

ASHFORD RAMBLERS WALKS PROGRAMME

JANUARY 2020 – JUNE 2020

If you encounter a footpath problem, please report to

www.kent.gov.uk/waste-planning-and-land/public-rights-of-way/report-a-problem-on-a-right-of-way

Lunches

- Anyone using a pub's facilities - garden, toilet etc. please ensure a purchase is made first. (Soft drink, coffee etc.)
- Never consume your own drinks on the pub's premises.
- Always get permission before eating your own food at a pub.
- Wear good, comfortable shoes or walking boots, take suitable wet weather gear.
- Walk leaders, as members of the Ramblers, have third party liability insurance to lead walks.
- Each walk description identifies if dogs, *on a short lead*, are permitted.

How we grade our walks

When grading a walk, the following factors are considered: the length of walk, conditions underfoot (uneven ground, muddy etc.), terrain (flat, slopes, hilly etc.) and pace. Our walks are designed to be accessible to those in good health and who enjoy the outdoors, however fitness levels are important and you should carefully consider which walk is right for you.

One person's easy walk could be a hard walk for another. So at first, it is best to try out a short, leisurely walk.

- Walk grades are provided as a ***general guide only and are not definitive.*** They offer an *idea* of how easy or challenging the walk might be, ranging from leisurely to those requiring experience.
- Walk grades are to help you choose a walk appropriate to your fitness level and ability.
- If you have doubts about your suitability for a specific walk, contact the walk leader in advance to discuss.
- If you're unsure of your fitness level, why not try one of our shorter and easier walks first? It's better to find a walk too slow and easy, than to make yourself uncomfortable and exhausted.
- When choosing a walk, bear in mind the distance of the walk, your ability to complete the route, ground conditions, the terrain, pace and the weather on the day.

When you walk for the first time, there is no need to worry or be embarrassed about not walking fast enough or holding back the group. Everyone has their own comfortable pace and we always try to accommodate this.

Walk Grades

- **Leisurely** - For reasonably fit people with some walking experience on unsurfaced rural footpaths through changing countryside (woods, fields, crops etc.). Mostly flat but may include some slopes and occasional short stretches of road. Usually short to intermediate in length and walked at an average walking pace. Walking boots or shoes, small backpack and suitable, comfortable clothing are recommended.
- **Moderate** - For people with country walking experience and a decent level of fitness. Unsurfaced rural footpaths through changing countryside (woods, fields, crops etc.). May include some steeper paths, open countryside and occasional short stretches of road. Can be short, intermediate or longer in length and may be walked at a brisker pace. Walking boots, backpack and suitable walking clothes are important.
- **Hard** - For experienced country walkers with a good level of fitness. Unsurfaced rural footpaths through changing countryside (woods, fields, crops etc.). May include steep paths, hills, open countryside, rougher conditions, uneven ground and occasional short stretches of road. These walks are usually longer and may be walked at a brisker pace. Walking boots, rucksack and suitable walking clothes are essential.

Please Note

- 1. Post Codes are approximate to the walk starting point and provided only as a guide.**
- 2. Miles listed are approximate and can be slightly longer or shorter on the day.**
- 3. Dogs are allowed on walks by discretion of the walk leader and if safety considerations allow.**

PLEASE NOTE

Whilst we will endeavour to keep our walks as published in the walks programme, there will be times when we need to alter the details, for example, a walk leader being ill /unavailable or mileage being increased/decreased to avoid livestock, crops etc.

So please think twice about printing this programme. It will be best to view the walk programme online regularly, where it will be kept up-to-date, rather than downloading and printing it and then turning up for a walk and finding that it has been changed or cancelled.

Haven't got Internet?

It will be the responsibility of the recipient to check with the walk leader(s), that the details are still correct as printed before turning up for their walk(s). Please do not blame the leader if you turn up for a walk and the walk is not the same as is printed on your paper programme.

