

ASHFORD RAMBLERS WALKS PROGRAMME

JANUARY 2019 – JUNE 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 only allowed on walks by discretion of the walk leader and if safety considerations allow.**

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 December Walk Grade – Leisurely	10 am. SMARDEN. The Flying Horse, pub car park, Cage Lane. Street parking if not using the pub afterwards. TQ879422 (TN27 8QD). Circular walk to Hegg Hill, Wanden, Dering Wood, Biddenden Green. Packed lunch about halfway. Flat or gently undulating. Not suitable for dogs.	7.5	Jennifer 01303 813428 07518 932351
SATURDAY 5 th January Walk Grade – Leisurely/ Moderate	10 am. HASTINGLEIGH. Hastingleigh/Elmsted Village Hall. TR098449 (TN25 5HR). Long Barrow, Woods Hill, Huntstreet, Crundale Church, Crundale Downs, Little Combe. Snack break about halfway. Mostly flat or gently undulating, but with some steeper slopes. Not suitable for dogs. Optional visit to the Bowl Inn, following the walk.	6.5	Ken K 07771 670819
SATURDAY 12 th January Walk Grade – Leisurely/ Moderate	10 am. CHILHAM. Taylors Hill car park. TR066536 (CT4 8DD). Chilham Station, Great Stour, Old Wives Lees, Lower Ensden, Stone Stile Farm. Packed lunch about halfway. Flat, undulating, but with some steeper slopes. Not suitable for dogs. Optional visit to pub or tea room in Chilham following the walk	7.5	Dave R 01797 361335 07788 460935
SATURDAY 19 th January Walk Grade – Leisurely/ Moderate	10 am. STOWTING. The Tiger Inn, pub car park, Scots Lane, TR120414 (TN25 6BA). A scenic, circular walk along part of Brabourne Downs, Brabourne Combe and Church Farm before returning to Stowting. Snack break about halfway. Mostly flat or gently undulating, but with some steeper slopes. Not suitable for dogs.	5.25	Margaret 07811 336084
SUNDAY 20 th January Walk Grade – Leisurely/ Moderate	10 am. WYE (Route 1). Wye Church. TR053468 (TN25 5BP). A lovely walk with exceptional scenery. Out through the 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	Kevin 07734 309155

SATURDAY 26 th January Walk Grade – Leisurely/ Moderate	10 am. ST MICHAELS. Silcocks Farm Shop/Café car park, Readers Bridge Rd, TQ878351 (TN30 6TH). A lovely scenic route from St Michaels, London Bridge Golf Course, Bugglesden, Millpond Farm, Chennel Park, Tenterden Steam Railway. Packed lunch about halfway. Flat, undulating, with stiles and steeper slopes. Not suitable for dogs.	7	Jennifer 01303 813428 07518 932351
SATURDAY 2 nd February Walk Grade – Leisurely	10 am. SMEETH. Smeeth Playing Field car park. TR074399 (TN25 6SA). A circular walk out to Jacobs Plantation, Bircholt, Quarrington, Bockham Lane, The Deer Park. Snack break about halfway. Flat and undulating. Not suitable for dogs. Optional visit to The Woolpack Pub after the walk.	6	Ron Mc 01303 813428 07471 164021
SATURDAY 9 th February Walk Grade – Leisurely/ Moderate	10 am. NEWNHAM. The George Inn. TQ955577 (ME9 0LL). Use street parking nearby. Sharstead Plantation, Lynsted Park (glorious snowdrops), Tickham, Provender (unusual graves), Elverland. Arable, orchards, a bit of road walking. Packed lunch about halfway. Flat, undulating, but with some steeper slopes. Not suitable for dogs	8.5	Kevin 07734 309155
SUNDAY 10 th February Walk Grade – Leisurely Stroll	10.30 am. CHALLOCK Village Hall CP or street parking nearby. TR011505 (TN25 4AU). A short, slow circular walk with one hill. Stopping at Challock Church to admire the snowdrops in the churchyard and the murals inside. Refreshments for sale in the church. Walk not suitable for dogs.	4	Di 07591 038569
SATURDAY 16 th February Walk Grade – Leisurely/ Moderate	10 am. STELLING MINNIS. Rose & Crown Pub. Street parking nearby, Minnis Lane. TR142469 (CT4 6AT). Circular walk with some fantastic views. Gaylees Farm, Cox Hill, Waddenhall, Doghouse. Snack break about halfway. Flat, undulating, but with some steeper slopes. Not suitable for dogs.	5.5	Dave R 01797 361335 07788 460935
SATURDAY 23 rd February Walk Grade – Leisurely with 1 moderate slope	10 am. BRIDGE. Red Lion. Please street park beside pub. TR183542 (CT4 5LB). Bifrons Park, Patribourne, Howletts Animal Prk, Woolton Frm, Bekesbourne. Parkland, orchards, woods, fields. Some road walking on quiet lanes. Very scenic in parts. Packed lunch about halfway. Easy underfoot, not many stiles, flat, gently undulating. One short moderate slope. Not suitable for dogs.	7.5	Jennifer 01303 813428 07518 932351
SATURDAY 2 nd March Walk Grade – Leisurely	10 am. WOODCHURCH. Road parking by village green, nr village hall. TQ943344 (TN26 3PA). A circular walk across fields to The Wish. Fine views of the windmill and Church looking back. Returning via woodland and Rare Breeds Centre. Snack break about halfway. Flat, with some gentle slopes. Not suitable for dogs	6.25	David T 07984177390

