



## Maidstone Ramblers Programme of walks for August – November 2025 & Newsletter

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### From the Chairman:

I am so grateful to our team of volunteer walk leaders who have, yet again, put forward a fantastic and comprehensive programme of walks. They are of varying length, severity and location, taking us to the most beautiful corners of Kent and this programme maintains our average of more than three walks every week. The Autumn weather and colours are a beautiful season in which to experience the countryside which surrounds Maidstone, so please join us!

I must also thank our volunteers for the expanding number of social events – notably the bowling evenings and the quiz night – that we are able to offer, which are well attended and very popular. Many people have told me how friendly they find our group!

I would also like to mention the Air Ambulance charity event which this year will take place on 20th September at Aylesford Priory. Please put this date in your diary, as we will be asking some of our members to assist with marshalling the two charity walks which are taking place on the day.

The number of walks offered, plus the social events, footpaths maintenance, fault reporting and checking out diversions etc by our wonderful Local Footpath Officers requires a large team of volunteers. So, I find myself constantly looking for people to help run some aspect of the group.

Unfortunately, we are losing three members of the committee this Autumn. We may have “persuaded” one member to put forward a name for one of the roles, which will hopefully be agreed at our AGM, but the roles of secretary and membership secretary will be vacant.

Sue has done sterling work as secretary for the last nine years, as well as running social events and the holidays. She has now decided to stand down in her role as secretary. So, if you feel you may be able to assist us by taking on this role, please let me or any member of the committee know. Please don't be put off by concerns regarding IT skills and not knowing how Ramblers operate. We are able to provide support as necessary.

Lastly another date for the diary is Saturday 25th October for our 44th Annual General Meeting at Aylesford Community Centre. Please attend the AGM if you can. A selection of free guidebooks and maps will be available for you to take away at this meeting.

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### From the Secretary:

As I announced at last year's AGM, I will be retiring as Secretary after 9 years in the position. Therefore, we are looking for a volunteer to come forward to take on the role. The main functions of the role are arranging Committee meetings and the AGM. This includes setting the agenda, in conjunction with the Committee, and taking the minutes for the meetings. These meetings are only held four times a year, so the job isn't too onerous.

There are sometimes queries put forward to me by email or phone. These I answer if I can; if not I send the query onto the relevant Committee member to answer.

I am currently arranging our 8th walking holiday, but I must make it clear that this is something I like to do and isn't part of the Secretary's role. The Committee has agreed that I can continue to do this, so please don't let this put you off!

I will help anyone that takes on the role for as long as they need me to, so please come forward and please don't leave the group without a Secretary!

Sue Bennett

### Christmas meal 2025 date

Please note in your diary the date of this year's Christmas meal – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December. The meal will again be at Bearsted Golf Club and prices will be similar to last year. There will be a choice of two or three courses. Sue Waters will again lead a walk in the morning before the meal. Details of payment will be available at a later date.

Alison Williams

### Paper programme

This is the last programme that we will print and post to members. In future the programme will only be available electronically. In practice most members have got used to consulting the latest version of the programme online and noting all updates by email. I am sorry for any inconvenience the withdrawal of the paper copy may cause to some of you, but we need to be aware of environmental and cost concerns. I hope you enjoy these walks!

Colin Philpott – Walks coordinator

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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 Way, 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**

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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**

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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 by Winifred about the church, the Soudes Fraticide and Baron Harris of Seringapatam. 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**

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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 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**

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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**

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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**

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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**

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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**

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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**

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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**

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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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**Wednesday 3 September 2025 10:00**

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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 5PB, 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](mailto:walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk)

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**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

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**Wednesday 10 September 2025 10:00**

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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](mailto:rj.buist@gmail.com)

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**Wednesday 10 September 2025 10:00**

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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](mailto:walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk)

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**Thursday 11 September 2025 10:30**

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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 Branchley Maidstone Optional lunch stop at the Branchley after the walk. Dogs allowed on walk, but not in The Branchley.