DAY/DATE/GRADE	WALK DETAILS	MILES	LEADER
SATURDAY 4 th JANUARY Walk Grade – Leisurely/ Moderate	10 am. STANFORD NORTH. The Drum Inn car park (if using the pub) or street parking nearby. TR129383 (TN25 6DN). Passing by Postling, we join the Pilgrims Way and North Downs Way. Staple Farm, Tolsford Mast, Summerhouse Hill, Postling. Snack break about halfway. Some steep, moderate slopes. Not suitable for dogs. Pub at end of walk	6.5	Dave 07788460935
SATURDAY 11 th JANUARY Walk Grade – Leisurely/ Moderate	10 am. HYTHE. Portland Rd Car Park (by the Green) Hythe. TR 158 346, CT21 6JA. Free during the winter. Height restricted – suitable for cars only. Military Canal, Saltwood Castle and Church. Through woods to Pedlinge, Brockhill Stream. Back via Barrack Hill. Flat, undulating, but with steeper slopes. Not suitable for dogs. Local pub nearby at end of walk.	5	Andrew 01233 720513 07754 797848
SATURDAY 18 th JANUARY Walk Grade – Moderate	10 am. CHARTHAM. Village Hall CP, Station Road, Chartham. TR107550 (CT4 7HZ). Stour Valley Walk towards Canterbury, turning to Larkey Valley Wood and Chartham Downs. Returning via Shalmsford Str. Lovely upland walking and views, some climbing. Short drink break only. Dogs on a short lead welcome. Local pub nearby at end of walk.	6	Stevie 07821 009854
SATURDAY 25 th JANUARY Walk Grade – Leisurely/ Moderate	10 am. CHILHAM. Taylor's Hill Car Park. TR066536 (CT4 8DD) Stone Stile Farm, Perry Wood, Shottenden, Dane Street, North Downs Way back to Chilham using Mountain Street. Hilly in places. Packed lunch about halfway. Not suitable for dogs. Local pub nearby at end of walk.	7.75	Rob 07800 774620
SATURDAY 1 st FEBRUARY Walk Grade – Leisurely	10 am. CHARING HEATH. The Red Lion car park (if using the pub) or street parking nearby. TQ928492 (TN27 0AU). Church Hill, Cherry Farm, Burleigh Farm, Charing sand pit, Heath Farm. Snack break about halfway. Flat and gently undulating. Not suitable for dogs. Pub at end of walk	5.75	Atit 07427284500

2 WALKS THIS WEEKEND

SHORT WALK

SATURDAY
8th FEBRUARY
Walk Grade –
Leisurely

10 am. WILLESBOROUGH.

Meet at The Hooden Smokehouse & Cellar Pub, Silver Hill Rd, Willesborough. TR033422 (TN24 ONY). Street parking. Circular walk. Sweetwillow Wood, Hinxhill, Goodcheap Farm, Goose Green. Lovely scenic views. Snack break about halfway. Mostly flat walking. No stiles. Not suitable for dogs. Pub at the end of walk.

5.25 **Jennifer**
07518 932351

LONG WALK

SATURDAY
8th FEBRUARY
Walk Grade –
Moderate

10 am. DODDINGTON.

Meet at the car park opposite the Church of The Beheading of John the Baptist, Church Lane, Doddington. TQ940576 (ME9 0BD). Scenic walk. Doddington Place to Sharsted Court with its amazing yew topiary. Snowdrops at Lynsted Park. Kingsdown Wood. Packed lunch approx. halfway. Not suitable for dogs. Pub /Tea Room nearby at the end of walk.

9 **Kevin**
07734309155

SATURDAY
15th FEBRUARY
Walk Grade –
Moderate

10 am. CRUNDALE.

St. Mary's Church, Church Street, Crundale. TR085485 (CT4 7EL). Climbing to Sole St, before turning south and following high-level paths towards Hastingleigh. Returning via Hassell St, descending to Pett Street Farm and a pretty path back along the valley. Great views, some climbing. One short drink break only. Dogs on a short lead welcome.

6 **Stevie**
07821 009854

SATURDAY
22nd FEBRUARY
Walk Grade –
**Leisurely/
Moderate**

10 am. BOSSINGHAM.

Bossingham Village Hall CP. TR149487 (CT4 6DX). Stelling Church, Church Wood, Cherry Garden Farm, Atchester Wood, Covet Wood, West Wood. Snack break about halfway. Gently undulating but steep in places. Not suitable for dogs. Local pub nearby at end of walk.

6.5 **Lesley**
07885630031

SATURDAY
29th FEBRUARY
Walk Grade –
**Leisurely/
Moderate**

10 am. HAMSTREET.

Hamstreet Village car park. TR001332 (TN26 2JF). Barrow Wood, Gill Farm, New House Farm, Packing Wood, Orlestone Church, Huntsbourne Wood. Snack break about halfway. Flat and undulating, but with a few steeper slopes. Not suitable for dogs. Pub/ Tea Room in village at end of walk.

5.75 **Jennifer**
07518 932351

SATURDAY
7th MARCH
Walk Grade –
**Leisurely/
Moderate**

10 am. PETHAM.

Thompsons Garden Centre CP, Stone St. TR137511 (CT4 5PW). Scenic, circular walk, Petham Church, Broadway Green Farm, Capel Wood, Kenfield Hall, Swarling Manor. Packed lunch approx halfway. Flat, undulating but steep in places. Not suitable for dogs. Café in Garden Centre at the end of walk.

