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**LONG DISTANCE WALKERS ASSOCIATION
KENT GROUP**



THE WHITE CLIFFS 18-mile CHALLENGE WALK

Saturday 22nd September 2012

CHECKPOINT OPENING TIMES WILL BE ADHERED TO

TIME LIMIT: 7 HOURS

Welcome to the White Cliffs 18-mile Challenge Walk. Please ensure that your check card is marked at each checkpoint, and that your number is recorded. **TAKE CARE CROSSING AND WALKING ON ROADS, ESPECIALLY AFTER DARK.** Entrants who arrive at checkpoints after closing time will be retired. However, if necessary, each checkpoint will remain manned after closing time in an attempt to account for everyone. It is therefore important that anyone wishing to retire does so at a checkpoint. If this is not possible, then the organizers must be notified giving your name and walk number, without delay. Under no circumstances should anyone retire without ensuring that the organizers are informed.

GOOD LUCK!

Compass bearings are figures in brackets, e.g. (230°)

Abbreviations (alphabetically): BL—bear left; BR—bear right; bw—bridleway; cnr—corner; cont—continue; CP—Checkpoint; encl—enclosed; EVW—Elham Valley Way; fb—footbridge; fld—field; filw—follow; FL—fork left; fp—footpath; f-post—finger-post; FR—fork right; GR—grid reference; immed—immediately; jcn—junction; k-g—kissing gate; L—left; LH—left hand; LHS—left hand side; NDW—North Downs Way; opp—opposite; R—right; rd—road; RH—right hand; RHS—right hand side; SO—straight on; SSW—Saxon Shore Way; st—stile; thru—through; tk—track; TL—turn left; TR—turn right; wmk—waymark; X—cross; yds—yards.

NOTE – In this area, stiles are gradually being replaced by kissing gates. It is possible that some of the stiles mentioned in this route description will have been converted since it was written.

START: Walkers at 10:00 and runners at 12:00

From Deal and Betteshanger Lions RFC, Canada Road, Deal, Kent, CT14 7EJ. GR 374 515

DEAL TO LANGDON CLIFFS 8.3 miles

1. From Rugby Club building **TR** along drive, **thru** iron gates and ahead to rd. **TR** and **flw** to T-jcn. **TL** and in 10yds, **TR** to X rd at traffic lights. **TR** then immed **L** towards seafront. **X** rd (The Beach) and **cont** on tarmac path to T-jcn (promenade). **TR** and in 1500yds, **pass** Walmer Castle. Just beyond castle at f-post, **TR** on fp and soon **X** rd and **thru** barrier. **SO** between walls, later fences, to reach Hawkshill Common. **GR 374 499**

2. **TL**, with hedge now on L. At fourth bench (memorial to Charles Wake – first chairman of the White Cliffs Ramblers), **BL**. **Flw** fp past barrier, then between hedges, ignoring fp to L. At end of fence, **SO** on fp between flds. At end of flds **ignore** path bearing R then **over** driveway to **flw** fp between hedges. At slanting X-paths, **BL** and in 20yds **over** X-paths. In 25yds, **pass** between wooden posts to **BR** along minor rd. **Cont** between houses and **flw** rd past church on R to T-jcn. **X** rd (GREAT CARE!), **TL** and in 30yds, at SSW sign, **TR** onto rd. **Flw** rd for 650yds, to where rd turns R, then just ahead to f-post (SSW) **TR** up steps. **GR 379 478**

3. At end of steps, **cont** on fp between hedges, coming out at Kingsdown Leas on the cliffs (*Yes, you are now on the famous White Cliffs*).

IMPORTANT: PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ROUTE GENERALLY FOLLOWS THE CLIFF TOP FOR THE NEXT 12 MILES TO CAPEL-LE-FERNE AND EXTREME CARE IS NEEDED TO AVOID THE CLIFF EDGE, WHICH IS VERY CLOSE IN PLACES.