Circular Walk, Pace Slow

Contact: Andrew Hider 07983 396807 01622 663063 [andrewhider49@gmail.com](mailto:andrewhider49@gmail.com)



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**Friday 12 September 2025 10:00**

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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](mailto:andyos.ao@gmail.com)

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**Sunday 14 September 2025 10:00**

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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](mailto:andrewhider49@gmail.com)

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**Sunday 14 September 2025 8:30**

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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](mailto:walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk)

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**Wednesday 17 September 2025 10:00**

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Wed 17 Sep 2025 11.5 miles/18.5 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)  
Starting from East Barming Church Street Recreation Ground car park ME16 9HA, TQ723542

Grade Moderate Wateringbury, East Malling Heath, Ditton, Oaken Wood

**Email Leader to Book** [vahughes227@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:vahughes227@gmail.com)



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**Wednesday 17 September 2025 10:00**

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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 [desmond.relf@btinternet.com](mailto:desmond.relf@btinternet.com)

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**Wednesday 24 September 2025 10:00**

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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](mailto:suebennett643@gmail.com)

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**Wednesday 24 September 2025 10:00**

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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 n 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](mailto:tony.bushe@btinternet.com)

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**Thursday 25 September 2025 10:30**

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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  
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Circular Walk, Pace Slow  
Contact: Joan Jenner 07530 948372 01622 764637 [djenner637@btinternet.com](mailto:djenner637@btinternet.com)

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**Sunday 28 September 2025 10:00**

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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](mailto:golland14@yahoo.com)

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**Wednesday 1 October 2025 10:00**

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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**

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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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**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

**Booking Not Required** 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). Generally moderate walk but can be strenuous in places. Long steady hill at start but rewarded with spectacular view. Steep descent (pole advisable) and ascent after lunch. 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 Will those wishing to eat at the pub please inform the leader by  
6.00pm on the preceeding 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  
**Text Leader to Book 07745 276900** Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at Red Lion  
Charing Heath, Food Available Please book with leader if you want lunch at pub.  
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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**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](mailto: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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**Sunday 19 October 2025 10:00**

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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**

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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**

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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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**Wednesday 22 October 2025 10:00**

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Wed 22 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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**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. various 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 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 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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**Sunday 2 November 2025 10:00**

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Sun 2 Nov 2025 6 miles/9.7 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:30 approx.)  
[Starting from Lenham village square ME17 2QH, TQ898521](#)  
Grade Moderate Via sources or River Stour & River Len  
**Booking Not Required** Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk Free parking in village. Mainly flat  
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate  
Contact: Wendy Manser 07745 276900 [walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk](mailto:walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk)

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**Wednesday 5 November 2025 10:00**

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Wed 5 Nov 2025 10 miles/16.1 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 15:45 approx.)  
[Starting from Egerton PCP TN27 9DS, TQ907472](#)  
Grade Moderate Greensand Way, Chilston Ponds and Pines and Stour Valley Walk  
**Booking Not Required** Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at Red Lion Lenham, Food Available Please text leader no later than 48 hours before walk if dining at The Red Lion pub  
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate  
Contact: Les H 07932 745125 [walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk](mailto:walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk)

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**\_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday 5 November 2025 10:00 \_\_\_\_\_**

Wed 5 Nov 2025 6 miles/9.7 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 12:45 approx.)  
[Starting from Bearsted, Holy Cross Church Car Park ME14 4EE, TQ799555](#)  
Grade Leisurely Moat Park - Weaving - Golf Course  
**Booking Not Required** Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at  
Various Bearsted Green. Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely  
Contact: Ray and Carol Golland 07880 727619 [golland14@yahoo.com](mailto:golland14@yahoo.com)

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**\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday 9 November 2025 10:00 \_\_\_\_\_**

Sun 9 Nov 2025 7 miles/11.3 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:30 approx.)  
[Starting from Penenden Heath Car Park ME14 2DQ, TQ 773553](#)  
Grade Leisurely Boxley - Cobtree Manor Park - River Medway  
**Booking Not Required** Well Behaved Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at  
The Bull Penenden Heath. 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 12 November 2025 10:00 \_\_\_\_\_**

Wed 12 Nov 2025 8 miles/13 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 14:00 approx.)  
[Starting from Trosley Country park \(adj to cafe area\) DA13 0SG, TQ632610](#)  
Grade Moderate Pilgrims way, Crockhorn Wood, Holly Hill, Wealdway, Great Wood  
**Booking Not Required** Well Behaved Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at  
Cafe Parking £2.5 pay, card, cash or App. Total ascent moderate 255m  
Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely  
Contact: Des Relf 07729 584260 [desmond.relf@btinternet.com](mailto:desmond.relf@btinternet.com)

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**\_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday 12 November 2025 10:00 \_\_\_\_\_**