7.5 **Ken**
07771 670819

<p>SATURDAY 14th MARCH Walk Grade – Leisurely/ Moderate</p>	<p>10 am. STELLING MINNIS. West Wood Forest CP (off Stone St at Six Mile Garage) TR143439, CT4 6XY. Lymbridge Green and Maxted Street to Stelling Minnis. Returning through Park Wood Forest. Short break about halfway. Flat, undulating, but with some steeper slopes. Not suitable for dogs. Lord Whisky Animal Sanctuary Café, nearby at end of walk.</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>Andrew 01233 720513 07754 797848</p>
<p>SATURDAY 21st MARCH Walk Grade – Leisurely</p>	<p>10 am. BILSINGTON. The White Horse Pub CP (if using the pub) or street parking nearby. TR040344 (TN25 7JX). Priory Wood, Dyne’s Wood, Rowling Street, Gill Farm, Ruckinge, Royal Military Canal. Packed lunch approx halfway. Undulating but steeper in a couple of places. Not suitable for dogs. Pub at the end of walk.</p>	<p>7.75</p>	<p>David T 07984 177390</p>
<p>SATURDAY 28th MARCH Walk Grade – Leisurely</p>	<p>10 am. BRABOURNE. Brabourne School (off Canterbury Road) TR091416 (TN25 5LQ). Out towards Brabourne village and the Church, then via The Pound and Brabourne Lees for the return. An open landscape with lovely views towards the Downs. Short snack break about halfway. Not suitable for dogs. Local pub nearby at end of walk.</p>	<p>5.5</p>	<p>Graham 07790 946316 01233 622234</p>
<p>SATURDAY 4th APRIL Walk Grade – Moderate</p>	<p>10 am. BODSHAM. The Timber Batts Pub (if using the pub) or street parking nearby. TR110457 (TN25 5JQ). Circular walk. Podlinge, Bavinge Wood, Hastingleigh. Lovely scenic views. Packed lunch at Hastingleigh Church (benches). Some flat walking but quite hilly in places. Not suitable for dogs. Pub at the end of walk.</p>	<p>7.75</p>	<p>Lesley 07885630031</p>
<p>SATURDAY 11th APRIL Walk Grade – Leisurely/ Moderate</p>	<p>10 am. DENSOLE. The Black Horse Pub (if using the pub) or street parking nearby. TR210416 (CT18 7BG). Circular walk. Foxholt, Reinden Wood, Bush Farm, Ridge Hill. Lovely scenic views. Snack break about halfway. Some flat walking but quite hilly in places. Not suitable for dogs. Pub at the end of walk.</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>Geoffrey 07495 038141</p>
<p>SATURDAY 18th APRIL Walk Grade – Leisurely</p>	<p>10 am. APPLEDORE. The Ferry inn CP. TQ942288 (TN30 7JY). Out to Kenardington Church and back along the Royal Military Canal. Packed lunch approx halfway. Mostly flat walking, with a couple of climbs. Not suitable for dogs. Pub at the end of walk.</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>Julia 07888 860756</p>

**A REMINDER TO START THINKING ABOUT YOUR WALKS FOR THE NEXT PROGRAMME!
JENNIFER WILL BE CONTACTING YOU SOON, BUT IF YOU CAN SUBMIT
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THAT WILL BE VERY HELPFUL (CONTACT DETAILS BELOW).
THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO ALL THE LEADERS WHO HAVE MADE THIS PROGRAMME A SUCCESS,
AND LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT NEW PROGRAMME FOR JULY – DECEMBER!**

SATURDAY
25th APRIL
Walk Grade –
**Leisurely/
Moderate**

10 am. CAPLE-LE-FERNE.
The Royal Oak CP. TR263387 (CT18 7HY).
Circular walk along the cliffs overlooking the sea, before turning inland at walking out to Church Hougham. Some fantastic views. Short snack break about halfway. Lots of flat walking, but some steep climbs. Not suitable for dogs. Pub at the end of walk.

6 **Jennifer**
07518 932351

SATURDAY
2nd MAY
Walk Grade –
Moderate

10 am. IDEN.
Recreation Ground car park. TQ915237 (TN31 7XD).
Spring lambs and apple blossom. A delightful rural walk around the grass lands and orchards of Iden.
Packed lunch about halfway. Not suitable for dogs.
Local pub nearby at end of walk.

