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THE WHITE CLIFFS 32-mile CHALLENGE WALK

Saturday 23rd August 2014

**CHECKPOINT OPENING TIMES WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO
TIME LIMIT – 12 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.

32 MILES — ALL WALKERS START AT 08:30 — ALL RUNNERS START AT 10:30

ALL TO FINISH BY 20:30

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. **Fllw** pavement R, L then R again and in 20yds, **TL** on fp between houses. **Fllw** fp across fld towards trees ahead. At trees, **BL** (ignore fp to R) soon to **TR** onto gravel rd. **Fllw** 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**, flw main worn fp. In 350yds, **BL** over X-tk and ascend steps, flw 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** (*you will pass toilets on this promenade, but cost 20p*)
3. In 550yds 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. **SO** thru underpass and at top of slope, immed **TL** along alley reach main rd. **TR** to **X** via controlled Xing. **TR** on pavement opp and in 80yds, **TL** with hedge on L up Cowgate Hill. At top, by iron gates, **TL** between walls. At NDW f-post, **TR** and **ahead** 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 11.45

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** on rd 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, **flw** 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. Keep ahead on NDW, ignoring all k-gs to R. In 1.2 miles at wmk post, **TR** with NDW and **thru** k-g next to small padlocked gate (*beware* chain on ground !). Immed **TL** with fence on L. **Go around** new ventilation installation and later, **thru** k-g in cnr. **BR** on worn path to **join** on gravel tk with fence on R. **Pass** WW1 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 short poles. In 30yds, **BR** away from poles on path along cliff top. In 60yds, **SO** now with railings on L. At end of railings, **SO** for 100yds and at wmk post on L, **BL** to rejoin NDW. **GR 281 388**

6. Ahead thru bushes and **SO** on cliff top fp. **Ignore** path descending to L and **flw** 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 following cliff edge again. **Pass** Lighthouse Inn on R then **pass** cafe and **TL** in car park to wmk post. **SO** on cliff top fp. In 150yds, **BR** across mown grass to opp cnr and **TR** to cross rd. **Ahead** along Alexandra Road and in 80yds, **TL** along Albany Road. In 180yds **TL** to **Checkpoint 2 at St Radigund's Church Hall, Capel-le-Ferne GR 250 384 10.0 miles**
Opens 10.45 Closes 13.00

CAPEL TO SINGLEDGE WOOD 7.3 miles

7. From CP, TR and in 15yds, **TL** into Albert Road. **Flw** to main rd, **TR** for 40yds and **X** road (**care !**) at island. **TR** on pavement opp and in 40yds **TL** into Avondale Road. At offset X-rds, **SO**. In 30yds, **TR** across mown grass to **exit** thru gap in middle of hedge opp. **SO** over X-tk and then along LHS fld, hedge on L. From end of hedge, **SO** across fld (80°) to **TL** on rd. In 80yds, **BR** with rd (sign to West Hougham) on Satmar Lane. **Flw** this rd for 600yds as it swings L, R, then L again to **X** bridge over A20. **GR 260 395**

8. Immed after bridge, **TL** over barrier onto fp. **Ahead** between bushes, then fences. **Thru** gate and **BR** (330°) on fp between flds. Towards far side, **BL** to gate. **TR** thru gate, **pass** church and **SO** on rd. At T-jcn, **TR** and in 230yds at fld boundary on L, **TL** thru small gate in hedge onto bw. **Ahead** LHS fld, passing under power line. At cnr, **TR** thru sprung metal gate and **keep ahead** between fences to rd. (**GR 255 411**). **TR** on rd and at triangle where road bends R, **SO**. At T-jcn. **TL** on rd. **Ahead** on rd (**care! - blind bends**) and in 400yds, **pass** double metal gates on L. In further 200yds at f-post on R, **cont** for 20yds to **TL** on narrow path thru trees. **X** st into fld and **BR** (0°) downhill. At bottom, **thru** elec. fence and immed **X** st. **Ahead** RHS fld and in cnr, **thru** small wooden gate. **Ahead** on tarmac fp between fences. At rd, **TR** and at end, **BL** on tarmac fp between hedges to reach main rd at Alkham. **GR 256 422**

9. With GREAT CARE (very busy!), BR across main rd and **ahead** past front of PH. Immed beyond PH, **TL** into The Forstal. **Ahead** thru lychgate and immed **TR** on narrow fp across churchyard. Just before church, **TR** and **thru** black metal k-g. **X** fld (40°), **thru** k-g and **TL** on rd. In 200yds immed before Malmains Manor gates, **TR** on lane. In **70yds** at f-post, **TR** on fp and climb steeply up steps thru wood. At top, **X** st and **BL** (320°) up fld. In top LH cnr, **X** st and **ahead** around house on tk. **Keep ahead** on tk which soon passes between flds. **Pass** house on L, tk now becomes tarmac, and **ahead** to jcn with rd. **GR 261 432**

