

ASHFORD RAMBLERS WALKS PROGRAMME

JULY 2019 – DECEMBER 2019

**If you encounter a footpath problem please report to: The Public Rights of Way Officer,
The Granary, Penstock Hall Farm, Canterbury Road, East Brabourne, Ashford, Kent
TN25 5LL. tel. 0300 04 17 17. email: eastprow@kent.gov.uk**

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 29 th June Walk Grade – Leisurely	10 am. LEEDS CASTLE. St. Nicholas Church car park. TQ825533 (ME17 1RL). Circular walk. Leeds Castle park grounds. Fantastic views of Leeds Castle, woods, the village of Broomfield. Returning via the Castle grounds. Snack break about halfway. Flat and gently undulating. Not suitable for dogs. Local pub at end of walk.	6.5	Jennifer 01303 813428 07518 932351
SATURDAY 6 th July Walk Grade – Leisurely/ Moderate	10 am. SEABROOK (HYTHE). Nr Fountain Inn, Seabrook Rd, Hythe. TR186349 (CT21 5RT). Sandy Lane, Shorncliffe Military Cemetery. Paraker Wood, Saltood Castle, Royal Military Canal, Seabrook sea front. Snack break about half way. Hilly at first, then gentle slopes and flat. Not suitable for dogs. Local pub at end of walk.	6	Dave R 01797 361335 07788 460935
SATURDAY 13 th July Walk Grade – Leisurely	10 am. KENNINGTON (Route 2). Conningbrook Hotel car park. TR025445 (TN24 9QR). Heading out to Conningbrook Lakes, Goose Green, Sweet Willow Woods, Hinxhill Church, Blackwall Farm. Snack break about halfway. A few easy slopes, mostly flat. Not suitable for dogs. Local pub at end of walk.	6.25	Ron Mc 01303 813428 07471 164021
SATURDAY 20 th July Walk Grade – Moderate	10 am. BRIDGE (Route 2). Bridge Recreation Ground, Patixbourne Rd, TR185543 (CT4 5BL). Circular walk through fields and orchards, passing through pretty Bishopsbourne with its restored station (now a private house). Packed lunch about halfway. A few steepish hills. Not suitable for dogs. Local pub at end of walk.	7	David T 07984 177390
SATURDAY 27 th July Walk Grade – Leisurely/ Moderate	10 am. OARE to OSPRINGE (Route 2). Gist Car Park. TR007626 (ME13 OPY). Turn left on entering site and drive along the front of the buildings to car park at the end. Circular walk. Also visiting the historic Oare Gunpowder site, which produced gunpowder from the late seventeenth century until it closed in 1934. Snack break about halfway.	6.25	Barbara H 07713 075480
SATURDAY 3 rd August Walk Grade – Leisurely/ Moderate	10 am. LENHAM (Route 3). Lenham Community Centre, Groom Way, TQ902522 (ME17 2QT). Circular walk, War Memorial, Pilgrims Way, Stedehill Wood, Waterditch Farm, Woodside Green. Lots of very scenic views. Snack break about halfway. Flat, undulating, but also hilly in places. Walk not suitable for dogs.	6.25	Atit 07427284500