Flw cliff top path past golf club on R. **SO** on cliff top path, now with houses on R. The path gradually bears to the **R**, past the occasional SSW wmk-post. **Go thru** gap in fence and **flw** path between cliff edge and bushes. **Thru** gap at barrier and **flw** main fp towards Dover Patrol Monument. **Thru** gap to car park between Monument and Bluebirds Tea Room (on L) to **Drinks Only Stop GR 373 452 (4.6miles)**

4. In 30yds (just before Monument), **TL** to X small car park and grass verge and **thru** k-g. **BR** (210°) to fence at cliff edge. **BR** and **flw** cliff top path. At SSW sign, **SO** later with fence on L. **Thru** k-g and **SO** (ignoring steps on L) to rd. **BL** downhill and at sharp LH bend, **BR** on rough rd (sign to Pines Garden). In 35yds, **TL** on Beach Rd. At top of stony tk (jcn of paths) **BL** to SSW wmk, **up** steps and **thru** k-g. **Cont** uphill. At top **TR** on chalk tk for 1000yds. **Pass** entrance to Cliff House and Dolphins' Leap on L and in 100yds (10yds after tk starts to descend) **TL** thru hedge on narrow tk to reach entrance to South Foreland Lighthouse. **GR 359 434**

5. **TL** on enclosed fp to cliff edge (CARE!). At SSW wmk-post, **TR** and **cont** along cliff top fp. **Swing R** then **L** around large hollow, then **cont** (BEWARE CLIFF EDGE) on main fp with views of Dover Harbour ahead. **X** st at Langdon Hole and **SO**, flwing main worn fp. In 350yds, **BL** over grass X-tk and **ascend** steps, flwing SSW. **SO** with handrail, then fence on L. **Ignore** next k-g and **SO** up fp, with fence on L. **Thru** k-g (SSW), **FR** and in 200yds **FL** down to car park. **Ahead** on rd to

Checkpoint 1 at Langdon Cliffs Visitor Centre GR 336 422 8.3 miles

Opens 11.45 Closes 13.45

LANGDON CLIFFS TO MAYDENSOLE FARM 4.5 miles

6. From CP **cont** along rd to National Trust car park entrance kiosk. **Take** path to L of wooden posts. **Ahead** on gravel pavement and in 30yds at SSW f-post, **BL** down gravel fp and steps.

Pass redbrick wall on R. At bottom of steps reach tarmac path. **!! Routes split here – follow your route description, not the person in front.** **TR** on fp into bushes (KCC wmk post ahead).

Keep ahead on this narrow path thru bushes with main rd parallel to L. **Ignore** fp to L and soon **BR** and **L** with path. **Fllw** path to R, then **up** steps with railing to rd. **GR 332 424**

7. **Step over** barrier, **X** rd (**EXTREME CARE – BLIND BEND!**) and **TL** along RHS rd (**more care!**) keeping to verge where possible. **Fllw** rd to L and **X** road bridge. At end of bridge, at f-post, **TR** over barrier and **down** steps. **Ahead** over concrete block and **X** st. **SO** (now in open) with fence and main rd on R. **Pass** yellow wmk on post on R and just before double metal gates, **B** slightly **L** to **X** (**step over**) small wooden gate in fence. **X** small fld, passing mound and hollow. At far end, **thru** wooden gate and **TL** on farm tk. **Fllw** tk, soon thru farmyard, and where tarmac tk swings R, **keep ahead** to **X** st to rd. **GR 328 431**

8. **TR** on pavement and soon **pass** entrance to Duke of York school on L. Just before roundabout **X** rd (**WITH GREAT CARE!**) at island. **TL** on opp side of rd for 15yds to f-post. **TR** on fp with metal fence on L (*this fence is now followed for the next 1300yds*). **SO**, soon on tarmac for a while. **Thru** gap and eventually, just before end of fence, **thru** k-g and **ahead** to rd. **GR 323 443**

9. **TR** and **X** rd bridge. Immed after bridge at NDW f-post, **TL** on gravel tk between fences (A2 rd to L). In 500yds, at NDW f-post, **TR** with tk and **cont** between bushes. In 900 yds, **TL** on rd. (Pineham). **GR 316 455**

