

### Maidstone Ramblers Programme of walks for September 2025

Wednesday 3 September 2025 10:00
Wed 3 Sep 2025 12 miles/ 19.3 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:30 approx.) Starting from Robertsbridge, The Clappers Car Park TN32 5AA, TQ738239 Grade Moderate, Willards Hill, Fontridge Manor, Burwash, Socknersh Manor Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at Choice of pubs or tearoom Burwash, Food Available Small car park (Toilets available), please share cars, although additional parking available in nearby streets. Circular Walk, Pace Moderate Contact: Graham Smith 07762 458654 01622 755822 walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk
Wednesday 3 September 2025 10:15
Wed 3 Sep 2025 10.5 miles/ 16.2 Km (Starting at 10:15 Finishes 16:15 approx.) Starting from Teynham village hall car park ME9 9TU, TQ954628 Grade Moderate, Lewson Street - The Gunpowder museum - Return via Luddenham

Email Leader to Book winboyd2805@btinternet.com

Assistance Dogs Only. Drinks only at The Castle/Cafe on the Creek Oare. Please bring food for picnic lunch. Directions: From A2, turn into Station Road. 250yds, pass school sign, then left into Belle Friday Close. Car park at far end. Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Winifred Wright 01795 426197 winboyd2805@btinternet.com

Sunday 7 September 2025 9:30
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Sun 7 Sep 2025 10 miles/ 16.1 Km (Starting at 9:30 Finishes 16:45 approx.) Starting from Major Yorks Rd (roadside parking) Tunbridge Wells TN2 5TP, TQ579387

Grade Moderate, Eridge, Renby Farm, Sussex Border Path, Motts Hill, Langton Green, High Rocks

Booking Not Required NB EARLY START Well Behaved Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The Crown Groombridge, Food Available SPA Valley Railway train to Eridge fare £9.00 Early start to look round station.

Linear Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Gerald Carr 0793 1781960 01474 329140

## \_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday 10 September 2025 10:00 \_\_\_\_

Wed 10 Sep 2025 11.5 miles/ 18.5 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:30 approx.) Starting from Five Oak Green Community Centre, Five Oak Green, Falmouth Road TN12 6RD, TQ650452

Grade Moderate, Capel, Tudeley Church, Golden Green, East Peckham

Text Leader to Book 07711 605067 Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The Bell Golden Green, Food Available Free CP, toilets. 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

Wednesday	10 September	2025 10:00

Wed 10 Sep 2025 8 miles/ 12.6 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:30 approx.) Starting from Camer Park, Meopham DA13 0AL, TQ650669

Grade Moderate, Cobham, Jeskyns, Ifield Court

Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk Toilets and Cafe in Camer Park

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: MoP 07736 217388 walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

## \_\_\_\_ Thursday 11 September 2025 10:30 \_\_\_\_

Thu 11 Sep 2025 3 miles/ 4.8 Km (Starting at 10:30 Finishes 12:30 approx.) Starting from Outside Maidstone Town Hall, Jubilee Square, Maidstone ME14 1TG, TQ 760557

Grade Easy, River Medway- Whatman Park

Booking Not Required Well Behaved Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at The Brenchley Maidstone Optional lunch stop at the Brenchley after the walk. Dogs allowed on walk, but not in The Brenchley.

Circular Walk, Pace Slow

Contact: Andrew Hider 07983 396807 01622 663063 andrewhider49@gmail.com

## \_ Friday 12 September 2025 10:00 \_\_\_\_

Fri 12 Sep 2025 7.5 miles/ 12 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 14:45 approx.) Starting from Snodland Community Centre Car Park (Free), Paddlesworth Road, Snodland. ME6 5BF, TQ697620

Grade Moderate, Picturesque walk over the North Downs with views of Medway valley in places.

Text Leader to Book 07759 439899 Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at Brewery and Taproom plus farmshop Upper Halling, Food Available Steady climb at first, then 2 very steep inclines and one decline in the morning with 6 styles. Various snacks and plentiful seating. Start point could be reached by train from Medway valley line, request info if interested.