SATURDAY 10 th August	There will be no walk today due to THE RAMBLERS morning and afternoon FIRST AID COURSES		
SUNDAY 11 th August Walk Grade – Moderate	10 am. WYE (Route 1). Wye Church. TR053468 (TN25 5BP). Exceptional scenery. Through the Wye College estate to Crundale Church, along the Downs to Coombe Manor. Returning via Wye Crown. Packed lunch about halfway. Flat, undulating, but with some steeper slopes. Not suitable for dogs	8.5	Kevin 07734 309155
SATURDAY 17 th August Walk Grade – Leisurely/ Moderate	10 am. WOODCHURCH. Parking by village green, nr village hall. TQ943344 (TN26 3PA). Circular walk through fields and woods to the Church at Shadoxhurst. Returning past Woodchurch Windmill. Fantastic views. Snack break about halfway. Mostly flat, but there are some steeper slopes. Not suitable for dogs. Local pub at end of walk.	6.25	Jane 01233 632510
SATURDAY 24 th August Walk Grade – Leisurely/ Moderate	10.15 am. FORDWICH The George & Dragon Car Park. King Street, Fordwich, TR178597 (CT2 0DB). The smallest town in England. Packed lunch about halfway. A few steeper slopes, but nothing too difficult. Not suitable for dogs. If possible, please support the pub at the end of the walk. THERE IS A LOT OF WATER AROUND FORDWICH, LONG SLEEVES, TROUSERS AND MOSQUITO REPELLENT IS ADVISED	7.5	Dave R 01797 361335 07788 460935
SATURDAY 31 st August Walk Grade – Leisurely/ Moderate	10 am. TENTERDEN (Route 3). Tenterden Garden Centre Car Park, Reading St (B2080), TQ921305 (TN30 7HT). Circular walk to Coneyboro Wood, Haynes Farm, Frenchay, Leigh Green, Ramsden. Packed lunch about halfway. Some steeper slopes, but nothing difficult. Some fantastic views. A bit of road walking. Not suitable for dogs. Café on site at the end of the walk	6	Dave R 01797 361335 07788 460935
SATURDAY 7 th September Walk Grade – Leisurely/ Moderate	There will be no walk today. We apologise for disappointing members. We have tried all ways to put on this walk as planned (including changing the venue) but have found it impossible. All will be back to normal next week, and this walk will be re-scheduled for the next walk programme.		5.75 Ron Mc 01303 813428 07471 164021
SATURDAY 14 th September Walk Grade – Leisurely/ Moderate	10 am. TEYNHAM. Outside Teynham Primary School. TQ 955626 (ME9 9BQ). A flat, circular walk, which goes through orchards and via Conyer Creek Marina and the Saxon Shore Way. Lots of mudflats, sheep and birds. Packed lunch halfway. Walk not suitable for dogs.	8	Kevin 07734 309155
SATURDAY 21 st September Walk Grade – Leisurely/ Moderate	10 am. PERRY COURT. Perry Court Farm Shop car park, TR037473 (TN25 4ES). North Downs Way to Wye. Bilting, Aluph House. Snack break about halfway. Fantastic views, A lot of flat walking but a few steeper slopes. Not suitable for dogs. Tea Room on site at end of walk.	5.75	Margaret 07811 336084

SATURDAY 28 th September Walk Grade – Leisurely/ Moderate	10 am. CHARING. Parking for Alderbed Meadow, off Pett Lane, TQ957491 (TN27 ODW). A circular walk along the North Downs Way towards Westwell. Dunn Street. Back past the Gliding Club to Squids Gate. Packed lunch approx halfway. Steep slopes in places. Not suitable for dogs.	6	Rob 07800 774620
SATURDAY 5 th October Walk Grade – Moderate	10 am. SOLE STREET. 10 am. Sole Street (Compasses Inn CP). TR097493 (CT4 7ES). Crundale area, taking in part of Denge Wood and part of the Stour Valley Path, with fabulous views across the Downs. Snack break about halfway. Some quite steep climbs. Walk not suitable for dogs. Pub at end of walk.	6.5	Ken K 07771 670819
SUNDAY 6 th October Walk Grade – Moderate	10 am. HARRIETSHAM. Railway Station CP (fee applies) or street parking nearby. TQ866528 (ME17 1JA). Along the Pilgrims Way, Greenway, Hollingbourne, Hucking Woods. Fantastic views. Very scenic. Mainly flat, one steep hill. Packed Lunch. Not suitable for dogs.	9	Kevin 07734 309155
SATURDAY 12 th October Walk Grade – Leisurely	10 am. HIGH HALDEN. Chequers on the Green Pub CP, Ashford Rd. TQ900373 (TN26 3LP). Middle Quarter, Linden Farm, Cuckolds Corner, Tiffenden. Snack break about halfway. Flat and undulating. Not suitable for dogs. Pub at end of walk.	6.25	Janet 07720 029539
SATURDAY 19 th October Walk Grade – Moderate	10 am. RYE. Railway Station entrance. TQ919205 (TN31 7AA). Circular walk along the Undercliff towards Winchelsea. Via Pelsham to Peasmarsh Church. Returning along the High Weald Landscape Trail to Rye. Interesting walk with lots of views. Packed lunch about halfway. Not suitable for dogs.	7.5	Graham 01233 622234 07790 946 316
A REMINDER TO START THINKING ABOUT YOUR WALKS FOR THE NEXT PROGRAMME! JENNIFER WILL BE CONTACTING YOU IN NOV 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.			
SATURDAY 26 th October Walk Grade – Leisurely	10 am. ALDINGTON. Playing field - opposite Walnut Tree Pub. TR063366 (TN25 7DJ). Road parking (not the Village Hall car park). Descending to the Military Canal and climbing back to Aldington. Includes some slopes, but most slopes are reasonably gentle and the pace will be unhurried. Snack break about half way. Not suitable for dogs.	6	Andrew 01233 720513 07754 797848
SATURDAY 2 nd November Walk Grade – Leisurely/ Moderate	10 am. LYMINGE. Village Hall Car Park, Woodland Road. TR159408 (CT18 8EN). Red House Farm, Paddlesworth, Shuttlesfield, Great Shuttlesfield Farm. Lovely upland route, panoramic views, some climbing. One water break. Dogs on a short lead welcome.	6	Stevie 07821 009854

