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**LONG DISTANCE WALKERS ASSOCIATION  
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**THE WHITE CLIFFS 30-mile CHALLENGE WALK**

**Sunday 8th September 2013**

**CHECKPOINT OPENING TIMES WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO  
TIME LIMIT – 11 HOURS**

Welcome to the White Cliffs 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.** 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; **fb**—footbridge; **fld**—field; **flw**—follow; **FL**—fork left; **fp**—footpath; **f-post**—finger-post; **FR**—fork right; **GR**—grid reference; **immed**—immediately; **jc**—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.

**\*Also note that some footpaths may be overgrown which, sadly, is not uncommon across the country. Please accept our apologies if this spoils your enjoyment.**

**(In extreme cases, we have re-routed)**

**ALL WALKERS START AT 08:30 — ALL RUNNERS START AT 10:30  
ALL TO FINISH BY 19:30**

**St. Margaret's Hall, St. Margaret's-at-Cliffe, near Dover GR TR358 446**

**ST. MARGARET'S TO WESTERN HEIGHTS 5.0 miles**

**1.** Out of hall, **TL** and **X** rd (CARE!) into Reach Close. **Flw** pavement R, L then R again and in 20yds, **TL** on fp between houses. **Flw** fp across fld towards trees ahead. At trees, **BL** (ignore fp to R) soon to **TR** onto gravel rd. **Flw** rd for 600yds ignoring all L-turns. At end of rd, **TL** on tarmac fp and **flw** towards South Foreland Lighthouse ahead. At end of path, **ahead** on minor rd for 50yds to lighthouse entrance. **GR 359 433**

**2.** **SO** on enclosed fp to cliff edge (CARE!). *Yes, you are now on the famous White Cliffs!* At SSW wmk-post, **TR** along cliff top fp. **Keep ahead** on path, later swinging R then L around large hollow. **SO** (BEWARE CLIFF EDGE!) on main fp with views of Dover Harbour ahead. **Thru** k-g 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** first k-g and **SO** up fp, with fence on L. **Thru** next k-g (SSW), **FR** and in 200yds, **FL** down to car park. **Ahead** along rd, passing Visitor Centre on your R, to National Trust car park entrance kiosk. **Take** path to L of wooden posts. **SO** on gravel pavement and in 30yds, **BL** (SSW f-post). **Down** gravel fp and steps. **SO** under main rd and then on encl fp. At garages (on R), **ahead** on rd and in 80yds, **SO** (East Cliff). At rd end, **TL** to cross main rd at pedestrian crossing. **TR** along Dover seafront.

**3.** In 500yds at statues of swimmers (Cinque Ports Yacht Club on R), **TR** away from seafront. **Pass** to L of roundabout and **SO** along New Bridge. In 40yds, **B** slightly **R** down steps. **Thru** underpass and 10yds before uphill slope, **TL** up steps. **SO** flwing pavement, which swings R, for 100yds to pedestrian lights. **X** rd and **TR** on pavement opp. In 80yds, **TL** with hedge on L up Cowgate Hill. At top, by iron gates, **TL** between walls. At NDW f-post **TR** then **up** steps. **Thru** k-g and **up** more steps. Just before next k-g, **TR** ignoring fork on L. **Cont** uphill on fp soon joining fence on L (Pause for views of Dover Castle to your R and the Drop Redoubt on your L). **BL** with path, soon between fences, later just fence on R. At k-g, **thru** and **down** steps, then **thru** 2nd k-g to rd. **X** and **TL** uphill on pavement. At brow, **cont ahead**, ignoring road to R, and in 30yds, **TL** into

**Checkpoint 1 - Western Heights car park GR 314 407 5.0 miles**

Opens 9:30 Closes 12:15

**WESTERN HEIGHTS TO CAPEL-LE-FERNE 5.0 miles**

**4.** From CP, **TR** on rd and in 30 yds, **TL** at signpost to Dover Immigration Removal Centre. In 150yds at NDW/SSW sign, **FL** and in 70yds **FL** past barrier. In 200yds, where tk swings R, **FL** downhill (Shakespeare Cliff now in view). Soon **thru** k-g and **BR** with path. **Thru** next k-g and **TL** down steps to rd. **BR** and in 200yds at NDW f-post, **TL** thru King Lear's Way. At jcn, **X** rd and **TR**.

In 50yds, **BL** down steps and **TL** thru underpass. **Up** steps and **TR** (NDW f-post) on path up Shakespeare Cliff.