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Andy Osborne 07759 439899 andyos.ao@gmail.com

Sunday 14 September 2025 10:00				
Sun 14 Sep 2025 5 miles/ 8 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:00 approx.) Starting from Rear of Matfield Village Green, where there is free parking TN12 7LA, TQ 657418 Grade Leisurely, Brenchley Booking Not Required Well Behaved Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at The Star Matfield Walk is guided walk "September Seeds", part of High Weald Walking Festival. The Star is a dog-friendly pub! Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely Contact: Andrew Hider 07983 396807 01622 663063 andrewhider49@gmail.com				
Sunday 14 September 2025 8:30				
Sun 14 Sep 2025 21 miles/ 33.8 Km (Starting at 8:30 Finishes 17:00 approx.) Starting from Herne Bay train station CT6 8PJ, TR171674 Grade Moderate, Saxon Shore Way & coastal path Text Leader to Book 07745 276900 NB EARLY START Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at Margate , Food Available Park in roads near station. Return by train from Ramsgate. Possibility of returning along the way. Linear Walk, Pace Moderate Contact: Wendy Manser 07745 276900 walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk				
Wednesday 17 September 2025 10:00				

Starting from East Barming Church Street Recreation Ground car park ME16 9HÁ,

Grade Moderate, Wateringbury, East Malling Heath, Ditton, Oaken Wood Email Leader to Book vahughes227@gmail.com Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at King & Queen East Malling, Food Available Please advise leader if pub lunch is required by Monday 15th at the latest

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Anne Hughes 07473 909692 vahughes227@gmail.com

Wed 17 Sep 2025 5.5 miles/ 8.9 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 14:15 approx.) Starting from Shipbourne Common TN11 9PF, TQ593523

Grade Leisurely, Ightham Mote - Yopps Green - Plaxtol Spout - Dunks Green -Fairlawne Home Farm. Gently undulating; a few stiles; short afternoon.

Text Leader to Book 07704 437737 Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The Kentish Rifleman Dunks Green, Food Available If requiring a pub lunch, notify Leader WHEN BOOKING, no later than 48 hours prior to walk, thank you.

Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely

Contact: Denis M. 07704 437737 walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

# \_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday 17 September 2025 10:00 \_\_\_\_\_

Wed 17 Sep 2025 7 miles/ 12 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 14:30 approx.) Starting from Batemans N.T., Batemans Lane, Burwash TN19 7DS, TQ671238 Grade Moderate, High Wood, Rounden Wood, Brightling down, Dallington Forest Booking Not Required Well Behaved Dogs Only. Parking free for N.T. members, Refreshments at end.

Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely

Contact: Des Relf 07729 584260 <u>desmond.relf@btinternet.com</u>

## \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday 21 September 2025 10:00 \_\_\_\_

Sun 21 Sep 2025 6 miles/ 9.7 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:00 approx.)

Starting from Hollingbourne Station Approach ME17 1TX, TQ834550

Grade Moderate, Broad Street Farm - N Downs Way - Eden's Hole - Coombe Wood Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. One uphill section (280ft asc) to N Downs Way

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Tony 07990 619446 01474 706984 tony.bushe@btinternet.com

## Wednesday 24 September 2025 10:00 \_\_\_\_\_

Wed 24 Sep 2025 7.2 miles/ 11.6 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.) Starting from Public Car Park, Wingham High Street CT3 1BJ, TR243/576 Grade Moderate, Wickhambreaux, Littlebourne, Ickham Text Leader to Book 07724 143509 Well Behaved Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at Anchor Inn Wingham Lunch available at the Anchor Inn after the walk. Please advise leader when booking, if wanting lunch.

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Sue B 07724 143509 suebennett643@gmail.com

## \_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday 24 September 2025 10:00 \_\_\_\_

Wed 24 Sep 2025 8 miles/ 12.9 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 15:15 approx.) Starting from Goathurst Common TN14 6JA, TQ496518

Grade Moderate, Scallops Farm - Sharpe's Place - Sevenoaks Weald - Greensand Way

Text Leader to Book 07990 619446 Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The Windmill Sevenoaks Weald, Food Available Downhill at the start, then fairly flat and some up in the afternoon. Small CP, share cars if possible. 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

## Thursday 25 September 2025 10:30

Thu 25 Sep 2025 3.5 miles/ 6 Km (Starting at 10:30 Finishes 12:30 approx.) Starting from Linton Public car Park ME17 4AW, TQ 754502

Grade Easy, To Buttercup Goat Farm and return

Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at Bull Inn Linton Linton

Circular Walk, Pace Slow

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

## \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday 28 September 2025 10:00 \_\_\_\_

Sun 28 Sep 2025 10 miles/ 16.1 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)

Starting from New Eltham railway station car park SE9 2AB, TQ 439730

Grade Moderate, Avery Hill - Oxlea Woods - Eltham Palace

Text Leader to Book 07880 727619 Assistance Dogs Only. Packed lunch - N B

Free on road parking outside station - No train journey involved. Assembly point only Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Ray and Carol Golland 07880 727619 golland14@yahoo.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 <a href="Maidstone Ramblers Walking Group">Maidstone Ramblers Walking Group</a>