



Walking Week Programme

30 June – 06 July 2025



Day/date	Time	Grid ref. Postcode	Walk details	Miles (Kms)	Walks difficulty	Contact
Monday 30 June 2025	10:00	TR284694 CT7 9QP	Minnis Bay Meet at the end of The Parade, Birchington, on the coastal path by Minnis Bay Bar and Brasserie. (Free parking on road leading up to it). After a short walk along the Thanet Coastal Path we turn off inland at Plum Pudding Island to St Nicholas-at-Wade. We then follow Snake Drove westwards until we reach the Saxon Shore Way at Marshside, where our walk takes us northwards to Reculver Towers and Fort. There will be a 30-minute lunch stop here – bring your own or use the lovely HatHats café. There are outdoor benches, tables and toilets available. We will then head back to Minnis Bay along the Northern Sea Wall. Estimated finish time is 15:30.	12 (19.3)	Moderate	Deborah 07963 402294
Tuesday 1 July 2025	11:00	TR351503 CT14 8JL	Ripple <u>NB 11.00 start time</u> Meet and park, Church Farm, Ripple (Solley's Ice Cream Parlour). There will be the opportunity to have breakfast, a cup of tea/coffee or an ice cream at Solley's before the walk. This circular walk will take us via Great Mongeham to the source of North Stream, where in mediaeval times it was a wide sea inlet connected to the Wantsum Channel. The walk will cross North Stream several times which will include following a recently reinstated footpath from the Burgess Green Road. We will then walk to Finglesham and follow a footpath to the site of Betteshanger Colliery, where we will have a short break. After the break the walk will be via Northbourne to St Martin's Church at Great Mongeham where Captain Robert Maynard is buried (the person responsible for the end of Edward Teach's reign as a pirate, better known as "Blackbeard"). From here we return to Solley's where a light lunch and/or ice cream will be available to purchase. Estimated finish time is 14:15	6.7 (10.8)	Moderate	Dave R 07527 009171
Tuesday 1 July 2025	17:00	TR151576 CT1 2TB	Canterbury to Whitstable <u>NB 17:00 start time</u>	7 (11.3)	Moderate	John P 07414 863194

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			Start adjacent to the Lost Sheep Statue next to the bus station in Canterbury. Walk is from Canterbury to Whitstable along the Crab and Winkle Way (which takes its name from the pioneering railway from the early 19th Century, one of the first to be built in Great Britain). Walk goes via Canterbury City, up past the University, through Clowes Wood and onto Whitstable. We will stop for a break at roughly halfway adjacent to the old winding ponds. (Please bring your own refreshments). There are toilets available in Canterbury near the start point. This is a one way walk with the option of catching a bus (number 400 or 401) either before the start or after the finish. Option to have refreshments and/or a meal in the Peter Cushing Wetherspoons pub in Whitstable at the end. Estimated finish time is 20:30			
Wednesday 2 July 2025	10:00	TQ906473 TN27 9DS	Egerton Park and meet at the Millennium Hall, Elm Close, Egerton. A circular walk via Little Chart and Pluckley, including a section of the Greensand Way and views across the Weald and North Downs. Breaking for a lunchtime drink at the Black Horse in Pluckley.	7 (11.3)	Moderate	Robert S 07894 443721
Wednesday 2 July 2025	17:00	TR110670 CT5 1BZ	Whitstable to Herne Bay <u>NB 17:00 start time</u> Start point is Whitstable Harbour, near the toilets at the east end opposite Gorrell Tank Car Park, adjacent to the bus stop. This is a one way walk with a bus route available (Number 400) either before or after the walk. Walk will head east along the sea front past Tankerton slopes, onto Swalecliffe, Hampton and into Herne Bay. Toilets available at the start and various locations en-route. As the walk starts in the late afternoon, cafes along the route may not be open, so bring your own refreshments. Option for a drink and/or meal in the Saxon Shore Wetherspoons pub at the end.	5 (8)	Moderate	John P 07414 863194
Thursday 03 July 2025	10:00	TR151576 CT1 2SY	Canterbury to Barham Meet near the Park and Ride bus stops in St. George's Lane, Canterbury, opposite Fenwick's by the zebra crossing to the side of the bus station. The Royal Kentish Camino is a new pilgrimage route from Canterbury to	8.5 (13)	Leisurely	Andrew 07754 797848

