles/12.1 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 15:15 approx.)  
[Starting from Sheldwich Village Green ME13 0LG, TR015561](#)  
Grade Moderate Throwley Church - Badlesmere  
**Email Leader to Book** [winboyd2805@btinternet.com](mailto:winboyd2805@btinternet.com) Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The Red Lion Badlesmere, Food Available Throwley church is opening specially for us, for a history talk about the church, the Soudes Fraticide and Baron Harris of Seringapatam by Winifred. Diners please book your lunch with the Pub by Tuesday 4th August. Please mention you are on the Maidstone Ramblers table.  
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate  
Contact: Winifred Wright and Sue Waters 01795 426197  
[winboyd2805@btinternet.com](mailto:winboyd2805@btinternet.com)

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**Sunday 10 August 2025 10:00**

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Sun 10 Aug 2025 11 miles/17 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)  
[Starting from Biddenden public car park \(by toilet\) TN27 8AQ, TQ851383](#)  
Grade Leisurely London beach  
**Booking Not Required** Well Behaved Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at Fish and chips  
Tenterden , Food Available  
Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely  
Contact: Allan T 07966 446335 [walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk](mailto:walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk)

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**Wednesday 13 August 2025 10:00**

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Wed 13 Aug 2025 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** Well Behaved 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.  
Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely  
Contact: Chris Spicer 07720 820266 [abbagail.spicer@btopenworld.com](mailto:abbagail.spicer@btopenworld.com)

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**Wednesday 13 August 2025 10:00**

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Wed 13 Aug 2025 10 miles/16 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)  
[Starting from Queens Head Pub. Sutton Valence ME17 3AG, TQ812493](#)  
Grade Moderate Abbey Wood - Langley Heath - Langley Lock - Greensand way  
**Booking Not Required** Well Behaved Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at Potting Shed  
Langley, Food Available Picnic lunch at Langley church. Book own lunch with the  
Potting Shed for about 13.00hrs. (Booking not always required.)  
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate  
Contact: Ian Tandy 07929 241435 [ianj.tandy@gmail.com](mailto:ianj.tandy@gmail.com)

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**Thursday 14 August 2025 10:30**

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Thu 14 Aug 2025 3.2 miles/5.1 Km (Starting at 10:30 Finishes 12:30 approx.)  
[Starting from Park Gate , Hollingbourne ME17 1PG, TQ838537](#)  
Grade Leisurely Leeds Castle  
**Booking Not Required** Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at  
Park Gate Almost flat (no steep hills), no stiles  
Circular Walk, Pace Slow  
Contact: Tony 07990 619446 01474 706984 [tony.bushe@btinternet.com](mailto:tony.bushe@btinternet.com)

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**Friday 15 August 2025 10:00**

Fri 15 Aug 2025 10.5 miles/16.9 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:15 approx.)

Starting from Charing- Pett Lane car park. TN27 0DN, TQ958492

Grade Moderate Gliding Club to Westwell

Email Leader to Book [winboyd2805@btinternet.com](mailto:winboyd2805@btinternet.com) Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The Wheel Westwell, Food Available Diners please book your lunch. One very steep hill at the start.

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: winifred wright 01795 426197 [winboyd2805@btinternet.com](mailto:winboyd2805@btinternet.com)

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**Sunday 17 August 2025 10:00**

Sun 17 Aug 2025 6.5 miles/10.5 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:00 approx.)

