

ASHFORD RAMBLERS WALKS PROGRAMME

JULY 2018 – DECEMBER 2018

**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 is the responsibility of the recipient to check with the walk leader, that the details are still correct as printed, before turning up for their walk. 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 |
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| SATURDAY 30 th JUNE Walk Grade – Leisurely | 10 am. HIGH HALDEN. Chequers on the Green Pub CP, or street parking if not using the pub afterwards. TQ900373 (TN26 3LP). Circular walk to Maiden Wood. Robhurst, Susan's Hill. Packed Lunch approx halfway. Flat, undulating, some steeper slopes, but not difficult. Not suitable for dogs. | 8.5 | Dawn 07428 520584 |
| SUNDAY 1 st July | NO WALK | | |
| SATURDAY 7 th July Walk Grade – Leisurely | 10 am. BETHERSDEN. The Bull Inn Car Park, or street parking if not using the pub afterwards. TQ923398 (TN26 3LB). A circular walk to Plurenden Wood, Lyndhurst Farm, Gadsby Lane, Buckhall. Snack break approx. halfway. Flat or gently undulating. Not suitable for dogs. Average paced. New walkers welcome. | 5.75 | Ron Mc 01303 813428 07471 164021 |
| SUNDAY 8 th July | NO WALK | | |
| SATURDAY 14 th July Walk Grade – Moderate | 10 am. PEENE. Countryside Visitors Centre, TR183377 (CT18 8BA) Circular walk. Etchinghill dismantled railway, the Downs above Folkestone with fantastic views. Down next to the White Horse hill figure to return to Peene. Packed lunch approx halfway. Two steep climbs, one going up and one going down, otherwise mostly flat. Not suitable for dogs. Railway Museum and tea rooms at the end. | 5.5 | Jennifer 01303 813428 07518 932351 |
| SUNDAY 15 th July Walk Grade – Moderate | 10 am. WYE. Wye Station CP, TR048470 (TN25 5HB). North Downs Way, King's Wood. Lunch approx 12:30 - picnic/ tea room/ pub in Chilham Square. Shorten the walk to about 6 miles by taking the train back from Chilham or join the walk at lunchtime (for either option, please let the leader know in advance). Return via Stour Valley Walk through hilly countryside. Dogs on a short lead welcome. | 14 | Paul 01233644090 07549935682 |
| SATURDAY 21 st July Walk Grade – Leisurely | 10 am. TESTON BRIDGE. Teston Bridge Country Park, Maidstone TQ707532 (ME18 5BX). Beautiful Medway Valley walk, to Wateringbury, West Farleigh, Farleigh Green and East Farleigh, with a lovely riverside return. Mostly flat, easy walking. One short break at approx half way. Toilets and food stall at Country Park. Walk not suitable for dogs. | 8 | Stevie 07821 009854 |
| SUNDAY 22 nd July | NO WALK | | |

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| SATURDAY 28 th July Walk Grade – Leisurely | 10 am. FAGGS WOOD. Faggs Wood Car Park, TQ986348 (TN26 2EL). Circular woodland walk, through Faggs Wood, to Warehorne, Kenardington and High Hockley. Views over Romney Marsh. A snack break approx halfway. Flat or undulating. Not suitable for dogs. Average paced. New walkers welcome. | 5.75 | Graham 01233 622234 |
| SUNDAY 29 th July Walk Grade – Moderate | 10 am. HARRIETSHAM (Wormshill). Harrietsham Railway Station. TQ866529 (ME17 1JA) A pretty walk with some exceptionally scenic views, via Pilgrim's way, Stede Hill, Hogbarn, Ringlestone, Wormshill and Drakes Lane. Packed lunch. Walk not suitable for dogs. | 9.5 | Kevin 07734 309155 |
| SATURDAY 4 th August Walk Grade – Leisurely | 10 am. MERSHAM. Mersham Village Hall CP or street parking, TR048391 (TN25 6NU). A circular walk to Bower Farm, Aldington Lakes, Aldington and Stone Green Hall. A snack break approx. halfway. Flat or gently undulating. Not suitable for dogs. Optional pub visit at the end. Average paced. New walkers welcome. | 5.25 | Dave R 01797 361335 07788 460935 |
| SUNDAY 5 th August Walk Grade – Leisurely | 10 am. APPLEDORE (Fairfield Church). Appledore Village Hall Car Park (Free) TQ955296 (TN26 2AE) A flat walk, Romney Marsh paths to the remote Fairfield Church for our packed lunch stop. Returning via Stone Bridge and the Royal Military Canal Path. Refreshments available at the end at Miss Mollett's Fine Tea Rooms (optional). | 7.7 | Andrew 01233 720513 07754797848 |
| SATURDAY 11 th August Walk Grade – Moderate | 10 am. BOSSINGHAM. The Hop Pocket Pub Car Park, or street parking if not using the pub afterwards. TR151491 (CT4 6DY). Scenic, circular walk. Lynsore Bottom, Quilters Wood, Clambercrown, Atchester Wood, Stelling Minnis Common. Snack break at approx. halfway. Flat, undulating and hilly in places (nothing difficult). Not suitable for dogs. | 7 | Jennifer 01303 813428 07518 932351 |
| SUNDAY 12 th August | NO WALK | | |
| SATURDAY 18 th August | NO WALK (it has been moved to Sunday below) | | |
| SUNDAY 19 th August Walk Grade – Moderate/ Hard | 10 am. HOLLINGBOURNE Railway Station TQ834550 (ME17 1TX). Fee applies but free parking on approach road. Exhilarating North Downs Way walk – Hollingbourne Church; White Horse Wood; Thurnham; Cobham Manor. Some tough climbs and steps. Packed lunch. Walk not suitable for dogs. | 9 | Stevie 07821 009854 |
| SATURDAY 25 th August Walk Grade – Leisurely | 10 am. SINGLETON LAKE. Car park beside Singleton Lake. TQ991422 (TN23 4TZ). A circular walk to Bucksford, Godinton Park, Worten Mill, Goldwell, Court Lodge. Snack break approx. halfway. Flat, undulating. Not suitable for dogs. Short distance to Singleton Barn Pub after the walk. Average paced. New walkers welcome. | 6.75 | Ken K 07771 670819 |
| SUNDAY 26 th August | NO WALK | | |

