

ASHFORD RAMBLERS WALKS PROGRAMME

JULY 2017 – DECEMBER 2017

**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 experienced.
- 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 1 st JULY Walk Grade – Moderate	10 am. LITTLE CHART. Park around the village green. TQ943460 (TN27 0QB). Via Pluckley, Egerton, and the ruined church at Little Chart. Some climbs but mostly easy walking across fields offering scenic views. One short break. Dogs on a short lead welcome, but livestock present in fields.	7	Due to a foot injury, Jennifer 01303 813428 will be leading instead of Barbara C.
SUNDAY 2 nd JULY	NO WALK		
SATURDAY 8 th JULY Walk Grade – Moderate	10 am. BADLESMERE (Nr Challock). Park in layby opposite Red Lion Pub or parking in layby's around village green. Ashford Rd. TR009541 (ME13 ONX). Circular walk. Bells Forstal, Throwley. Nice views of the North Downs. A break for packed lunch at approx. 5 miles. Flat, undulating and some short hills. Not suitable for dogs.	9	Jennifer 01303 813428 07518 932351
SUNDAY 9 th JULY Walk Grade – Leisurely	10 am. SHADOXHURST. (Village Hall CP). TQ977380 (TN26 1HT). Circular walk around Shadoxhurst via local byways. Easy walking with some stiles. May be muddy in wet weather. Walk not suitable for dogs. An average paced, shorter walk. New walkers welcome.	6	Jane 01233 632510
SATURDAY 15 th JULY Walk Grade – Leisurely	10 am. OARE. (Street parking near the Castle Inn). TR007627 (ME13 OPY). Following Oare Creek and then along the sea wall, with views of the Isle of Harty, and back across the marshes. Mudflats, boats, and birds galore. Walk not suitable for dogs. An average paced, shorter walk. New walkers welcome.	5	Barbara H 07713 075480
SUNDAY 16 th JULY Walk Grade – Moderate/ Hard	10 am. WYE. (Churchfield Way CP). TR053468 (TN25 5BP). Hilly walk from Wye past Withersdane Hall then climbing beside the Devil's Kneading Trough and on to Crundale Church; returning via Wye Crown and the Wibberley Way. Packed lunch. Walk not suitable for dogs.	8.5	Stevie 07821 009854

SATURDAY 22 nd JULY Walk Grade – Leisurely	10 am. BROOK. (Village Hall CP). TR065441 (TN25 5PE). Circular walk. Troy Town, Withersdane Hall. Good views of the Crown on Wye Downs. A short break for a snack/drink halfway. Mostly flat. An average paced, shorter walk. New walkers welcome.	5.2	Ron Mc 01303 813428 074711640216
SUNDAY 23 rd July Walk Grade - Leisurely/ Moderate	10 am. SMARDEN. (Charter Hall Car Park), Chessenden Lane. TQ885424 (TN27 8NF). Circular walk. Hegg Hill, Wanden, Deering Wood, Biddenden Green. A break for packed lunch at approx 5 miles. Mostly flat or undulating. Not suitable for dogs.	8	David T 01233 650633
SATURDAY 29 th JULY Walk Grade – Leisurely/ Moderate	10 am. ROMNEY MARSH. Ivychurch. (Village Hall CP). TR027276 (TN29 0AN). Circular walk to St Mary in the Marsh. Good views across the unique landscape of Romney Marsh. A break for packed lunch at approx 5 miles. Mostly very flat. Not suitable for dogs.	9.5	Dave R 07788 460935
SUNDAY 30 th July Walk Grade - Leisurely/ Moderate	10 am. WARREN STREET. (The Harrow Inn Car Park), Hubbards Hill, TQ926528 (ME17 2ED). Circular walk. Payden Str, Slade, Otterden Place. A short break for a snack/drink halfway. Mostly flat or undulating. Not suitable for dogs.	5.5	Jennifer 01303 813428 07518932351
SATURDAY 5 th AUGUST Walk Grade – Leisurely	10 am. LEEDS CASTLE. (St. Nicholas Church CP). TQ825533 (ME17 1RL). Starting at St. Nicholas' Church, the walk goes through Leeds Castle park with lovely views of the Castle and Lake, and takes in fields and woodland and the pretty village of Broomfield before returning once more into the park. Walk not suitable for dogs.	6	Stevie 07821 009854
SUNDAY 6 th AUGUST Walk Grade – Leisurely/ Moderate	10 am. TENTERDEN. (Station Rd CP or street parking in the High Street – free on Sundays). Start point Kent & East Sussex Railway TQ882335 (TN30 6HE). Circular walk to Rolvenden Layne. Some gentle climbing involved. Pub lunch in Rolvenden or picnic on the Recreation Ground. Walk not suitable for dogs.	9	Keith & Lea 01580 765466
SATURDAY 12 th AUGUST Walk Grade – Moderate	10 am. ELHAM. (Street parking near to start point). St. Mary's Church gate TR177438 (CT4 6TJ). (Public Transport No. 17 Bus Canterbury/Folkestone). Lovely scenic route along the upper slopes of the valley, with some climbing. Packed lunch; possible tea stop at Elham Valley Vineyard. Walk not suitable for dogs.	10	Andrew 07754 797848
SUNDAY 13 th AUGUST Walk Grade – Moderate/ Hard	10 am. THE FOLKESTONE 3 PEAKS CHALLENGE! (Crete Road West, near junction with Canterbury Road). TR221384 (CT18 7EQ). Don't be fooled by the distance – this is a short, quirky but reasonably tough walk taking in Castle Hill, Round Hill and Sugarloaf Hill, with fabulous views across Folkestone and the coast. Walk not suitable for dogs.	3 - 4	Stevie & Ron W 07821 009854