Starting from Marden Library TN12 9DP, TQ744445

Grade Leisurely Recreation ground, Sheephurst Lane, Great Cheveney, Lesser Teise

Text Leader to Book 07724 143509 Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at West End Tavern Marden Flat, easy walk

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Sue B 07724 143509 [suebennett643@gmail.com](mailto:suebennett643@gmail.com)

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**Wednesday 20 August 2025 10:00**

Wed 20 Aug 2025 10.8 miles/17.4 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)

Starting from Grove Ferry Picnic Site CT3 4BP, TR237632

Grade Moderate West & East Stourmouth - Preston - Ickham - Wickhambreaux - Stodmarsh Nature Reserve

Text Leader to Book 07704 437737 Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The Duke William Ickham, Food Available Pay & Display parking (was £2 all day in 2024); Toilets. 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](mailto:walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk)

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**Wednesday 20 August 2025 10:00**

Wed 20 Aug 2025 10 miles/16 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)

Starting from Outside Kilndown Church TN17 2SF, TQ701353

Grade Moderate Shearnfold Wood - Chingley Manor - Bewl Water - The Down - Lanberhurst - Scotney Castle grounds

Text Leader to Book 07929 241435 Well Behaved Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at Brown Trout Lamberhurst, Food Available If lunch required advised leader when booking at least 48 hours in advance. I did this walk earlier this year. It was so good I am doing it again.

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Ian Tandy 07929 241435 [ianj.tandy@gmail.com](mailto:ianj.tandy@gmail.com)

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**Sunday 24 August 2025 10:00**

Sun 24 Aug 2025 7 miles/11.3 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:30 approx.)

Starting from The Green, Matfield TN12 7JT, TQ657418

Grade Leisurely Brenchley, Baker's Hill

**Text Leader to Book 07711 605067** Well Behaved Dogs Only. Drinks only at The Star Matfield Please park considerately at rear of green

Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely

Contact: Bob Buist 07711 605067 [rj.buist@gmail.com](mailto:rj.buist@gmail.com)

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**Wednesday 27 August 2025 10:00**

Wed 27 Aug 2025 10 miles/16.1 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:30 approx.)

Starting from Lyminge Village Hall Car Park CT18 8EW, TR157410

Grade Moderate Lyminge Saltwood - Hythe - Folkestone

**Booking Not Required** Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at Various Hythe, Food Available Return by number 17 bus at 15.50 from Folkestone Bus Station. Please park at the back of the car park in Lyminge

Linear Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Ray and Carol Golland 07880 727619 [golland14@yahoo.com](mailto:golland14@yahoo.com)

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**Wednesday 27 August 2025 10:00**

Wed 27 Aug 2025 9 miles/14.5 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)

Starting from Taylors Hill Car Park, Chilham CT4 8BZ, TR066545

Grade Moderate Young Manor Farm - Perrywood - Selling - Stone Stile Farm

**Text Leader to Book 07990 619446** Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The White Lion Selling, Food Available Moderate ups and downs. Please advise if pub lunch is required when booking 48 hours before.

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Tony 07990 619446 01474 706984 [tony.bushe@btinternet.com](mailto:tony.bushe@btinternet.com)

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**Thursday 28 August 2025 10:30**

Thu 28 Aug 2025 3.5 miles/5.6 Km (Starting at 10:30 Finishes 12:30 approx.)

Starting from Leybourne Lakes Country Park (see directions) ME6 5ST, TQ696606

Grade Easy A flat walk around Leybourne Lakes

**Booking Not Required** Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at Freemasons Arms Snodland Directions: Travelling North the entrance is on the Malling Road (A228) on the right off the roundabout at the first Snodland junction. Travelling south turn left at the next roundabout after the Holborough roundabout. Postcode approximate only. Pay and display parking with toilets

Circular Walk, Pace Slow

Contact: Carol D 07752 488931 07752 488931 [walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk](mailto:walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk)

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**Sunday 31 August 2025 10:00**

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Sun 31 Aug 2025 5 miles/8 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:00 approx.)

Starting from Hothfield Nature Reserve TN26 1HD, TQ972458

Grade Moderate Little Chart Forstal

**Booking Not Required** Assistance Dogs Only. Free Parking. Off A20 Cades Road  
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Wendy Manser 07745 276900 [walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk](mailto:walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk)

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### Finding the start of your walk

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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](http://www.streetmap.co.uk) and enter the grid reference or [www.google.co.uk/maps](http://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](http://www.maidstoneramblers.org.uk/walks)  
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