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| SATURDAY 1 st September Walk Grade – Leisurely | 10 am. MONKS HORTON. The Black Horse Car Park or street parking if not using the pub afterwards. TR111403 (TN25 6AP). Circular walk to Church Farm, Forty Acre Wood, Southenay, Horton Priory, Horton Wood. A snack break approx. halfway. Flat or gently undulating. Walk not suitable for dogs. Average paced. New walkers welcome. | 6 | Ron Mc 01303 813428 07471 164021 |
| SUNDAY 2 nd September Walk Grade – Moderate | 10 am. TENTERDEN. Bridewell Lane Car Park TQ8832331 (TN30 6EY). A circular walk out to Rolvenden through Hole Park. Returning via Rolvenden Lane and the High Weald Landscape Trail. Undulating but nothing difficult, a scenic walk with lovely views across the Weald. Packed Lunch. Walk not suitable for dogs. | 10 | Graham 01233 622234 |
| SATURDAY 8 th September Walk Grade – Leisurely/ Moderate | 10 am. CHARING. The Wagon & Horses Pub Car Park or street parking if not using the pub afterwards. TQ981512 (TN27 0NR). Circular walk through Longbeech Wood, Pested, Hurst Wood, Monastery Farm. Snack break approx. halfway. Flat, undulating, a few steeper slopes in places. Not suitable for dogs. | 7 | Jennifer 01303 813428 07518 932351 |
| SUNDAY 9th September | NO WALK | | |
| SATURDAY 15 th September Walk Grade – Leisurely/ Moderate | 10 am. LENHAM Lenham Community Centre, Groom Way, TQ902522 (ME17 2QT). Circular walk, War Memorial, North Downs Way, Stedehill Wood, Woodside Green. Lots of very scenic views A snack break approx. halfway. Flat, undulating but also hilly in places. Walk not suitable for dogs. | 6 | Dawn 07428 520584 |
| SUNDAY 16 th September Walk Grade – Moderate | 10 am. PEASMARSH. Park in school lane, TQ888225 (TN31 6UR). Circular walk going through lovely hilly landscape to the ancient town of Rye (lunch stop - picnic or tea room). Continuing northwards following the Royal Military Canal and then eastwards back to Peasmarsh. Dogs on a short lead welcome. | 10 | Paul 01233644090 07549935682 |
| SATURDAY 22 nd September Walk Grade – Leisurely | 10 am. WITTERSHAM. The Swan Inn Car Park, or street parking if not using the pub afterwards. TQ897275 (TN30 7PH). A circular walk across the Rother Levels, along the banks of the River Rother to Blackwall Bridge, Hunts Hill Farm. Snack break at approx. halfway. Flat, undulating. Not suitable for dogs. Average paced. New walkers welcome. | 7 | Jennifer 01303 813428 07518 932351 |
| SUNDAY 23rd September | NO WALK | | |
| SATURDAY 29 th September Walk Grade – Leisurely | 10 am. WOODCHURCH. Recreation Ground Car Park TQ943347 (TN26 3PA). Scenic circular walk. Susans Hill, Redbrook Street, Appleberry Farm. Snack break at approx. halfway. Flat, gently undulating. Not suitable for dogs. Average paced. New walkers welcome. | 6 | Margaret 07811 336084 |
| SUNDAY 30 th September Walk Grade – Leisurely | 10 am. TEYNHAM. Teynham Primary School TQ 955626 (ME9 9BQ). A circular walk along the flat, which goes through orchards and then via Conyer Marina and the Saxon Shore Way. Lots of mudflats, sheep and birds. Packed lunch. Walk not suitable for dogs. | 9 | Kevin 07734 309155 |