7.5 **Graham**
07790 946316
01233 622234

2 WALKS THIS WEEKEND

SHORT WALK

SATURDAY
9th MAY
Walk Grade –
Leisurely

10 am. BETHERSDEN.
Village Hall car park. TQ929401 (TN26 3AR).
Circular walk. Lamberton Wood, Wissenden, Tearden Farm, Green Lane, Twenty Acre Wood.
Short snack break about halfway. Lots of flat walking, some mild slopes. Not suitable for dogs. Local pub nearby at end of walk.

5.75 **Ron**
07471164021

LONG WALK

SATURDAY
9th MAY
Walk Grade –
**Leisurely/
Moderate**

10 am. CHALLOCK/ KINGS WOOD.
Village Hall CP, or street parking nearby. TR010505, (TN25 4AU).
Hopefully this walk will coincide with extensive swathes of bluebells in Kings Wood. Fantastic views over Soakham Downs.
Snack break approx. halfway. Not suitable for dogs.
Local pub nearby at end of walk.

10 **Kevin**
07734309155

SATURDAY
16th MAY
Walk Grade –
Moderate

10 am. ROLVENDEN
The Bull Inn CP (if using the pub) or street parking nearby. TQ843315 (TN17 4PB).
Very scenic circular walk to Mount Hall Farm, Strawberry Wood, Kemsdale House. Quite Hilly. Packed lunch about halfway. Not suitable for dogs. Pub at the end of walk.

7.5 **Dave**
07788460935

SATURDAY
23rd MAY
Walk Grade –
Leisurely

10 am. MONKS HORTON.
The Black Horse Pub CP. TR111403, (TN25 6AP).
Pretty, local, circular walk. Some good views of the Downs.
Horton Wood, Cock Ash, Southenay Lane. Flat, but with a couple of steepish slopes. Snack break approx. halfway. Not suitable for dogs. Pub at the end of walk.

5.5 **Margaret**
07811336084

SATURDAY
30th MAY
Walk Grade –
Leisurely

10 am. GROVE FERRY.
The Grove Ferry Inn (if using the pub) or car parking nearby.
TR236631 (CT3 4BP).
Scenic walk across Stodmarsh Nature Reserve, Stodmarsh,
Wickhambreaux, Preston. Mostly flat. Packed lunch about
halfway. Not suitable for dogs. Pub at the end of walk.

8.5 **Jennifer**
07518 932351

SATURDAY
6th JUNE
Walk Grade –
Moderate

10 am. HARRIETSHAM.
St John the Baptist Church. TQ874530 (ME17 1AX)
Court Lodge, Deans Hill, Frogshole, North Downs Way, Greenway
Court. Hilly in places. Snack break approx. halfway. Not suitable
for dogs. Local pub nearby at end of walk.

6.25 **Atit**
07427284500

2 WALKS THIS WEEKEND

SHORT WALK

SATURDAY
13th June
Walk Grade –
**Leisurely/
Moderate**

10 am. ALDINGTON.
Road parking opposite Walnut Tree Pub. TR063366 (TN25 7DJ).
Circular walk. Calleywell Lane, Bank Farm, Aldington Frith, Mill
Lane, Stockhill Wood. Short snack break about halfway.
Lots of flat walking but also some steeper slopes.
Not suitable for dogs. Local pub nearby at end of walk.

5.75 **Dave**
07788460935

LONG WALK

SATURDAY
13th JUNE
Walk Grade –
Moderate

10 am. PLUCKLEY.
The Black Horse pub car park or street parking if not using the
pub afterwards. TQ926454 (TN27 OPA). Stour Valley Walk, Little
Chart, Greensand Way, Egerton, Mount Ephraim. Packed lunch
break about halfway. Some good views. A few slopes, nothing too
difficult. Not suitable for dogs. Pub at the end of walk.

10 **Rob**
07800 774620

SATURDAY
20th JUNE
Walk Grade –
Leisurely

10 am. SINGLETON.
Environment Centre Car Park. TQ986409 (TN23 5LW)
Court Lodge Farm, Goldwell, Worten, Chart Ave. Mostly flat with
some slopes. Snack break approx. halfway. Not suitable for dogs.
Café in the Environment Centre at the end of walk.

5 **Jane**
01233 632510

SATURDAY
27th JUNE
Walk Grade –
Moderate

10 am. BIDDENDEN.
Millennium Field car park. TQ850381 (TN27 8DD).
A complete, clockwise circumnavigation of the village of
Biddenden. A combination of pasture, woodland and quiet lanes.
Fairly flat. Packed lunch about halfway. Not suitable for dogs.
Local pub nearby at end of walk.

7.5 **Graham**
07790 946316
01233 622234

THE RAMBLERS DOES NOT ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY LOSS, DAMAGE OR ACCIDENT THAT MAY OCCUR DURING ANY OF ITS ACTIVITIES

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