SUNDAY 3 rd November	10 am. AGM (to be confirmed)		
SATURDAY 9 th November Walk Grade – Leisurely	10 am. SEASALTER. Park in car park/lay-by's adjacent to Seasalter Sailing club and opposite the Wye Worrie bungalow. TR068649 (CT5 4BW). A walk along the sea wall towards Faversham. Returning Goodnestone and Graveney. A really interesting walk with lots to see. Packed lunch about halfway. Not suitable for dogs.	8	Kevin 07734 309155
SATURDAY 16 th November Walk Grade – Moderate	10 am. GRAFTY GREEN. The Kings Head, Headcorn Road. TQ872489 (ME17 2AN). Coalbridge Wood, Hazelwood Hill, Chilston Park Hotel, Platts Heath, Elmstone Hole. Snack break about halfway. Not suitable for dogs. Flat walking, but hilly in places. Pub at end of walk.	6.5	Jennifer 01303 813428 07518 932351
SATURDAY 23 rd November Walk Grade – Moderate	10 am. BRIDGE (Route 3). Bridge Recreation Ground, Patricxbourne Rd, TR185543 (CT4 5BL). Barham Downs to Kingston. Returning via Charlton Park and Bishopsbourne. Frequent views over the North Downs. Packed lunch about half way. Not suitable for dogs. Hilly in places	7.25	Graham 01233 622234 07790 946 316
SATURDAY 30 th November Walk Grade – Moderate	10 am. ELHAM (Route 2). The Square (by St Mary's Church) or parking nearby. TR178439 (CT4 6TL). Park Wood, Wheelbarrow Town. Good views in places. Snack break about halfway. Not suitable for dogs. Moderately steep slopes. Unhurried pace. Pub at end of walk.	7	Andrew 01233 720513 07754 797848
SATURDAY 7 th December Walk Grade – Moderate	10 am. MOLASH. The George Pub Car Park, The Street. TR028518 (CT4 8HE). Molash Church, Wytherling Court, Chequers Farm, Kings Wood. Snack break about halfway. Not suitable for dogs. Some steeper slopes. Pub at end of walk.	6.5	Dave R 01797 361335 07788 460935
SATURDAY 14 th December Walk Grade – Leisurely/ Moderate	10 am. CHILHAM. Taylor's Hill Car Park. TR066536 (CT4 8DD). Chilham Mill, Shalmsford Street, Mansfield's Fruit Farm, North Downs Way, Old Wives Lees. Some climbing, great views, lots of interest. One water break. Dogs on a short lead welcome.	6	Stevie 07821 009854
SATURDAY 21 st December Walk Grade – Leisurely	10 am. HOTHFIELD. St Margaret's Church, Hothfield. TQ969445 (TN26 1EL). Godinton Park and the environs of Hothfield. The Greensand Way and Stour Valley path. Mainly flat, with very few stiles. Snack break about halfway. Not suitable for dogs.	6	Graham 01233 622234 07790 946 316

SATURDAY	10 am. WYE (Route 2).		
28 th December	New Flying Horse car park, Upper Bridge Street. TR055467 (TN25		Jennifer
Walk Grade –	5AN). A scenic walk out to Wye Court, Bilting, Olantigh, Crundale	7.5	01303 813428
Leisurely/ Moderate	Downs. Snack break about halfway. Not suitable for dogs. Flat in		07518 932351
	places, with some steeper slopes. Pub at end of walk.		

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

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