**! BEWARE – CLIFF EDGE DANGEROUS IN PLACES FOR NEXT 4 MILES.**

At end of encl fp, **filw** cliff top path (NDW) for 1000yds to NDW milestone on L. **SO** for steep ascent of Round Down. At top at metal k-g, **DO NOT shortcut on clifftop path ahead (UNSAFE!)** but **go thru** k-g and **TL** with fence on L. **Thru** second k-g and **SO** on cliff top path. **GR 296 394**

5. In 2200yds (1.2 miles), ignore k-gs on R and at NDW/SSW wmk post in middle of fp **TR** thru k-g next to small padlocked gate (**beware** chain on ground!). **TL** with fence on L, **go around** brick airshaft and later, **thru** k-g in cnr. **TR** and in 20yds, **TL** on gravel tk with fence on R. **Pass WWI zeppelin** detector dish on L. In 200yds, tk passes between fences. 90yds after start of fences, **TL** (190°) thru gap in fence (leaving NDW) across rough grassland following line of poles. In 30yds **BR** away from poles on path along cliff top. In 60yds, **cont ahead** now with railings on L. At end of railings, **SO** for 100yds and at wmk post on L, **BL** to rejoin NDW. **Ahead** thru bushes and **cont** on cliff top fp.

6. **Ignore** path descending to L and **filw** fence of mobile home park on R. **SO** on cliff top fp. At open space with seats, **X** (270°) to **cont** on narrow fp winding thru bushes and later **filw**ing cliff edge again. **Pass** Lighthouse Inn on R then **pass** cafe and **thru** car park to wmk post at far LH cnr. **Cont** on cliff top fp. In 160yds (immed *before* encl fp), **TR** and in 20yds **X** rd. **SO** along Alexandra Road and in 80yds, **TL** along Albany Road. In 180yds to **Checkpoint 2 at St Radigund's Church Hall, Capel-le-Ferne GR 250 384 10.0 miles**

Opens 10:45 Closes 13:30

**CAPEL-LE-FERNE TO WHINLESS DOWN** (drinks only) 5.1 miles

7. From CP, **TR** and in 15yds, **TL** into Albert Road. **filw** to main rd, **TR** for 40yds and **X** road (CARE) at island. **Cont** on pavement opp and in 40yds **TL** into Avondale Road. **Over** X-rds and **cont** along Lancaster Avenue. Immed after Village Hall on R, at f-post, **TR** on tarmac path. **SO** along LHS of fld, **X** tk, **thru** barrier and **SO** (40°) across fld to hedge cnr. **Cont** on LHS of fld, hedge on L, to **TR** on lane. In 100yds **ignore** fp on L and **SO** to jcn. **TL** (sign to West Hougham) on Satmar Lane for 600 yds as it swings L, then R, then L again to **X** bridge over A20. **Keep ahead** on rd for 700yds to enter the village of West Hougham.

8. **filw** rd thru village, ignoring turning on R, as it turns L past West Hougham sign, then R past village hall and phone box. **SO** for 140yds to **TL** at f-post (**GR 266 402**) between houses. **Ahead** across rd, then **thru** gap into fld. **Ignore** path ahead and **FR** (10°) across fld. At far side **descend** to rd. **X** (**care**) and **take** bw ahead (concrete at first). In 150 yds at fuel container, **BL**(10°) down fld. In 100yds, **BL** with path to T-jcn with path at bottom, 20yds from trees ahead **TR** along valley bottom, passing under power lines. In 200yds, **swing L, R and L**

again then **ahead** along broad gap between woods. In 100yds, **X** st and **ahead** on path thru bushes, fence on R. **X** st to L of small metal gate (**care!**). **Keep ahead**, fence on R. **X** overgrown st (**care!**) and **BR** down to T-jcn with tk. **TL** on tk between fences, paddocks on R. In 100yds at end of paddocks, **ahead** thru gate (please close!). Soon **BR** onto tarmac farm rd. In 200yds at LH bend in rd, **BR** onto grassy tk. **Go thru** wooden gate ahead, ignoring double gates to R, and **BL** on narrow path uphill thru trees. At top, **thru** gate and **X** fld (140°). At far side, **thru** gateway. **GR 275 410**

**9.** **BL** on fp with hedge on L. Ignore all gaps on L in hedge and in 700 yds, at red-topped post, **BL** into wood. In 15yds, **FR** (120°) and **ahead** on narrow path winding thru wood (wood-edge visible to your R). In 500 yds, **ignore** R turn to exit wood and **cont** on path thru wood (approx 80°). In 130yds at fork, go either way – they soon re-join. In 400yds, emerge from wood and **cont** on outside of wood with fence on R, Dover Castle now in view. In 60yds, **ahead** thru k-g and then thru scrub. Soon **emerge** from scrub and **BL** along top of escarpment. In 100yds **BR** down four steps and **ahead** thru bushes. In 370yds **thru** gate and **cont** thru bushes. In 70yds, **emerge** onto Whinless Down. **GR 293 416**