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| SATURDAY 6 th October Walk Grade – Leisurely | 10 am. BETHERSDEN. The George Pub car park or street parking if not using the pub. TQ928402, TN26 3AD. Circular walk in the direction of Smarden. Tippet farm, Wissenden, Tuesnoad, Monkery Farm, Barnhurst. Packed lunch halfway. Not suitable for dogs. Optional visit to The George on our return. Almost flat, no hills. Average paced. New walkers welcome. | 8 | Ken K 07771 670819 |
| SUNDAY 7 th October | NO WALK | | |
| SATURDAY 13 th October Walk Grade – Moderate | 10 am. SALTWOOD. The Castle Hotel. TR156357 (CT21 4AL). Street Parking nearby. Saltwood Castle, Newington; Peene, The Elham Valley Way, Etchinghill, Tolsford Hill. Packed Lunch approx halfway. Very scenic. Varied terrain, flat, gently undulating, with some steeper climbs. Average paced. Walk not suitable for dogs. | 8.5 | Kevin 07734 309155 |
| SUNDAY 14 th October Walk Grade – Leisurely | 10 am. SHADOXHURST. Village Hall CP. TQ977380 (TN26 1HT). A circular walk to Coldblow and back. Easy, flat walking with some stiles. May be muddy in wet weather. Walk not suitable for dogs. Average paced. New walkers welcome. | 6 | Jane 01233 632510 |
| SATURDAY 20 th October Walk Grade – Moderate | 10 am. STONE STREET (B2068, nr Six Mile Garage) The George Inn car park, TR134448 (CT4 6DF) Circular walk, Whatsole Street, Bodsham, Edards Wood. Scenic. Packed lunch approx halfway. Flat, undulating but some steeper slopes in places. Not suitable for dogs. | 8 | Graham 01233 622234 07790 946 316 |
| SUNDAY 21 st October | NO WALK | | |
| A REMINDER TO START THINKING ABOUT YOUR WALKS FOR THE NEXT PROGRAMME. THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO THE LEADERS WHO HAVE MADE THIS PROGRAMME A SUCCESS, AND LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT NEW PROGRAMME. | | | |
| SATURDAY 27 th October Walk Grade – Leisurely | 10 am. KENNINGTON. The Old Mill Pub Car Park. TR030453 (TN25 4DZ) A circular walk to Bull Lane, Eastwell Park, St Mary's ruined Church at Eastwell lake, Boughton Lees. Snack break approx. halfway. Flat, undulating. Not suitable for dogs. Average paced. New walkers welcome. | 5.5 | Ron Mc 01303 813428 07471 164021 |
| SUNDAY 28 th October | NO WALK | | |
| SATURDAY 3 rd November Walk Grade – Moderate | 10 am. HASTINGLEIGH. Hastingleigh Church Car park, TR101444A (TN25 5HN). Circular walk over quiet, undulating farmland, following footpaths and bridleways via Bodsham to Waltham church. Snack break approx. halfway. Dogs on a short lead welcome. | 6 | Andrew 01233 720513 07754797848 |
| SUNDAY 4 th November Walk Grade – Leisurely/ Moderate | 10 am. SEASALTER Parking 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. Along Faversham Creek into Faversham returning Goodnestone and Graveney. A really interesting walk with lots to see. Packed lunch, not suitable for dogs. | 10 | Kevin 07734 309155 |

