

# LONG DISTANCE WALKERS ASSOCIATION

## KENT GROUP

### THE WHITE CLIFFS 15-mile CHALLENGE WALK

28<sup>th</sup> August 2016

#### 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; 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.

## St. Margaret's Hall, St. Margaret's-at-Cliffe, near Dover GR TR358446

### ST. MARGARET'S TO MARTIN MILL 8.8 miles

1. Out of hall, **TL** and at T-jcn, **BR** across rd (**care!**) into Reach Close. **Fllw** RH pavement R, L then R again and in 20yds, **TL** on fp between houses. **BR** with fp across fld towards far RH cnr. At cnr, **BL** thru trees, ignoring fp to R, and **ahead to** rd, **TR** on rd (which becomes rough tk) and in 600yds at gate ahead (and f-post on R), **TL** on to cont on tarmac fp **Fllw** towards South Foreland Lighthouse. At end of path, **ahead** on minor rd for 50yds to lighthouse entrance. **GR 359 433**

2. **SO** on enclosed fp, then **BR** on worn fp across grass. In 100yds, **BR** onto cliff top path.

*Yes, you are now on the famous White Cliffs and you will follow this well-worn cliff top path for 1.6 miles to Langdon Cliffs - ! TAKE GREAT CARE where path goes anywhere near cliff edge.*

**Keep ahead** on this path, soon swinging R then L around large hollow and later **pass thru** k-g at Langdon Hole. **SO** on main fp with views of Dover Harbour ahead and in 350yds, **BL** over X-tk and ascend steps, **fllwing** SSW. **SO**, with handrail, then fence, on L. **Ignore** k-g on L and **SO** up fp, with fence on L. **Thru** next k-g and **fllw** new gravel path down to car park. **Thru** gate and **SO** along rd, passing Visitor Centre on your R (! toilets at rear) – **be aware of visitors' cars on this road.**

**Pass** National Trust car park entrance kiosk, then **take** path to L of wooden posts. **SO** on pavement to L of rd-bend and in 30yds, **BL** (SSW f-post). **Ahead** down tarmac fp with steps. **Fllw** down to bottom, passing under main rd. At garages on R, **SO** on rd and in 80yds, **SO** on East Cliff. At rd end, **BL** to cross main rd at pedestrian crossing (**CARE!**). **TR** along Dover seafront. **GR 326 417**

*Note: Along this stretch the 15-mile and 32-mile routes divide. Follow **your** route description, **not** the person in front!*

3. In 100yds, **pass** toilets (*cost 20p*) and in further 100yds, just beyond Premier Inn on the R, **TR** (leaving seafront). **X** rd (**care!**) into Douro Place and **SO** on pavement to main rd. **TL** for 100yds to traffic lights. **X** rd (**care!**) and **SO** along Woolcomber St. **TR** into St. James St. and **fllw** to T-jcn. **X** rd (**care!**) then **SO** up Laureston Place. **BR** with rd, then 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** thru gate into Connaught Park. **TL** on path along top of park, ignoring L-turns, and gently descending. **BL** with path downhill and **pass** toilets (!) on your R. **Fllw** path around house and **thru** gate to rd. **TR** and in 10yds, **FR** on tarmac fp (NDW). **Fllw** path as it swings R then L, going under two bridges, to rd. **X** rd, **pass** cemetery entrance and **TR** into Roman Rd at NDW acorn. **GR 316 427**

4. **Fllw** Roman Road (NDW) steadily uphill for 1000 yds, passing cemetery on R, crossing railway bridge, then between flds. **Pass** house on L, then at NDW f-post, **SO** on hard tk (byway). In 750 yds, at wmk- post, **BR** with byway to soon reach fld. **BL** (40°) across fld and at far side, **TR** thru fld gate. **Fllw** encl byway to rd. **TL** on rd (**care!**) to X roadbridge and **SO** into Guston. **GR 324 445**

5. **Pass** The Chance Inn and in 70yds **TR** into Prescott Close. In 40yds, **TL** and **fllw** rd to end. **TR** on tarmac path and in 20yds, **SO** (120°) across fld. **X** railway bridge and **BL** (90°) across next fld. At far side, **TL** along RHS fld, soon to cont on hardcore tk. **Fllw** tk to rd and **TR**. In 50yds at f-post on R, **TL** into fld. **X** fld (10°) to soon **BR** along LHS fld with hedge on L. **SO**, hedge on L. At cnr, **thru** small gate and **SO** LHS next (*long*) fld. **Keep ahead**, later between hedge and power cables. At rd, **TR** and in 140yds, **TL** at f-post. **X** fld (30°) – *Fllw path-line if reinstated; if not, aim at LH hedgerow in distant next field.* At far end, 50yds to R of LH cnr, **thru** gap and **ahead** between hedge and fence. At fence cnr, (wmk post), **BL** to drive and **fllw** to rd. **X** rd and **fllw** 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). **Fllw** rd (**care!**) for 660yds, passing under railway bridge, thru to T-jcn. **TR** on rd (**care!**) and **keep ahead**, re-crossing railway, for one mile. Rd swings L thru trees, then just before RH bend, **TR** at f-post onto bw (**GR 352 479**). **X** fld (70°) and at far RH cnr, **TL** on small rd. In 200yds, **TR** into Back St. and **flw** to main rd. **TR** for 15yds to **X** rd at island (**GREAT CARE!**). **TL** on pavement opp and in 30yds **TR** at f-post (Abbots House on R). **Ahead** on bw, at first tarmac, for 500yds to **TL** into trees (30yds before cnr of fld on R). **Fllw** bw as it swings R and in 70yds at bw post, **ignore** path to R. In further 30yds, at signstone, **FR**. **Ahead** for 400yds, as bw meanders thru trees, to reach byway. **GR 368 479**

7. **SO** on fp opp, with hedge on L. In 250yds, at wmk-post, **TL** thru wooden posts in narrow gap into Kingsdown Wood (*Wood Hill on OS maps*). In 20yds, **FR** and **flw** path as it meanders thru wood, ignoring side paths. In 150yds, **pass** large fallen tree, over to your R. **Keep ahead** on path (40° at first). **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** and **flw** encl fp thru to fld. (**GR 373 477**). **TL** on tk and in 30yds, **TR** on access rd (*soon becomes tk*). **Ahead** with hedge 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 **flw** 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 **flw** fp between hedges, coming out at Kingsdown Leas on the cliffs. **Fllw** cliff top path past golf club and car park on R. *You will now flw this main cliff top path for 1.6 miles thru to the Dover Patrol Memorial.*

**Once again, TAKE GREAT CARE where path goes anywhere near cliff edge**

**Keep ahead**, passing occasional wmk-posts and later going thru k-g, to reach memorial. **GR 373 452**

9. **Pass** monument and, at signpost "Explore St. Margaret's Frontline Britain Trail," **TR**. Soon **thru** k-g and **flw** main path (250°) 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 Drove way 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 Road. **Ahead** for 200yds to

### FINISH at St. Margaret's Hall GR 358 446 15.3 miles

**WELL DONE !**