Wed 12 Nov 2025 6 miles/9.7 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:00 approx.)  
[Starting from The Wishful Thinker pub overflow car park, Lenham Heath Road, Lenham Heath ME17 2HY, TQ889509](#)  
Grade Moderate Pope Hall, Boughton Malherbe  
**Booking Not Required** Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk Two  
hills. Circular Walk, Pace Moderate  
Contact: Wendy Manser 07745 276900 [walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk](mailto:walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk)

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**\_\_\_\_\_ Thursday 13 November 2025 10:30 \_\_\_\_\_**

Thu 13 Nov 2025 3.5 miles/5.6 Km (Starting at 10:30 Finishes 12:30 approx.)  
[Starting from Old Loose Hill at junction with Rosemount Close ME15 0AJ, TQ758518](#)  
Grade Leisurely Greensand Way and Coxheath  
**Booking Not Required** Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at Chequers Inn Loose,  
Food Available . Circular Walk, Pace Slow  
Contact: Roger Batt 07892 882680 01622 730534 [walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk](mailto:walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk)



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**Sunday 16 November 2025 10:00**

Sun 16 Nov 2025 5 miles/8 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 12:30 approx.)

Starting from Harrietsham Station Road ME17 1JA, TQ866528

Grade Moderate Marley, Pilgrims Way

**Booking Not Required** Assistance Dogs Only. Road Parking

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

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

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**Wednesday 19 November 2025 10:00**

Wed 19 Nov 2025 10 miles/16 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)

Starting from Stubbs Wood car park, Goathurst Common TN14 6JA, TQ497518

Grade Moderate Chittenden, Bough Beech Reservoir, Sevenoaks Weald, Goathurst Common

**Email Leader to Book** [vahughes227@gmail.com](mailto:vahughes227@gmail.com) Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The Windmill Sevenoaks Weald, Food Available Please advise leader if pub lunch is required by Monday 17th at the latest. Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

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

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**Wednesday 19 November 2025 10:00**

Wed 19 Nov 2025 7 miles/11.3 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:30 approx.)

Starting from Bluebell Hill picnic site ME5 9RG, TQ742621

Grade Moderate Eccles, St Peter Village, NDW

**Booking Not Required** Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at The Robin Hood. Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

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

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**Sunday 23 November 2025 10:00**

Sun 23 Nov 2025 6 miles/9.7 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 12:45 approx.)

Starting from Cliffe CP (behind Six Bells in Buttway Lane ME3 7QD, TQ735765

Grade Leisurely Nature Reserve, Cliffe Fort

**Text Leader to Book** 07711 605067 Assistance Dogs Only. Drinks only at Six Bells Cliffe Opportunities for bird watching. Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely

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

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**Wednesday 26 November 2025 10:00**

Wed 26 Nov 2025 6 miles/9.7 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:15 approx.)

Starting from Broad Downs nature reserve CP TN25 5HE, TR079453

Grade Moderate NDW - Cold Blow - Hastingsleigh - Wye Down

**Booking Not Required** Assistance Dogs Only. Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely

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

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**Wednesday 26 November 2025 10:00**

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Wed 26 Nov 2025 10 miles/16.1 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 15:30 approx.)

Starting from [Ulcombe All Saints Church ME17 1DN, TQ846497](#)

Grade Moderate Boughton Malherbe, Fairbourne.

**Booking Not Required** Assistance Dogs Only. 20 minutes picnic stop at Lenham Square

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

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

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**Thursday 27 November 2025 10:30**

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Thu 27 Nov 2025 3 miles/4.8 Km (Starting at 10:30 Finishes 12:30 approx.)

Starting from [Mote Park Car Park ME15 7SX, TQ772552](#)

Grade Easy Walk around Mote Park

**Booking Not Required** Well Behaved Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at cafe stop Maidstone £3 car parking charge for six hours.

Circular Walk, Pace Slow

Contact: Andrew Hider 07983 396807 01622 663063 [andrewhider49@gmail.com](mailto:andrewhider49@gmail.com)

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**Sunday 30 November 2025 10:00**

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Sun 30 Nov 2025 6.5 miles/10 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:30 approx.)

Starting from [Hollingbourne Station. ME17 1TX, TQ834551](#)

Grade Moderate Ripple Manor -NDW - Hollingbourne

**Booking Not Required** Well Behaved Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at The Sugar Loaf Eythorne Street Book own lunch if required.

Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely

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

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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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