

LONG DISTANCE WALKERS ASSOCIATION

KENT GROUP



**THE WHITE CLIFFS 18-mile CHALLENGE WALK**

**Sunday 30th August 2015**

**CHECKPOINT OPENING TIMES WILL BE ADHERED TO**

**TIME LIMIT: ALL TO FINISH BY 17:00**

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; **flw**—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 12:30**

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

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**DEAL TO LANGDON CLIFFS 7.9 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 (care!). **TR** then immed **L** and **ahead** towards seafront. **X** rd (The Beach) and **cont** on tarmac path to T-jcn with promenade. **TR** and in 1500yds, **pass** Walmer Castle. Just beyond castle at f-post (emergency telephone), **TR** on fp, away from promenade, and soon **X** rd and **thru** barrier. **SO** between walls, later fences, to reach Hawkshill Common. **GR 374 499**
- 2.** **TL**, with hedge on L. At fourth bench (*memorial to Charles Wake – first chairman of the White Cliffs Ramblers*), **BL** with path. **Ahead** between hedges, ignoring fp to L. At end of fence, **SO** on fp between flds. At end of flds, **SO** over driveway to **flw** tarmac fp between hedges. At slanting X-paths, **BL** and in 20yds **over** X-paths, wire fence to R. 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** on rd. **Flw** rd for 650yds. Where rd turns R, **SO** to f-post (SSW) and **TR** up steps. **GR 379 478**
- 3.** At end of steps, **cont** on fp between bushes, coming out at Kingsdown Leas on the cliffs (*Yes, you are now on the famous White Cliffs*). **Flw** cliff top path past golf clubhouse and car park on R. **SO** on cliff top path, now with houses on R. **Keep ahead** on this path, passing the occasional SSW wmk-post and aiming (when visible) at monument on skyline. **Go thru** gap in fence and **flw** path between cliff edge and bushes. At sign 'Warning Cliff Edge', **SO** with fence on R, soon re-joining main path. **Thru** k-g and **SO** towards Monument. **Thru** gap by gate and into car park of Dover Patrol Memorial (Bluebirds Tea Room on L). **GR 373 452**
- 4.** In 30yds, just before monument, **TL** thru k-g (National Trust sign – The Leas) and **BR** on fp. **BL** with path then **BR** on wide strip between fences. **Keep ahead** to soon descend past SSW f-post on L (*with fine views ahead of St. Margaret's Bay*). **Enter** trees and **go thru** k-g. **Ahead** on narrow path thru bushes to rd. **SO** on rd (care!) and at sharp LH bend, **BR** (SSW f-post on R). In 40yds, **BL** on Beach Road and **pass** Pines Gardens on R. **Cont** on rd which becomes rough. At sharp LH bend, **SO** thru gate next to cattle grid. **Keep ahead**, now on grassy tk, going thru three more gates by cattle grids. After the third, **SO** on tarmac to **pass** to R of gate, South Foreland Lighthouse to your L. **GR 359 434**
- 5.** **SO** to go thru wooden posts (and concrete blocks) then **SO** on tarmac tk. **Keep ahead** on tk and in 800yds where tk joins from L, **SO**. In further 400yds where another tk joins from L, **SO**. At fence on L, **flw** tk as it curves R. Immed before fence turns L at cnr, **TL** thru k-g next to fld-gate. **Ahead** on grass tk with fence on R. **Thru** k-g by 'Langdon Hole' sign and in 180yds, **TR** up steps, fence on L. At top, **keep ahead**, fence on L. **Ignore** next k-g on L and **BR** up steps, fence on L. At top, **thru** k-g and **ahead** on man-made tk downhill. At bottom, **thru** gap by gate and **ahead** on rd to **reach** on L

**Checkpoint 1 by National Trust Visitor Centre, Langdon Cliffs GR 336 422 7.9 miles**

Opens 11:45 Closes 14:30

*(There are toilets at the rear of the Visitor Centre)*

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**LANGDON CLIFFS TO MAYDENSOLE FARM 4.8 miles**

**6.** From CP **cont** along rd (*be aware of visitors' cars and soon use fp to L of wooden posts*). **Pass** National Trust car park entrance kiosk and **SO** to rd. **SO** on gravel pavement and in 30yds at SSW f-post, **BL** down tarmac fp and steps. **Pass** redbrick wall on R then **down** concrete steps. At bottom of steps **reach** yellow-topped wmk-post on L.

