



## Maidstone Ramblers Programme of walks for October 2025

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### **Wednesday 1 October 2025 10:00**

Wed 1 Oct 2025 11 miles/17.7 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:30 approx.)

**Starting from NT CP Bodiam Castle TN32 5UD, TQ783254**

Grade Moderate Ewhurst Green, Staplecross, Salehurst

**Text Leader to Book 07711 605067** Assistance dogs Only. Lunch stop at Salehurst Halt Salehurst, Food Available CP opens 09:45, £4 for non-NT members. If you wish to eat at pub, please inform walk leader at least 48h prior to walk

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

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

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### **Wednesday 1 October 2025 10:00**

Wed 1 Oct 2025 11 miles/17.7 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)

**Starting from Linton public car park ME17 4AW, TQ754501**

Grade Moderate. Hunton, Yalding, Greensand Way

**Booking Not Required** Assistance dogs Only. Lunch stop at cafe by canal in Yalding

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Colin Philpott 07986 131021 [colinphilpott88@gmail.com](mailto:colinphilpott88@gmail.com)

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### **Wednesday 1 October 2025 10:00**

Wed 1 Oct 2025 5.5 miles/8 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:00 approx.)

**Starting from Pluckley public car park TN27 0QS, TQ925454**

Grade Moderate Elvey Farm

**Booking Not Required** Assistance dogs Only. Optional lunch stop after walk

Additional road parking nearby. One hill

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

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

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**Sunday 5 October 2025 10:00**

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Sun 5 Oct 2025 12 miles/19.3 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:30 approx.)

Starting from Wye, St Gregory and St Martin's Church entrance TN25 5BP, TR054469

Grade Moderate North Downs Way, Sole Street, Doves Wood and Crundale

**Text Leader to Book 07932 745125** Assistance dogs Only. Lunch stop at The Timber Batts Sole Street, Food Available. Parking on Churchfield Way or nearby Gregory Court - free car park (TN25 5EG). Public toilets at start. Generally moderate walk but can be strenuous in places. Long steady hill at the beginning, but rewarded with spectacular view. Text leader no later than 48 hours before walk, if dining at pub.

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Les H 07932 745125 [walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk](mailto:walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk)

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**Wednesday 8 October 2025 10:00**

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Wed 8 Oct 2025 11 miles/17.7 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)

Starting from Camer Country Park DA13 0XT, TQ649670

Grade Moderate. Cobham, Darnley Mausoleum, Luddesdown, Great Buckland

**Booking Not Required** Assistance dogs only. Lunch stop at The Lion Luddesdown, Food Available. Those wishing to eat at the pub please inform the leader by 6.00pm on the preceding Monday

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 8 October 2025 10:00**

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Wed 8 Oct 2025 5.5 miles/8.9 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 Please book your own lunch at pub: 01233 714949. Mainly flat

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

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

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**Thursday 9 October 2025 10:30**

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Thu 9 Oct 2025 3.5 miles/5.6 Km (Starting at 10:30 Finishes 12:30 approx.)

Starting from Aylesford Friary - main carpark ME20 7BX, TQ 724590

Grade Leisurely Bushey Wood. Eccles, Aylesford Church

**Booking Not Required** Assistance dogs only. CP donation requested. Bring snack if required. Cafe at end.

Circular Walk, Pace Slow

Contact: Dave Houghton 07974 068452 [dave.houghton19@btinternet.com](mailto:dave.houghton19@btinternet.com)

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**Saturday 11 October 2025 9:30**

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Sat 11 Oct 2025 11 miles/17 Km (Starting at 9:30 Finishes 15:30 approx.)

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

Grade Moderate. Near gliding club to Eastwell. Then Westwell.

**Booking Not Required** NB EARLY START Assistance dogs only. Drinks only at The Wheel Westwell. Directions: From A20 turn into village and at the top, right into Pett Lane. C.P. on the right when houses end. (toilets just after turning off A20 into village) Please bring a packed lunch.

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Winifred Wright 01795 426197 [walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk](mailto:walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk)

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**Sunday 12 October 2025 10:00**

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Sun 12 Oct 2025 5.5 miles/8.9 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:00 approx.)

Starting from Hollingbourne - bottom of station road (free parking) ME17 1TX, TQ835549

Grade Moderate Coombe Wood, High Wood

**Booking Not Required** Assistance dogs only. One steep hill

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

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

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**Wednesday 15 October 2025 10:00**

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Wed 15 Oct 2025 12.5 miles/20 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)

Starting from Mereworth - on street parking ME18 5LY, TQ659537

Grade Moderate. Offham, Platt, Basted, Wealdway, Hurst Wood

**Email Leader to Book** vahughes227@gmail.com Assistance dogs only. Lunch stop at The Plough Basted, Food available Please park considerately. Please advise leader if pub lunch is required by Monday 13th at the latest

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Anne Hughes 07473 909692 [vahughes227@gmail.com](mailto:vahughes227@gmail.com)

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**Wednesday 15 October 2025 10:00**

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Wed 15 Oct 2025 6 miles/9.7 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:00 approx.)