SATURDAY 9 th March Walk Grade – Leisurely	10 am. LEWSON STREET (Nr TEYNHAM). The Plough Inn, pub car park. TQ962613 (ME9 9JN). Circular walk. Norton Court, Loyterton, Lynsted, Bogle. Packed lunch about halfway. Fruit Farms and pretty villages. Flat, undulating, but with some gentle slopes. Not suitable for dogs.	7.25	Barbara H 07713 075480
SATURDAY 16 th March Walk Grade – Leisurely/ Moderate	10 am. WYE (Route 2). The New Flying Horse, pub car park, Upper Bridge Street, TR055467 (TN25 5AN). A scenic, circular walk out to Marriage Frm, Pett Street Frm, Wye Downs. Pickersdane, Withersdane. Snack break about halfway. Flat or gently undulating, but with a few steeper slopes. Not suitable for dogs.	6.75	Carol 07802501557
SATURDAY 23 rd March Walk Grade – Leisurely/ Moderate	10 am. BIDDENDEN. Rec Ground car park, Old Mill Court. TQ849381 (TN27 8DD). Circular walk out to Sissinghurst Castle. Clay Bridge, Brissenden Farm, Bettenham Manor, Sissinghurst, Rogley Wood, Worsenden Green. Packed lunch about halfway. Flat, undulating, but with a few steeper slopes. Not suitable for dogs.	10	Janet 07720029539
SATURDAY 30 th March Walk Grade – Leisurely	10 am. KENNINGTON. Conningbrook Hotel car park. TR025445 (TN24 9QR). Circular walk along the Stour Valley path to Wye before returning to Kennington by a different route. A flat, pleasant walk with few stiles. Lovely views towards the North Downs and Wye Crown. Snack break about halfway. Not suitable for dogs.	6	Graham 01233 622234 07790 946 316
SATURDAY 6 th April Walk Grade – Leisurely	10 am. WEST WOOD, LYMINGE. West Wood Forest car park (off Stone Street at Six Mile Garage). TR143439 (CT4 6XY). Circular walk. West Wood, Bossingham, Stelling Minnis. Packed lunch about halfway. Flat, undulating, but with some slopes. Not suitable for dogs.	7.5	Andrew 01233 720513 07754797848
SATURDAY 13 th April Walk Grade – Leisurely	10 am. SELLINDGE. Sports & Social Club car park, Swan Ln. TR108383 (TN25 6HB). Circular walk to Stanford. Great Priory Wood, Cock Ash, Hope Farm, Gibbons Brook. Snack break about halfway. Flat or gently undulating. Not suitable for dogs.	5.75	Ron Mc 01303 813428 07471 164021
SUNDAY 14 th April Walk Grade – Moderate	10 am. SALTWOOD. The Castle Hotel. TR156357 (CT21 4AL). Street parking nearby. Circular walk. Saltwood Castle, Newington, Peene, Elham Valley Way, Etchinghill, Tolsford Hill. Very scenic. Packed lunch about halfway. Flat, undulating, but with some steeper slopes. Not suitable for dogs	9	Kevin 07734 309155