**!! Routes split here – follow your route description, not the person in front.**

**TR** onto fp into bushes. **Keep ahead** on this narrow path as it winds thru bushes with main rd parallel to L. **Ignore** fp to L and soon **BR** and **L** with path. **X** short stretch of path with logs (may be boggy) then **filw** path to R and **up** steps with railing to rd. **GR 332 424**

**7.** **X** st over barrier, **X** rd (**great care – blind bend!**) and **TL** along RHS rd (**more care!**) keeping to verge where possible. **Fillw** 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 **thru** k-g. **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 **go thru** k-g in fence. **Ahead** across small fld, passing mound and hollow. At far end, **thru** k-g and **TL** onto farm tk. **Fillw** tk, soon thru farmyard, and where tarmac tk swings R, **SO** to **go thru** k-g to rd. **GR 328 431**

**8.** **TR** on pavement and soon **pass** entrance to Duke of York school on L. Just before roundabout, **with great care!**, **X** rd at traffic island. **TL** on opp side of rd for 15yds then, immed before grey metal fence, **TR** on fp with fence to your L (*this fence is now followed for the next 1300yds*). **Keep ahead**, going thru gap then along top of bank, LHS fld (*apols for any litter you may encounter earlier along this stretch – beyond our control, I'm afraid*). At end of fence, **thru** k-g and **ahead** to rd. **GR 323 443**

**9.** **TR** and **X** rd bridge (care!). 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. (*Stretches of the NDW ahead have been badly damaged with deep ruts caused by 4x4 vehicles. The designation of these byways has since been changed to exclude these vehicles. As you will see, concrete blocks have been installed (by the KCC) to prevent access by these vehicles. It is understood that sometime in the future a programme of reinstatement may commence. In the meantime, please take due care along these stretches.*) In 900 yds, **TL** on rd. (Pineham). **GR 316 455**

**10.** **Fillw** rd as it swings R around farm buildings then, as it swings L, **FR** on NDW. In 500yds, **TR** on rd (**care!**). In 20yds, **FL** on fp between hedges. In 60yds at fld, **BR** (10°) with tk across fld to wood. **Cont** on tk along RH edge of wood, fence on R. **Keep ahead**, passing NDW milestone on R and then between paddocks. **Ignore** R-turn at end of paddocks. **Cont** (330°) on tk between flds, path soon becoming sunken and enclosed. At rd, **TR** and in 130yds, **over** X-rds. **Ahead** on Roman Road and in 30yds at f-post, **TR** thru barrier gap (*leaving NDW and re-joining 53-mile route*). In 40yds, **TR** before brick barn, then **swing L** around barn to

**Checkpoint 2 at Maydensole Farm GR 315 476 12.7 miles**

Opens 13:00 Closes 15:00

*NB. Maydensole Farm is private land.*

*Supporters are not permitted to take cars onto the property.*

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**MAYDENSOLE FARM TO DEAL 5.5 miles**

**11.** From CP, **retrace** route around brick barn to fp. **TR** (70°) on fp behind barns and in 80yds, **join** tk from R. **Ahead** on tk (70°). In 650yds in cnr, **swing R** with tk and in 25yds, **TL** to **cont** LHS fld. In 500yds, **thru** gap in hedge and **SO** LHS of next fld. In 1300yds, **X** st (or thru metal gate). In 70yds, **thru** gate. **SO** thru narrow fld and in far LH cnr, **thru** gate. **Ahead** (60°) across paddock, **thru** metal gate and **SO** between silos. **SO** across farmyard and **cont** along tarmac drive opp. At end of drive, **thru** gate to rd. **GR 336 492**

**12.** **TR** on rd (care!) for 220yds to T-jcn. **TL** on rd (signposted to Ripple) – **care!**. In 500yds at side rd on R (sign to Ripple Court), **X** side rd and **BR** up steps in bank to f-post. **B slightly R** (75°) across large fld, passing close to electricity supply pole in mid-field. At far side, **thru** k-g and **SO** (90°) to pass to R of Ripple Village Hall. **GR 346 499**

**13.** **X** st, then at crossroads, **TR** into Chapel Lane. In 40yds, **TL** onto tarmac fp by 'No Cycling' sign. Soon **TR** with path and **thru** barrier. **X** fld (70°) and at far cnr, **BL** onto rd. In 10yds at f-post, **TR** on tarmac drive. Where drive swings L, **SO** 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, **SO** (120°) for 250yds to T-jnc of power lines and **TL** (90°), aiming for LH end of tree-line ahead. **Thru** tree-line and **X** next fld (90°). At RH end of row of trees, **BL** with path across fld (now 50°). **Step over** metal barrier 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), **B slightly R** along LHS of next fld, then **across** open fld (60°) to rd. **GR 365 502**

**14.** **X** rd (**care!**) and **TR** on pavement opp. In 200yds, **TL** into Nevill Gdns. In 70yds at f-post, **TL** on fp between fences. **Flw** fp, cemetery on L, to rd. **TL** and in 100yds at f-post, **TR** on tarmac fp. At rd, **TL** for 240yds, passing school grounds on R and Xing railway. Immed after railway bridge, **TR** on Telegraph Road. **Keep ahead** with railway to R for 1000yds to T-jcn with B2056. **With Care**, **X** rd (or use island 15yds to L) and **TR** pavement opp. **Pass under** railway bridge and immed, **TL** into Gladstone Road. **Pass** school entrance on R then **take** next R into Canada Road. In 120yds, **TR** between brick pillars and ahead thru iron gates to

**FINISH at Deal and Betteshanger Lions RFC GR 374 515 18.2 miles**

All to finish by 17:00

**WELL DONE !**