Starting from Linton PCP ME17 4AW, TQ754502

Grade Moderate. Hunton and Greensand Way

**Booking Not Required** Well Behaved Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at The Bull Inn, Linton

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Les H 07932 745125 [walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk](mailto:walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk)

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**\_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday 15 October 2025 10:00 \_\_\_\_\_**

Wed 15 Oct 2025 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](mailto:mgsport@hotmail.co.uk). Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The George, Leeds, Food Available. If pub lunch is required, please advise leader by Monday 13th at the latest. Please share cars if possible.

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Martin 07845088373 [mgsport@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mgsport@hotmail.co.uk)

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**Saturday 18 October Deadline for leaders to submit walks for next programme**

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**\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday 19 October 2025 10:00 \_\_\_\_\_**

Sun 19 Oct 2025 6 miles/9.7 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:00 approx.)

Starting from Riverside Country Park, near Gillingham ME7 2XH, TQ 808684

Grade Leisurely. Riverside Country Park - Saxon Shore Way

Booking Not Required Well Behaved dogs only. Optional lunch stop after walk at cafe stop. £2.50 car parking charge for all day.

Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely

Contact: Amy Hider 07805 307611 01622 663063 [amymonky@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:amymonky@hotmail.co.uk)

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**\_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday 22 October 2025 9:45 \_\_\_\_\_**

Wed 22 Oct 2025 11 miles/17.7 Km (Starting at 9:45 Finishes 16:00 approx.)

Starting from Dryhill Picnic Site TN14 6AA, TQ497551

Grade Moderate. Green Lane Farm, Whitley Forest, Greensand Way, Ide Hill, The Chart

Booking Not Required NB EARLY START Well behaved dogs Only. Lunch stop at The Cock Ide Hill, Food Available Some hills, but good views

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Gerald Carr 0793 1781960 01474 329140

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**\_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday 22 October 2025 10:00 \_\_\_\_\_**

Wed 22 Oct 2025 10.5 miles/17 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 15:30 approx.)

Starting from Cliffe Woods Car Park ME3 8HX, TQ736735

Grade Moderate Broom Hill Upnor Chattenden

Booking Not Required Assistance dogs only. Lunch Stop at Kings Arms Upnor, Food Available

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: MoP 07736 217388 [walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk](mailto:walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk)

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**Thursday 23 October 2025 10:30**

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Thu 23 Oct 2025 3.5 miles/6 Km (Starting at 10:30 Finishes 12:30 approx.)

Starting from East Malling Public Car Park ME19 6DD, TQ703573

Grade Easy. Research Station

**Booking Not Required** Assistance dogs only. Optional lunch stop after walk at King and Queen, East Malling. Don't park in the pub car park - use the back car park

Circular Walk, Pace Slow

Contact: Joan Jenner 07530 948372 01622 764637 [djenner637@btinternet.com](mailto:djenner637@btinternet.com)

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**Sunday 26 October 2025 10:00**

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Sun 26 Oct 2025 5 miles/8 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:00 approx.)

Starting from Meopham Green DA13 0PZ, TQ642653

Grade Moderate. Harvel - Priestwood

**Booking Not Required** Assistance dogs only. Optional lunch stop after walk at various places in Meopham Some moderate undulation.

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

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

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**Wednesday 29 October 2025 10:00**

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Wed 29 Oct 2025 14 miles/22 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 17:30 approx.)

Starting from White Horse Country Park ME14 3JE, TQ807 586

Grade Moderate. Hucking, Bicknor, Hollingbourne North Downs Way

**Booking Not Required** Well behaved dogs Only. Lunch stop at Bredgar light railway cafe , Food Available. Turning into White Horse Country Park off Maidstone bound side of A249 only. There is a parking charge - pay cash, card or by app

Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely

Contact: Des Relf 07729 584260 [desmond.relf@btinternet.com](mailto:desmond.relf@btinternet.com)

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**Wednesday 29 October 2025 10:00**

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Wed 29 Oct 2025 9 miles/14.5 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 15:30 approx.)

Starting from Stodmarsh Nature Reserve CP CT3 4BB, TR219605

Grade Leisurely. Wickambreaux - Fordwich - Stour Valley

**Booking Not Required** Assistance dogs only. Lunch stop at various places in Fordwich, Food Available No significant gradients - 2 stiles

Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely

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

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**Wednesday 29 October 2025 10:00**

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Wed 29 Oct 2025 5 miles/8 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:00 approx.)

Starting from Hollingbourne - bottom of station road (free parking) ME17 1TX,  
TQ835549

Grade Moderate. Leeds Castle

**Booking Not Required** Assistance dogs only. Optional lunch stop after walk at Signal Box café. Mainly flat.

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 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](#)