10. **Fllw** rd for 250yds as it swings R around farm buildings. At LH bend, **ignore** fp ahead, but **swing L** with rd and in 15yds, **FR** on NDW. In 400yds **TR** on rd (**care!** – can be very busy). In 30yds, **FL** on fp between hedges. In 70yds at fld, **BR** (10°) and **fllw** tk between flds to trees. In 20yds, **ignore** L-turn into wood. **Keep ahead** along wood-edge, passing NDW milestone on R and then between fences (paddocks). **Ignore** R-turn at end of paddocks. **Cont** (330°) between flds, path soon becoming enclosed and sunken. At rd, **TR** and in 150yds, **over** X-rds. **Ahead** on Roman Road and in 30yds, **TR** thru barrier gap (leaving NDW and re-joining 52-mile route). In 40yds, **TR** before brick barn, then **swing L** around barn to

Checkpoint 2, Maydensole Farm GR 315 477 12.8 miles

Opens 13.00 Closes 15.00

MAYDENSOLE FARM TO DEAL 5.2 miles

11. From CP, **retrace** route around brick barn to fp. **TR** (70°) on fp behind barns and in 80yds, **join** tk from R. *The track now ahead to Sutton Court Farm (stables) may be overgrown in places. Where this is the case, move to the right onto left edge of field and continue in same*

direction – you may have to backtrack to achieve this. Also, beware of flints on the path!

Ahead on tk (70°). In 650yds in cnr, **TR and L** with tk and **cont** LHS of fld. In 500yds, **thru** gap in cnr. **SO** LHS of fld for 1300yds to **X** st (*or* thru metal gate). **SO** and in 70yds, **thru** gate. **SO** with fence on R and towards end of narrow fld, **BL** to **go thru** gate in LH cnr. **Ahead** (60°) across paddock, **thru** metal gate and **SO** between silos. **SO** across farmyard and **cont** along tarmac drive opp. In 40yds, **BR** and in 20yds, **thru** gate to rd. **GR 336 492**

12. TR on rd for 220yds to T-jcn. **TL** on rd (signposted to Ripple). In 500yds at Sutton Vale Holiday Park Hotel sign, **X** rd on R then at f-post, **BR** up steps and bank into fld. **B slightly R** (75°) across large fld, passing close to electricity supply pole in mid-field. At far side, **thru** gap by st and **SO** (90°) to pass to R of Ripple Village Hall. **GR 346 499**

13. X st, then **ahead** to crossroads and **TR** into Chapel Lane. In 40yds, **TL** onto tarmac fp with 'No Cycling' sign. Soon **BR** with path and **thru** barrier. **X** fld (70°) and at rd, **TL**. In 10yds at f-post, **TR** on tarmac drive. Where drive swings L, **ahead** across grass and **thru** k-g. **Cont** RHS fld, hedge on R and soon following line of power poles (on your L). From end of hedge (on R), **cont** for 250yds to where power poles turn L. Just beyond, **TL** on X-path. **Thru** hedgerow and **X** next fld (90°). At line of trees, **BL** with path (now 50°). **Thru** hedge and **BR** to **X** railway (**great care!**) via two gates **GR 361 498**. Immed **BL** thru trees and **X** fld (60°). At houses (and f-post), **BR** along LHS fld and soon **across** open fld (60°) to rd. **GR 365 502**

14. TR and in 200yds, **TL** into Nevill Gdns. In 70yds at f-post, **TL** on fp between fences. **Fillw** fp, cemetery on L, to rd. **TL** and in 100yds at f-post, **TR** on tarmac fp. At rd, **TL** and in 50yds at f-post, **TR** on tarmac fp between fences. At end, **cont** ahead on rd. **Fillw** right thru to T-jcn and **TL**. Just before railway bridge, **TR** into Gladstone Road. **Pass** school entrance (on R) then **TR** into Canada Road. In 120yds, **TR** between brick pillars and ahead thru iron gates to **FINISH at Deal and Betteshanger Lions RFC** **18.0 miles** **GR 374 515**

WELL DONE !