SATURDAY 19 th AUGUST Walk Grade – Leisurely	10 am. ORLESTONE FOREST, Nr ASHFORD. (Fagg's Wood CP). TQ986348 (TN26 2EL). Circular walk out to Kenardington. Walking in the forest nature reserve and surrounding countryside. A short break for a snack/drink halfway. Mostly flat with some undulations. An average paced, shorter walk. New walkers welcome.	5.3	Jennifer 01303 813428 07518 932351
SUNDAY 20 th AUGUST Walk Grade – Moderate/ Hard	10 am. ST. MARGARET'S AT CLIFFE. (Village CP). TR359447 (CT15 6AP). Circular walk in White Cliffs country, with some climbing involved. Lunch stop at Kingsdown – lunch at the Zetland Arms or picnic on the sea wall. Dogs on a short lead welcome.	7	John 01303 894692
SATURDAY 26 th AUGUST Walk Grade – Moderate	10 am. STONE STREET. (Farthing Common CP). TR136403 (CT18 8DH). Circular walk. Skete, Stowting Common, Lymbridge Green, Kings Wood, Hemsted. Fantastic views. A break for packed lunch at approx. 5 miles. Hilly in places. Not suitable for dogs.	8.75	Jennifer 01303 813428 07518 932351
SUNDAY 27 th AUGUST Walk Grade – Leisurely/ Moderate	10 am. PERRY WOOD. (Perry Wood CP). TR045557 (ME13 9RP). A mostly easy walk around this beauty spot, also taking in Shottenden, but with a final climb back up to Perry Wood for a visit to the Pulpit for the panoramic views. Walk not suitable for dogs.	5.25	Stevie 07821 009854
SATURDAY 2 nd SEPTEMBER Walk Grade – Leisurely	10 am. ALDINGTON. (Poulton Woods CP). TR060362 (TN25 7DT). Circular walk. Rocky Bourne Road, Park Wood, Bonnington. Good views across the Marsh. A short break for a snack/drink halfway. Mostly flat or undulating. An average paced, shorter walk. New walkers welcome.	5.25	Ron Mc 01303 813428 074711640216
SUNDAY 3 rd SEPTEMBER Walk Grade – Leisurely	10 am. SHADOXHURST. (Village Hall CP). TQ977380 (TN26 1HT). Walk to Woodchurch and back. Pub lunch in Woodchurch or picnic on the village green. Easy walking with some stiles. May be muddy in wet weather. Walk not suitable for dogs.	11.75	Jane 01233 632510
SATURDAY 9 th SEPTEMBER Walk Grade – Leisurely	10 am. RINGLESTONE. Ringlestone Inn Car Park. TQ878557 (ME17 1NX). Pub allows use of their car park, but would be grateful for your custom after the walk. Circular walk using field paths with views of the North Downs. Some minor climbs and stiles. A short break for a snack/drink halfway. Mostly flat or undulating. Not suitable for dogs. An average paced, shorter walk. New walkers welcome.	5.25	Dave R 07788 460935
SUNDAY 10 th SEPTEMBER Walk Grade – Leisurely	10 am. CONNINGBROOK LAKES. Julie Rose Car Park. Kennington Rd. TR029436 (TN24 9QX). Circular walk. Blackwell Farm, Hinxhill, Flowergarden Wood, Goose Green. Good views. A break for packed lunch at approx. 5 miles. Mostly flat or undulating. Not suitable for dogs.	7.75	Ron Mc 01303 813428 074711640216