10. BL across jcn, passing phone box, into Newcastle Lane opp. In 90yds by 30mph sign, **FR** into Red Barn Lane. In 400yds, **ignore** bw to L and in further 300yds, lane becomes tk. In 150yds where tk bends R, **X** st on L next to gate. **TR** along RHS long fld with hedge/trees on R. At end (cnr), **ignore** overgrown st ahead and **BL** with hedge to wooden gate. **TR** thru gate and **ahead** on broad, rutted tk (bw) thru

wood. In 300yds **ignore** wmk-post on L. In further 130yds, **pass** house on R and 120yds later, under small power line overhead (**GR 281 440**), **FL** downhill (following power line). **SO** as tk emerges from wood into open. At bottom of tk, **X** railway bridge. **GR 285 442**

11. Ahead on rd past church and where rd bends R, **ahead** to **X** fb over stream. **Cont** on rd thru houses and up to T-jcn. **TL** on rd and in 20yds, **TR** on gravel tk. **Pass** allotments and **B slightly L** LHS fld. In cnr, **BL** thru bushes and **up** steps to **go thru** small gate. **Climb** fld (340°) on faint path. Near fence cnr, **BR** and **cont** uphill fence on L. **Pass thru** chain-gate to R of fld gate and in top cnr, **TL** thru gate. **BL**(280°) across fld to far LH cnr. **Thru** gate and **TR** on tarmac tk. **Thru** underpass(A2) and at top of rise, **BR** with tk. **Follow** tk around RHS buildings to reach and **X** tarmac drive. **Ahead** thru gap in hedge and **X** fld (350°), passing house, to far RH cnr. **Thru** gap in fence and **TL** on rd. In 250yds **arrive** at (on L)

Checkpoint 3 - Singledge Wood GR 286 460 17.3 miles

Opens 12.15 Closes 15.00

SINGLEEDGE WOOD to NORTHBOURNE 6.4 miles

12. From CP, **cont** on rd for 230yds and just after end of wood on R at f-post to L of gate, **TR** thru gap in hedge. **TL** along LHS fld, hedge on L, and soon **BR** past house. **Follow** this fld-edge path to end of hedge and **TL**. Just before barn on L, **TR** on fp across crop fld (30°), aiming roughly towards Waldershare House, now visible in the distance. At end of fld, **thru** gap in fence and **B slightly L** (20°) across next fld. At far side, **X** fld boundary strip and **B slightly R** (25°) across next fld (may be ploughed). At fld end, **thru** metal gate and **ahead** on faint path across grass fld (initially 10°). **Thru** old gateway in fence to **pass** to the R of Waldershare House (still thru grass). **Thru** small wooden gate in cnr and **ahead** thru wood. Soon **pass** over concrete to rd. **TL** and in 50yds, **TR** thru old rusty gateway. (or small gate next to). Almost immed, **TL** thru line of large trees then **TR** along middle of avenue of trees. Just before fence ahead, **BR** to small metal gate. **Thru, BL** then **R** to **cont** on original line along broad woodland ride. **Keep ahead** to rd. **GR 294 488**

13. BR across rd, **up** steps in bank and **thru** gap into fld. **X** fld (50°) towards hedge on R. At hedge, **BL** RHS fld with hedge on R. At end of fld, **do not** swing L with tk but **SO**, hedge still on R. **Keep ahead** and near cnr of fld, **BL** with path to **X** st, then **thru** k-g, in tree-line. **X** fld (30°), heading towards R of bungalow. **Thru** stepover in fence to L of gate (if roped off, **go thru** gate to R, which may be tied – please re-tie). **Ahead** over st next to gate and **SO** on tk. At rd, **X** (**care!**) and **ahead** thru k-g to R of fld gate. **Ahead**, fence on L. **Thru** small gate and **X** fld (45°) then **thru** small gate 20yds to L of cnr. **X** next fld (30°) and **thru** k-g. **Ahead** thru gap next to gate, to rd. **Ahead** thru houses and at T-jcn, **TL** on rd. **Ahead** thru houses to **X** Chapel Road and **cont** on Lower Street. At major rd, **TL** (**great care!**) and in 250yds opp St. Mary's Grove, **TR** between posts. **GR 305 515**

14. Ahead thru bushes to **X** bridge over A256. Just beyond f-post at end of barrier, **thru** small wooden gate ahead and **TL** on bw thru wood. Soon **FR** with bw on clear tk thru wood. **Keep ahead** thru wood on this tk to eventually emerge from wood and pass small wooden house on L. In 50 yds where tk swings R, **ahead** past telegraph pole and immed **BR** (20°) across fld. **Pass** to L of tree with bench-seat and **BR** (60°) between two more large trees and across next fld. At far cnr, **TL** on tarmac tk. In 150yds at f-post, **BR** (70°) onto bw across fld and into wood. **Follow** path thru wood keeping property boundary fence to L. At small gap (fld to R), **B slightly L**, still thru wood. **Exit** wood to **BL** on grassy tk, LHS fld. In 100yds where tk joins from L, **cont ahead**, still LHS fld. Where tk passes into wood, **ignore** tk to L.

