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THE WHITE CLIFFS 15-mile CHALLENGE WALK

Saturday 23rd August 2014

**CHECKPOINT OPENING TIMES WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO
TIME LIMIT – 7 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.

15 MILES — ALL WALKERS START AT 08:30 — ALL RUNNERS START AT 10:30
ALL TO FINISH BY 15:30

St. Margaret's Hall, St. Margaret's-at-Cliffe, just outside Dover GR TR358 446

ST. MARGARET'S TO MARTIN MILL 8.8 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. At end of encl fp, **BR** on worn fp across grass. In 100yds, **BR** onto cliff top path. *Yes, you are now on the famous White Cliffs! Keep ahead (care!)* on this 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 X-tk and ascend steps, flwing SSW. **SO**, with handrail, then fence, on L. **Ignore** k-g and **SO** up fp, with fence on L. **Reach** and **flw** new gravel path down to car park. **Ahead** along rd, passing Visitor Centre (toilets at rear) 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). **Ahead** down tarmac 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. **GR 326 417**

Note that along this stretch the 15-mile and 32-mile routes divide. Follow your route description, not the person in front! (you will pass toilets on this promenade, but cost 20p)

3. In 200yds, just beyond Premier Inn on the R, **TR** (leaving seafront). **X** rd (care!) into Douro Place and **SO** on pavement to A2 main rd. **TL** for 100yds to traffic lights. **X** rd and **ahead** along Woolcomber St. **TR** into St. James St. and **flw** to T-jcn. **X** rd (care!) then **SO** up Laureston Place. At sharp RH bend, **SO** thru posts and uphill on tarmac fp. At top, **up** steps and **X** rd at jcn (**great care!**). **TL** on pavement and in 15yds, **TR** at gate into Connaught Park. **Flw** path along top of park, ignoring L-turns. **SO** on path which eventually swings L downhill to go around house to gate. **Thru, TR** and in 5yds, **FR** on tarmac fp (NDW). **Flw** path as it swings R then L, going under two bridges, to rd. **X** rd, passing cemetery entrance, and **TR** into Roman Rd at NDW acorn. **GR 316 427**

4. **Flw** Roman Road (NDW) steadily uphill for 1000yds, passing cemetery on R and crossing railway bridge. At end of tarmac and at f-post, **SO** on encl byway (NDW). In 550yds, **over** X-tk. In 200yds, **BR** with byway to soon reach fld. **BL** (40°) across fld. At far side, **TR** thru metal gate and **along** encl byway to rd. **TL** to X bridge and **SO** on rd into Guston. **GR 324 445**

5. **Pass** Chance Inn and in 70yds, **TR** into Prescott Close. In 30yds **TL** and **flw** to rd end. **TR** and **flw** tarmac path for 20yds, then **SO** (120°) on fp across fld. **X** railway bridge and **BL**(90°) across next fld. At far side, **TL** onto tk and **flw** to rd. **TR** and in 50yds **TL** at f-post. **Ahead** (20°) soon joining hedge on L. **SO** thru gate and along LHS next fld. **Keep ahead**, later between hedge and power cables. At rd, **TR** and in 140yds, **TL** at f-post. **X** fld (30°) – *aim at LH hedgerow in distant next field.* 40yds to R of far LH cnr, **thru** gap then **ahead** between hedge and fence. At fence cnr, **BL** (wmk post) to drive and **flw** to rd. **X** rd and **flw** sign to station, to reach

Checkpoint at Martin Mill Stn. car park GR 341 466 8.8 miles

Opens 10.30 Closes 13.00

MARTIN MILL TO ST. MARGARET'S 6.5 miles

6. From CP **return** to rd and **TL** (signposted Martin). **Ahead** for 670yds, passing under railway bridge, to T-jcn. **TR** and **keep ahead** on rd, re-crossing railway, for one mile. Where rd is swinging L thru trees (**GR 352 479**), **TR** at f-post (70°) on bw across fld). At far RH cnr, **TL** on small rd. In 200yds **TR** into Back St. and **filw** to main rd. **X** at island (**GREAT CARE!**), **TL** on pavement and in 30yds **TR** at f-post (Abbots House on R). **Ahead** on bw, at first tarmac, for 500yds to **TL** thru trees (40yds before end of fld on R). **filw** bw as it swings R, then in 70yds at bw post, **FR**. **Ahead** for 400yds, as bw meanders thru trees, to reach byway. **GR 368 479**

7. **Cont ahead** 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 **filw** path as it meanders thru wood. In 150yds, **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 **filw** grass path, between fences, to byway (**GR 373 477**). **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 (Queensdown Rd). **TR** on stony tk to rd. **TL** and **filw** rd for 500yds to seafront and start of the White Cliffs. **GR 379 478**

8. **TR** and immed **TR** again up steps (at SSW fpost). At end of steps **filw** fp between hedges, coming out at Kingsdown Leas on the cliffs. (PLEASE TAKE CARE ALONG CLIFF TOP) **filw** 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**, **filwing** path towards monument. **Thru** gap beside gate into car park for Dover Patrol Memorial. **GR 373 452**

9. From beyond memorial, soon **take** path on R signposted "Explore St. Margaret's Frontline Britain Trail" to k-g. **Thru** and **filw** 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. **Ahead** to k-g in fence, **go thru** and **TR**, hedge on R. At rd, **TL** and in 800yds, immed before Tara Surgery on R, **TR** into Droveway Gdns. **filw** 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 15.0 miles

WELL DONE!