**10.** **Fllw** crest path, with fence on L and playing flds below, ignoring k-gs and sts on L. At end of ridge, with fine views of Dover Castle and Dover Harbour in front of you, ignore k-g on L and **BL**, with fence on L. **Fllw** fp as it descends and **go thru** k-g on L. **BR** across chalk/flint tk to **go thru** green k-g and **BR** with path. **Ahead**, fence on R, to

**Drinks Only Stop (Whinless Down) GR 302 418 15.1 miles**

(Opens 12:00 Closes 14:30)

**WHINLESS DOWN TO MAYDENSOLE FARM 5.6 miles**

**11.** **Cont** on fp, fence on R. **Ignore** next k-g on R and **keep ahead**, fence on R. 30yds before metal gate in front of you, **TR** thru k-g. **Ahead** (110°) on RHS open area with fence and houses on R. At fence-end, **BL** (70°) to soon **go thru** k-g to L of metal gate. **SO**, descending, for 180 yds and where tk swings R, **TL** on narrow fp. **Fllw** fp thru trees, which soon descends with fence on R, to rd. **Ahead** on rd and in 30yds, **TR** (Shooters Hill). **Fllw** rd R and L to T-jcn. **X** rd and **descend** steps to main rd (shops). **X** rd (**care!**) and **TR** on pavement. **Take** next L (Beaconsfield Road) and **ahead**, ignoring all turnings to L and R, to **X** bridge over River Dour (Dover's river!).

**12.** **Immed TR** on rd (Charlton Green), and in 60 yds, **TL** between brick piers into churchyard. **Immed FR** (by 'No Ball Games' sign) and **fllw** path as it bends R thru churchyard to rd. **TL** and **fllw** rd, ignoring turnings to L. **Fllw** pavement L to pedestrian crossing (school opp). **X** rd, **TR** on pavement to soon **TL** at jcn into Old Charlton Road (NDW f-post). **GR 315 424**

**13.** **Fllw** rd for 250yds past school on L and **FL** onto Roman Road at cemetery. **Keep ahead** on rd (NDW) steadily uphill for 1000 yds, passing cemetery on R and later crossing railway bridge. At f-post, **SO** on byway (NDW). In 550yds, **over** X-tk. In 200 yds, **BR** with byway (now encl) to reach fld. **BL** (40°) across fld and

at far side, **TR** thru metal gate and **along** encl byway to rd. **TL** to **X** bridge, then, immed after bridge, **TL** on gravel tk (NDW) between fences, parallel to A2. In 500yds, at NDW f-post, **TR** with tk. **Cont** on NDW between bushes for 900yds to **TL** on rd. (Pineham) **GR 316 455**.

**14.** **Flw** rd for 250yds as it swings R around farm buildings (beware dogs!). 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 70 yds at fld, **BR** (10°) and **flw** 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 to **cont** on Roman Road ahead. In 40yds, **TR** thru small wooden barrier (leaving NDW). In 40yds, **TR** before brick barn, then **swing L** around barn to **Checkpoint 3 at Maydensole Farm GR 315 476 20.7 miles**

Opens 13:00 Closes 16:30

### **MAYDENSOLE FARM TO RINGWOULD 5.4 miles**

**15.** From CP, **retrace** route around brick barn to fp. **TR** (80°) on fp behind barns and in 80yds, **join** tk from R. In 150 yds, **thru** gate. In 500 yds, in cnr, **TR** with tk and in 15yds, **thru** gateway. Immed **TL** along LHS of fld and in 500yds, **thru** gap in fence. **SO** on LHS of fld and in 1300yds **X** st (or thru metal gate). In 70yds, **thru** gate (please close) and **SO** with fence on R. At end of narrow fld, **BL** and **go thru** gate in LH cnr (please close). **SO** (60°) across paddock, **thru** metal gate (please close) and **SO** between silos. **X** farmyard and along tarmac drive opp. In 40yds, **BR** and in 20yds **thru** gate to rd. **GR 334 494**

**16.** **TL** on rd and in 100yds, where road turns L, **BR** on grass path and **thru** gap into fld (by 'Public Footpath Only' sign). **X** fld (0°) and at far side, **thru** gap in hedge/fence. **Cont** (0°) ascending fld (Sutton Hill). Immed before hedge, **TR** and **flw** hedge-side path. In 400yds, **thru** gap. In further 400yds, at start of long gap in hedge on L (with hidden steps in bank), **TR** and **descend** fld (140°) to rd at Ripple (**GR 343 501**). **TR** on rd and at jcn, **TL**, flwing signs to Mongeham and Deal (**beware traffic!**). **Over** X-rds, school on L, and **ahead** on Chapel Lane. In 30 yds to **TL** on fp at 'No Cycling' sign.