In further 150yds, **ignore** R fork and **keep ahead** to reach rd (**GR 322 525**). **TL** and in 70 yds, **TR** on rd. **Fllw** rd to T-jcn and **X** to f-post opp. **Thru** barrier in hedge and **SO** on tarmac fp between flds. At rd, **BR** to **cont** on The Drove, opp. **Pass** church gate on your R and in 60yds, **TR** into car park.

Checkpoint 4 at Northbourne GR 334 524 23.7 miles

Opens 13.45 Closes 16.30

NORTHBOURNE TO RINGWOULD (drinks only stop) 4.3 miles

15. From CP (facing Rec), **TL** along edge of Rec. **Pass thru** trees and **X** tarmac drive. **Ahead** on fp 5yds to R of f-post. In 20yds at start of 'avenue' of trees along edge of wood, **TR** (100°) and in 30yds, **exit** wood thru obvious gap. **TL** (40°) thru 'orchard' and in 30yds at fld cnr, **BR** (90°) onto path across crop-fld. At far side, **join** path which comes from tree-line to R. **Ahead** (20°) on encl path and soon **thru** k-g. **BL** (90°) thru semi-open grassy area flwing yellow wmk, if visible (if not, path-line may be seen as mowed swathe thru the grass. **Pass** into open area, **SO** on grass past wmk-post and **over** tk. **SO** downhill over grass to wmk-post below. **Over** tk and **SO**, passing to L of (dried up) pond. **BR** then **L** and up fld to **go thru** small gate at top. **TL** LHS fld and almost immed, **BR** to pass to R of old tractor info board. **SO**, hedge on L. At fld-end, **SO**, hedge now on R. Near end of fld where fld-edge distinctly starts to curve L (end of irrigation pipe on ground to R), **cont** for 40yds to **TR** thru gap in hedge (overgrown wmk-post). **X** fld (130°) towards power line. At second power pole, **TR** (190°) across fld to **go thru** k-g. **Ahead** over mown grass to **go thru** k-g into churchyard. **Ahead**, wall on L and at lychgate, **BR** onto gravel path to pass to L of church. **Exit** thru gates and **ahead** on rd to T-jcn. **GR 345 514**

16. **X** rd (**care!**) and **TL** on pavement opp. At LH bend, **TR** into Cherry Lane. At first rd to R, **BR** to **X** st opp. **X** fld (160°). **Keep ahead**, broadly on this bearing, passing thru gap in hedge, thru wide gap in next hedge and crossing road via steps and st. **Thru** next hedge (still 160°) and at hedge at top, **TR** along fld-edge, hedge on L. At gravelly tarmac, **SO** and at concrete tk, **TL**. In 25yds, **TR** between houses and at jcn, **SO** on rd. **GR 350 503**

17. In 90yds, **TL** thru lychgate to **pass thru** churchyard. **Exit** thru k-g and **X** fld (110°). **Thru** k-g and **TR** across top of fld, passing house on R. At hedge, **do not** go thru barrier ahead, but **TL**, hedge on R. **Keep ahead** to end of hedge, then **SO** across fld, flwing power poles. **Over** X-tk where power line turns off, and **SO** towards R end of tree-line ahead. At tree-line, **SO** LHS fld with trees on L. **X** st and detour L and R, crossing railway (**care!**). **TL** over next st, returning to original line. In 60yds, **X** minor rd. **Cont** LHS fld with trees on L. At wmk-post and start of wooden fence on L, **BR** to **X** another rd. **X** fld (190°) towards LH end of hedge on ridge, (windmill visible to your L). At top of rise, **BL** past the Nelson Seat on path with hedge and fence on R. At end of hedge, **fllw** path across fld (170°) to fld cnr. **SO** thru trees, soon between fences. **Thru** k-g to minor rd. **X** 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, **TsharpR** at bw post (Abbots House on R). **Ahead**, at first on tarmac, and in 500yds (40yds before end of fld on R), **TL** into trees. **Fllw** bw thru trees as it swings R, then **SO** for 70yds. Where bws split at wmk post, **FR**. **Fllw** bw as it meanders thru trees, and in 400yds, reach byway and

Drinks only stop (nr Ringwould) GR 368 479 28.0 miles

(Opens 15.00 Closes 18.00)

RINGWOULD TO ST. MARGARET'S 4.0 miles

19. 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 **flw** path as it meanders thru wood. In 150yds, **pass** large hollow with fallen tree, on R. **Cont 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. **TR** then **TL** with path to byway (**GR 373 477**). **TL** and in 40yds, **TR** on access rd (soon becomes tk). **Ahead** with bushes on L, soon passing house entrances. After tk swings L, **ahead** and in 100yds, at jcn with rd on L (Queensdown Rd), **TR** on stony tk. At rd, **TL** and **flw** for 500yds to seafront and start of the White Cliffs. **GR 379 478**

20. TR and immed **TR** again 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) **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** k-g and **SO**, flwing path towards monument. **Thru** gap beside gate into car park for Dover Patrol Memorial. **GR 373 452**

21. From beyond memorial, soon **take** path on R 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. **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. **Flw** 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 32.0 miles

WELL DONE!