<p>SATURDAY 20th April Walk Grade – Leisurely/ Moderate</p>	<p>10 am. SHEPHERDSWELL. East Kent Railway car park, Station Road. TR257481 (CT15 7PD). Circular walk to Eyethorne. Coldred, Waldershare Park, Eyethorne, Barfrestone. Packed lunch about halfway. Flat, undulating, but with some steeper slopes. Not suitable for dogs. Café on site following the walk.</p>	<p>7.5 Dave R 01797 361335 07788 460935</p>
<p>A REMINDER TO START THINKING ABOUT YOUR WALKS FOR THE NEXT PROGRAMME! JENNIFER WILL BE CONTACTING YOU IN MAY.</p> <p>THANK YOU TO THE LEADERS WHO HAVE MADE THIS PROGRAMME A SUCCESS, AND LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT NEW PROGRAMME.</p>		
<p>SATURDAY 27th April Walk Grade – Leisurely/ Moderate</p>	<p>10 am. EGERTON. Public Car Park, Rock Hill Road, Egerton TQ906472 (TN27 9DR). Circular walk. Stour Valley Way to ruins of St. Mary's church. Little Chart, through apple orchards to Pluckley. Returning via the Greensand Way with wonderful views over the Weald. Snack break about halfway. Flat, undulating, but with some steeper slopes. Not suitable for dogs.</p>	<p>6 Graham 01233 622234 07790 946 316</p>
<p>SUNDAY 28th April Walk Grade – Moderate</p>	<p>10 am. HARRIETSHAM. Harrietsham Railway Station. TQ866529 (ME17 1JA). A pretty circular walk with exceptional scenic views. Pilgrim's way, Stede Hill, Hogbarn, Ringlestone, Wormshill and Drakes Lane. Packed lunch about halfway. Flat, undulating, but with some steeper slopes. Not suitable for dogs.</p>	<p>10 Kevin 07734 309155</p>
<p>SATURDAY 4th May Walk Grade – Moderate</p>	<p>10 am. ELHAM. The Square, Elham, Kent. TR177439 (CT4 6TH). Some parking in the Square, Pound Lane or New Road. A circular walk. Exted, Wingmore, North Elham. Packed lunch about halfway. Flat, undulating, but with some steeper slopes, up and down. Not suitable for dogs.</p>	<p>7 Andrew 01233 720513 07754797848</p>
<p>SATURDAY 11th May Walk Grade – Leisurely</p>	<p>10 am. BETHERSDEN. Village Hall car park. TQ929401 (TN26 3AR). Circular walk. Green Ln, Twenty Acre Wood, Harlakenden Farm, Mayshaves, Vine Hall. Snack break about halfway. Flat or gently undulating. Not suitable for dogs. Optional visit to The George pub following the walk.</p>	<p>6.25 Jennifer 01303 813428 07518 932351</p>
<p>SUNDAY 12th May Walk Grade – Moderate</p>	<p>10 am. WINCHELSEA. Winchelsea Station car park (free parking). TQ900183 (TN36 4JX). Circular walk. Pelsham, Peasmarsh Church. Returning by the High Weald Landscape Trail to Rye, the Undercliff, Winchelsea. Packed lunch about halfway. Flat, undulating, but with some steeper slopes. Not suitable for dogs.</p>	<p>8 Graham 01233 622234 07790 946 316</p>