**17.** Soon **TR** with path and **thru** barrier. **X** fld (60°) to f-post in far cnr. **TL** on rd and in 10yds, **TR** along tarmac farm tk. In 110yds, when tk swings L, **ahead** across grass and **thru** k-g. **SO** with hedgerow on R and in 300yds, at hedge-end, **cont** across fld, flwing power poles. **Ignore** X-tk where line of poles turns L, and in 120yds, **cont** LHS fld, trees on L. **X** railway(**care!**), via two sts, and in 60yds, **X** minor rd. **Cont** LHS fld with trees on L. Soon **BR** to **X** another rd at f-post. **X** fld (190°), windmill visible to your L. At top of rise, by the Nelson Seat, **BL** on path with hedge and fence on **R**. At end of hedge, **flw** path across fld to fld cnr. **SO** into trees, soon between fences. **X** minor rd and **ahead** thru gate into churchyard at Ringwould. **GR 360 483**

**18.** **Thru** churchyard and **exit** thru lychgate. **Ahead** to **TL** on minor rd and **cont**

thru to main A258 Dover – Deal Road. **X** at island (**GREAT CARE!**). **TL** on pavement and in 30yds, **T sharp R** at bw post(Abbots House on R) and **SO**, at first on tarmac. **Fllw** bw for 500yds to **TL** thru trees (40yds before end of fld on R). **Fllw** bw as it swings R, then **SO** for 70yds. Where bws split at bw post, **FR** and **flw** for 400yds, as bw meanders thru trees, to byway and  
**Checkpoint 4 near Ringwould GR 368 479 26.1 miles**  
Opens 14:45 Closes 17:30

#### **RINGWOULD TO ST. MARGARET’S 4.1 miles**

**19.** From CP, **SO** on fp opp, with hedge on L. In 250yds, **TL** thru wooden posts in narrow gap (**easily missed!**) into Kingsdown Wood (Wood Hill on OS maps). In 5yds, **FR** and **flw** path as it meanders thru wood. In 100yds, **pass** large hollow with fallen tree on R. **Keep ahead** (40°) on path. **Ignore** L-fork and then **BR** to **exit** wood thru barrier (by Kingsdown Wood sign). **SO** with hedge on L, to **go thru** next barrier. **TL** and in 50yds by bw stone, **T sharp R** and **flw** grass path, between fences, to byway. **GR 373 477**

**20.** **TL** and, in 15yds, **TR** on access rd (soon becomes tk). **Ahead** with bushes on L, soon passing house entrances. After tk swings L, **ahead** for 100yds to jcn with rd on L (end of Queensdown Rd). **TR** on stony tk to rd. **TL** and **flw** rd for 500yds to seafront and start of the White Cliffs **GR 379 478**. **TR** and immed **TR** again and **up** steps (at SSW fpost). At end of steps **flw** fp between hedges, coming out at Kingsdown Leas on the cliffs. (PLEASE TAKE CARE ALONG CLIFF TOP) **Fllw** 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** k-g and **SO**, **flw** path towards memorial. **Thru** gap at barrier and **flw** main fp to Dover Patrol Monument. **Thru** gap to car park between Monument and Bluebirds Tea Room (on L). **GR 373 452**

**21.** From beyond memorial, **take** path signposted “Explore St. Margaret’s Frontline Britain Trail” to k-g. **Thru** and **flw** main path (250° at first) across common of Bockell Hill. 20yds before gate and rd ahead, **swing R** with path and soon join fence on L. At k-g in fence, **thru** and **X** fld (250°). In 280yds at houses ahead, **BR** to rd. **TL** on rd and in 600yds, immed before Tara Surgery on R, **TR** into Droveaway Gdns. **Fllw** metalled path, later swinging L, to jcn. **TL** on cycle path to rd. **X** rd (**care!**), **TR** and almost immed, **TL** into Reach Rd and **ahead** for 200yds to

**FINISH at St. Margaret’s Hall GR 358 446 30.2 miles**

# ***WELL DONE!***