SATURDAY 16 th SEPTEMBER Walk Grade – Leisurely	10 am. SELLINDGE. (Village Hall CP). TR103381 (TN25 6GD). Circular walk. Morestock, Cock Ash, Gibbins Brook. A short break for a snack/ drink halfway. Mostly flat or undulating. Not suitable for dogs. An average paced, shorter walk. New walkers welcome.	5.25	Jennifer 01303 813428 07518 932351
SUNDAY 17 th SEPTEMBER Walk Grade – Leisurely/ Moderate	10 am. TEYNHAM. (Parking in road near school or Village Hall CP around the corner). Start point Station Road TQ954627 (ME9 9BQ). Through orchards to Conyer, Saxon Shore Way towards Murston. Boats, mudflats, birds, sheep, fruit. Mainly flat. Walk not suitable for dogs.	10	Kevin 01622 858278
SATURDAY 23 rd SEPTEMBER Walk Grade – Leisurely/ Moderate	10 am. HAWKHURST. (Street parking around The Moor). TQ756296 (TN18 4NW). Circular walk in this beautiful area, using country footpaths through fields and orchards. A little road walking and a couple of gentle/moderate climbs but no hurry, so everyone can take them at their own pace! Dogs on a short lead welcome.	5.5	Diane H 07947 385987
SUNDAY 24 th SEPTEMBER	NO WALK		
SATURDAY 30 th SEPTEMBER Walk Grade – Moderate	10 am. HYPHE. (Portland Road Car Park. £2 all day). TR157346 (CT21 6JA). Circular walk to Burmarsh. Botolphs Bridge, Royal Military Canal, Lympe. A break for packed lunch or tea room refreshments at approx 5.5 miles. Mostly flat but with one steep climb. Not suitable for dogs.	11	Ron W 07913 326118
SUNDAY 1 st OCTOBER Walk Grade – Moderate	10 am. HARRIETSHAM. (Railway Station CP – fee applies or street parking nearby). TQ866528 (ME17 1JA). Circular walk in the North Downs. Some climbing involved. Dogs on a short lead welcome.	5	Paul 07549 935682
SATURDAY 7 th OCTOBER Walk Grade – Moderate	10 am. ULCOMBE. (All Saints Church CP). TQ846497 (ME17 1DN). Circular walk using the Greensand way, with lovely views, across to Liverton Street and Boughton Malherbe, returning via Grafty Green. Short stop for snack/drink. Walk not suitable for dogs.	7.5	Stevie 07821 009854
SUNDAY 8 th OCTOBER	NO WALK		

**A REMINDER TO START THINKING ABOUT YOUR WALKS FOR THE NEXT PROGRAMME!
STEVIE WILL BE CONTACTING YOU EARLY IN NOVEMBER 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 JANUARY – JUNE 2018!**

SATURDAY 14 th OCTOBER Walk Grade – Leisurely/ Moderate	10 am. WYE DOWNS. Coldharbour Ln (Devils Kneading Trough CP). TR079453 (TN25 5HE). Circular walk. Coombe Manor, Hastingleigh, Folly Town. Good views from the top of Wye Downs. A short break for a snack/drink halfway. Mostly flat or undulating.	5.5	Jennifer 01303 813428 07518 932351
SUNDAY 15 th OCTOBER Walk Grade – Moderate/ Hard	10 am. SHEPHERDSWELL. (Parking around the village green or in nearby streets). TR261477 (CT15 7LQ). Circular walk via Lydden, Temple Ewell, Waldershare House. Lunch stop at Kearsney Abbey – Tea Rooms or picnic in grounds. Dogs on a short lead welcome.	9	John 01303 894692
SATURDAY 21 st OCTOBER Walk Grade – Leisurely	10 am. GOUDHURST. (Public CP, Balcombes Hill). Adjacent to the Duck Pond. TQ722375 (TN17 1AT). Circular walk through fields and orchards, with some glorious views, and an interesting church to be explored as well! Dogs on a short lead welcome. An average paced, shorter walk. New walkers welcome.	5	Diane H 07947 385987
SUNDAY 22 nd OCTOBER	NO WALK		
SATURDAY 28 th Oct Walk Grade - Moderate	10 am. CHARTHAM. Station Rd (Village Hall CP). TR107550 (CT4 7HZ). Circular walk. Great Stour, Lower Hardres, Chartham Downs. A break for packed lunch at approx 5 miles. Mostly flat or undulating but with a couple of steep climbs. Not suitable for dogs.	9.5	Jennifer 01303 813428 07518932351
SUNDAY 29 th OCTOBER Walk Grade – Leisurely	10 am. EGERTON. (Village CP). TQ906472 (TN27 9DR). Circular walk across fields and through orchards. Dogs on a short lead welcome. An average paced, shorter walk. New walkers welcome.	4	Barbara C 01233 632338
SATURDAY 4 th NOVEMBER Walk Grade – Leisurely	10 am. SANDWICH. (Sandwich Quay CP – fee applies). TR333582 (CT13 9EN). Leisurely walk along the River Stour, across Royal St George’s Golf Course and along the seashore by the Sandwich Bay Estate. Packed Lunch. Walk not suitable for dogs.	8	Kevin 01622 858278
SUNDAY 5 th NOVEMBER	NO WALK		