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			<p>Folkestone, visiting places associated with some of the early Christian pioneers who founded churches in Kent. Today's route is the first of three parts and takes us from Canterbury, where we will pass by the oldest extant Christian Church in England - founded by Saxon Queen Bertha - before continuing to Barham following parts of the North Downs Way and Elham Valley Way. This is a linear walk so we will use public transport in one direction – the number 17 bus. There are two options: park in Barham and catch the bus to Canterbury at 09.24 OR return from Barham after the walk at 15.02. If you intend to drive to Canterbury, you could park in one of the Park and Ride car parks and take the bus to St George's Lane – cost is £4 per car with up to 6 people. In Barham there is the possibility of refreshments at the Duke of Cumberland pub, but please bring food and drink with you for a lunch stop en-route. Estimated finish time is around 14.30.</p>			
Thursday 03 July 2025	17:00	TQ838537 ME17 1PG	<p>Leeds Castle <u>NB 17:00 start time</u> Park at The Park Gate Inn, Ashford Rd., Hollingbourne. Plenty of free parking. Very leisurely walk around the Leeds Castle grounds on public footpaths and country lanes. Visit to the pub for a drink/food optional at end of walk at about 19:00.</p>	5 (8)	Leisurely	Margaret 07964 067915
Friday 04 July 2025	10:00	TR207497 CT4 6NX	<p>Barham to Lyminge Meet outside Barham Village Hall and shop. Please park considerately on the road - NB the car park is for users of the Hall, Shop and Bowls Club. The Royal Kentish Camino is a new pilgrimage route from Canterbury to Folkestone, visiting places associated with some of the early Christian pioneers who founded churches in Kent. Today's route is the second of three parts and takes us from Barham to Lyminge following parts of the Elham Valley Way. There are some hills. This is a linear walk so we will use public transport in one direction – the number 17 bus. There are two options: park in Lyminge and catch the bus to Barham at 09.03 OR return to Barham from Lyminge</p>	8.5 (13.7)	Leisurely	Andrew 07754 797848

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			<p>after the walk at 14.43 or 16.13. We will have a lunch stop in Elham where there is a pub and a shop or bring your own food and drink for a picnic.</p> <p>Estimated finish time is around 14.30 but we may like to spend some time in Lyminge visiting the Church of St Mary and St Ethelburga which was founded by Queen Bertha's daughter, Ethelburga in the early 630s AD.</p>			
Friday 04 July 2025	16:00	TR358447 CT15 6AP	<p>St Margaret's at Cliffe <u>NB 16:00 start time</u></p> <p>An evening walk along the cliffs of St Margaret's. Meet at St Margaret's village car park (1 Reach Road -free). This walk passes the South Foreland Lighthouse and Fan Bay then back to St Margaret's for a beverage at The Smugglers. There are some hills, but these will be taken at a leisurely pace.</p>	4 (6.4)	Leisurely	Lee P 07932 812514
Saturday 05 July 2025	10:00	TR165410 CT18 8HS	<p>Lyminge to Folkestone</p> <p>Meet outside Lyminge Library - though please note you may not be able to park here. Other parking is available at the Village Hall - a few minutes' walk away - or park considerately on roads such as Church Road. The Royal Kentish Camino is a new pilgrimage route from Canterbury to Folkestone, visiting places associated with some of the early Christian pioneers who founded churches in Kent. Today's route is the third of three parts and takes us from Lyminge to Folkestone. The route is hilly and climbs to follow the high ground above Folkestone where we should have some magnificent views before descending to the Harbour and passing through the old town to reach the ancient church of St Mary and St Eanswythe - founded by Queen Bertha's granddaughter, Eanswythe around 660 AD and where her bones have been preserved ever since. Nowhere else in the British Isles is there a church preserving the relics of its founding saint, so St Eanswythe's is in this sense unique. It may be possible to enter the church to view the new shrine which was consecrated recently. The bus station is a short walk away. This is a linear walk so we will use public transport in one direction - the number 17 bus - there are</p>	8 (12.9)	Leisurely	Andrew 07754 797848

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			departures back to Lyminge at 15.20 and 16.20. Please bring food and drink with you for a picnic en-route. You may find a walking pole helpful when descending the path down to Folkestone Harbour. Estimated finish time is around 15.00.			
Sunday 06 July 2025	10:00	TR332582 CT13 9EN	Sandwich Walk starts in The Quay car park (pay and display), Sandwich. (Toilets available. Free parking is available a few minutes' walk away in Sandown Road). The railway station is half a mile away and buses stop by The Guildhall. This delightful walk follows the River Stour from the oldest Cinque Port until we reach farmland then Sandwich Bay. We will then walk along Princes Drive and further along the Saxon Shore Way until we reach Sandown Castle, Deal. We will return inland via the Royal Cinque Ports Golf Club, Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory (where toilets and refreshments are available and recent bird sightings), more farmland, then cross the railway track and back into Sandwich. Estimated time of arrival is 15:00.	10.5 (16.9)	Moderate	Deborah 07963 402294

Walks difficulty

Please read this carefully.

Ramblers has identified six categories of walks difficulty. See <https://www.ramblers.org.uk/go-walking-hub/how-know-if-ramblers-walk-right-you>

The two categories used in this programme are:

Leisurely

If you have at least a little bit of experience of walking in the countryside and you have a reasonable level of fitness, these walks will be suitable for you. The walks may include unsurfaced rural paths and we recommend you wear walking boots and bring warm, waterproof clothing as appropriate for the season.

Moderate

These walks may include some steep paths and open country walking. They will be at a brisk pace so you will need a good level of fitness and experience of walking in the countryside. Walking boots and warm, waterproof clothing are essential.

Local transport

Please use <https://kentconnected.org/journey-planner> to plan your journey using public transport.