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| SATURDAY 10 th November Walk Grade – Leisurely/ Moderate | 10 am. ALDINGTON. Poulton Wood, TR060362 (TN25 7DT). Circular walk, Blackthorn Wood, St. Rumwolds Church, The Royal Military Canal, Bilsington, Priory Wood, Barton Farm. Packed Lunch at approx halfway. Flat, undulating, a few steeper slopes in places. Not suitable for dogs. | 7.25 | Jennifer 01303 813428 07518 932351 |
| SUNDAY 11th November | | | |
| SATURDAY 17 th November Walk Grade – Leisurely | 10 am. KINGS WOOD Kings Wood Car Park, White Hill, TR023500 (TN25 4DG). Circular walk through Kings Wood, Soakham Downs and Molash. A snack break approx. halfway. Flat, undulating, a few short, steeper slopes in places. Not suitable for dogs. | 6 | Margaret 07811 336084 |
| SUNDAY 18 th November Walk Grade – Leisurely | 10 am. TENTERDEN. The KESR station entrance, Station Road TQ882335 (TN30 6HE). Street Parking in High Street - free on Sundays. Varied scenery with some open views and autumnal woodland, to High Halden Church. A few stiles and gentle slopes. Packed Lunch at approx. halfway. Dogs on a short lead welcome. | 8.5 | Andrew 01233 720513 07754797848 |
| SATURDAY 24 th November Walk Grade – Moderate | 10 am. PADDLESWORTH. The Cat & Custard Pot Pub Car Park, or street parking if not using the pub afterwards. TR196398 (CT18 8AD). A scenic circular walk to Shuttlesfield, Lyminge, Elham and Acrise Place. Packed Lunch approx halfway. Flat, undulating, but hilly in places. Not suitable for dogs. | 9.5 | Dave R 01797 361335 07788 460935 |
| SUNDAY 25th November | | | |
| Annual General Meeting | | | |
| SATURDAY 1 st December Walk Grade – Moderate | 10 am. DENTON. The Jackdaw Inn Car Park or street parking if not using the pub afterwards. TR215472 (CT4 6QZ). A circular walk to Willow Wood, Tappington Hall, Rakeshole Farm, Swingfield Minnis, Wooton, Denton Court. Packed Lunch at approx halfway. Flat, undulating, with a few steeper slopes in places. Not suitable for dogs. | 8 | Jennifer 01303 813428 07518 932351 |
| SUNDAY 2 nd December Walk Grade – Moderate | 10 am. HARRIETSHAM. Railway Station Car Park (fee applies or street parking nearby). TQ866528 (ME17 1JA). A circular walk on the North Downs. Some climbing involved. A short break for a snack/ drink halfway. Dogs on a short lead welcome. | 5 | Paul 01233644090 07549935682 |
| SATURDAY 8 th December Walk Grade – Leisurely | 10 am. APPLEDORE (Stone-in-Oxney). Appledore Village Hall Car Park (Free) TQ955296 (TN26 2AE). Circular walk along footpaths, by the Military Canal, across fields to Stone in Oxney and returning via the Ferry Inn (optional stop for refreshments). Mostly flat but there are some stiles and two moderate slopes. Not suitable for dogs. | 5.5 | Andrew 01233 720513 07754797848 |
| SUNDAY 9th December | | | |
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| SATURDAY 15 th December Walk Grade – Moderate | 10 am. LOWER HARDRES The Granville Pub Car Park or street parking if not using the pub afterwards. TR146534 (CT4 7AL). A circular walk out to Pett Bottom. Gorsley Wood, Crows Camp, Pett Farm. Very scenic through varied countryside. Packed lunch break approx halfway. Flat and undulating but hilly in places. Not suitable for dogs. | 9.75 | Dawn 07428 520584 |
| SUNDAY 16 th December Walk Grade – Leisurely | 10 am. CHARING. Charing Primary School. TQ952495 (TN27 0JN). A circular walk along the Pilgrims' Way, then up through Denchers wood to the Gliding Club, back along the Westwell downs and North Downs Way. Short stop for a snack. Not suitable for dogs. | 6.5 | Kevin 07734 309155 |
| SATURDAY 22 nd December Walk Grade – Leisurely | 10 am. PLUCKLEY. The Black Horse pub car park or street parking if not using the pub afterwards. TQ926454 (TN27 0PA). Circular walk to Honey Farm, Egerton orchards, Pivington, Nettlepole. Snack break halfway. Flat, undulating with a couple of steeper slopes. Not suitable for dogs. | 6.5 | Dave R 01797 361335 07788 460935 |
| SUNDAY 23rd December | NO WALK | | |
| SATURDAY 29 th December Walk Grade – Leisurely | 10 am. SMARDEN. The Flying Horse Pub Car Park or street parking if not using the pub afterwards. TQ880422 (TN27 8QD). A circular walk to Hegg Hill, Wanden, Dering Wood and Biddenden Green. Packed lunch break approx halfway. Flat or gently undulating. Not suitable for dogs. | 8 | Jennifer 01303 813428 07518 932351 |
| SUNDAY 30th December | NO 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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