SATURDAY 11 th NOVEMBER Walk Grade – Leisurely	10 am. EVEGATE. Station Road, Smeeth (Evegata Artisan Village CP). TR068390 (TN25 6SX). Aldington Lakes, Blackhouse Wood. A short break for a snack/drink halfway. Mostly flat or undulating. An average paced, shorter walk. New walkers welcome.	5.5	Ron W 07913 326118
SUNDAY 12 th NOVEMBER Walk Grade – Moderate	10 am. WITTERSHAM. (Parking in the Street, Wittersham). TQ897269 (TN30 7EA). Circular walk to Peasmarsh via Sussex Border Path, Beckley and Flackley Ash. Packed Lunch. Walk not suitable for dogs.	10.6	Keith & Lea 01580 765466
SATURDAY 18 th NOVEMBER Walk Grade – Moderate/ Hard	10 am. CAPEL-LE-FERNE. (Street parking near Start Point). Start point Clifftop café TR253384 (CT18 7HT). Spectacular walk along the White Cliffs to the Western Heights on the outskirts of Dover, and back across the Downs. Packed lunch. Walk not suitable for dogs.	10	Stevie 07821 009854
SUNDAY 19 th Nov Walk Grade - Leisurely	10 am. LENHAM. Maidstone Rd, (Village Car Park). TQ897522 (ME17 2QH). Chapel Farm, Lenham Heath. A short break for a snack/drink halfway. Mostly flat or undulating. An average paced, shorter walk. New walkers welcome.	5	Jennifer 01303 813428 07518 932351
SATURDAY 25 th NOVEMBER Walk Grade – Leisurely	10 am. WOODCHURCH. Village Rec Car Park). TQ943347 (TN26 3PA). Hunts Wood, Cole Wood, Woodchurch Windmill. Pretty countryside. A short break for a snack/drink halfway. Mostly flat or undulating. An average paced, shorter walk. New walkers welcome.	5.5	Sue 07704 142155
SUNDAY 26 th NOVEMBER Walk Grade – Leisurely	10 am. TENTERDEN. (Station Rd CP or street parking in the High Street – free on Sundays). Start point Kent & East Sussex Railway, TQ882335 (TN30 6HE). Circular walk with open views and autumnal woodland. A few stiles and gentle climbs. Packed lunch. Dogs on a short lead welcome, but livestock present in fields.	8.5	Andrew 07754 797848
SATURDAY 2 nd DECEMBER Walk Grade – Leisurely/ Moderate	10 am. CHARING. Egg Hill Rd (The Bowl Inn CP). TQ949514 (TN27 0HG). Circular walk. Stalisfield, Spuckles Wood. Scenic views of the North Downs. A break for packed lunch at approx. 5 miles. Flat, undulating with a few climbs. Not suitable for dogs.	8	Jennifer 01303 813428 07518 932351
SUNDAY 3 rd DECEMBER	NO WALK		

SATURDAY 9 th DECEMBER Walk Grade – Leisurely	10 am. APPLEDORE. (Village Hall CP). TQ955296 (TN26 2AE). From Appledore beside the Royal Military Canal and across fields to Stone-in-Oxney, and returning via the Ferry Inn (optional refreshment stop). One gentle climb. Walk not suitable for dogs. An average paced, shorter walk. New walkers welcome.	5.5	Andrew 07754 797848
SUNDAY 10 th DECEMBER Walk Grade – Moderate	10 am. CHALLOCK. (Village Hall CP). TR010505 (TN25 4AU). A varied, scenic walk from Challock through Eastwell Park, Boughton Lees, Boughton Aluph, Soakham Downs and returning via King's Wood. One steep hill. Packed lunch. Walk not suitable for dogs.	10	Kevin 01622 858278
SATURDAY 16 th DECEMBER Walk Grade – Moderate	10 am. CHILHAM. (Taylor's Hill CP). TR066536 (CT4 8BZ). Circular walk passing the lovely old mill, then picking up a trackway and climbing up into the Downs with great views over the Crundale valley, then to Godmersham Park and back along the North Downs Way. Short stop for a snack/drink. Walk not suitable for dogs.	7.5	Stevie 07821 009854
SUNDAY 17 th DECEMBER	NO WALK		
SATURDAY 23 rd DECEMBER	NO WALK		
SUNDAY 24 th DECEMBER	NO WALK		
SATURDAY 30 th DECEMBER Walk Grade – Leisurely	10 am. ASHFORD. Nicholas Road. Eureka Park. TR003450 (TN25 4AG). Sandyhurst Farm, Nash Court. Westwell. A short break for a snack/drink halfway. Mostly flat or slightly undulating. An average paced, shorter walk. New walkers welcome.	5	Jennifer 01303 813428 07518 932351
SUNDAY 31 st 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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