SATURDAY 18 th May Walk Grade – Leisurely/ Moderate	10 am. CHALLOCK. Challock Village Hall car park, or street parking nearby. TR011505 (TN25 4AU). An amazing circular walk to see bluebells in abundance. Challock, Eastwell Park, Boughton Aluph, Soakham Downs, Kings Wood. Packed lunch approx halfway. Flat, undulating, but with some steeper slopes. Not suitable for dogs.	8.75	Kevin 07734 309155
SATURDAY 25 th May Walk Grade – Leisurely/ Moderate	10 am. THE WARREN (FOLKESTONE). East Cliff Pavilion car park (TBC), Wear Bay Road. TR239364 (CT19 6BL). Circular Walk through East Cliff and the Warren Country Park. Fantastic, panoramic views of the cliffs and sea. Snack break about halfway. Flat, undulating, with some steeper slopes. Not suitable for dogs. Optional Café on site at the end of the walk.	5.5	Jennifer 01303 813428 07518 932351
SATURDAY 1 st June Walk Grade – Leisurely	10 am. BURMARSH. Street parking opposite Church, Church Rd. TR101320 (TN29 OJB). Circular walk. Donkey Street, Botolphs Bridge, Abbott's Court, Aldergate Bridge, West Hythe Royal Military Canal. Snack break about halfway. Flat and gently undulating. Not suitable for dogs. Optional visit to the Shepherd & Crook Pub following the walk.	6	Margaret 07811 336084
SATURDAY 8 th June Walk Grade – Leisurely	10 am. RARE BREEDS CENTRE (KENARDINGTON). Rare Breeds car park, Appledore Rd. TQ958341 (TN26 2LY). Circular walk. Roughlands, Great Heron Wood, Appledore Heath, Kenardington. Snack break about halfway. Mostly flat or undulating. Not suitable for dogs. Optional Café on site at the end of the walk.	6.5	Ron Mc 01303 813428 07471 164021
SATURDAY 15 th June Walk Grade – Moderate	10 am. CHARTHAM. Village Hall car park, Station Rd. TR107550 (CT4 7HZ). Circular walk. Shalmsford Street, Thruxted, Swarling Manor, Street End, Larkey Valley Wood. Packed lunch about halfway. Flat, undulating, but with some steeper slopes. Not suitable for dogs.	8.75	Ken K 07771 670819
SATURDAY 22 nd June Walk Grade – Leisurely	10 am. HAMSTREET. Hamstreet Village car park. TR001332 (TN26 2JF). A pretty circular walk through Warehorne to Faggs Wood. Returning by a different route. Snack break about halfway. Flat, gently undulating, but with some slight slopes. Not suitable for dogs	5.75	Jane 01233 632510
SUNDAY 23 rd June Walk Grade – Moderate	10 am. HOLLINGBOURNE. Railway Station. TQ834550 (ME17 1TR). Free parking on approach road. Exhilarating North Downs Way walk. Hollingbourne Church, White Horse Wood, Thurnham, Cobham Manor. Packed lunch about halfway. Flat, undulating, but with some steeper slopes and steps. Not suitable for dogs.	10	Kevin 07734 309155

<p>SATURDAY 29th June Walk Grade – Leisurely</p>	<p>10 am. LEEDS CASTLE. St. Nicholas Church car park. TQ825533 (ME17 1RL). Circular walk. Leeds Castle park grounds. Fantastic views of Leeds Castle and lakes. Fields, woods, the village of Broomfield. Returning via the Castle grounds. Packed lunch about halfway. Flat and gently undulating. Not suitable for dogs. Optional local pub following walk.</p>	<p>Jennifer 7.5 01303 813428 07518 932351</p>
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THE RAMBLERS DOES NOT ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY LOSS, DAMAGE OR ACCIDENT THAT MAY OCCUR DURING ANY OF ITS ACTIVITIES

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The Ramblers promotes rambling, protects 'Rights of Way', campaigns for access to open country and defends the beauty of the countryside.

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