

LONG DISTANCE WALKERS ASSOCIATION

KENT GROUP

THE WHITE CLIFFS 32-mile CHALLENGE WALK

28th August 2016

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; **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 TR 358 446

ST. MARGARET'S TO WESTERN HEIGHTS 5.0 miles

1. Out of hall, **TL** and at T-jcn, **BR** across rd (**care!**) into Reach Close. **Flw** 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 **Flw** 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, flwing 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 **flw** 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. **Flw** 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 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, **down** steps and **thru** underpass. **Upslope** and at top, **TL** along alley to 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** into Citadel Road. In 150yds at NDW/SSW sign, **FL** and in 70yds, **FL** again 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 concrete path up Shakespeare Cliff.

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

At end of encl fp, **BR** thru k-g and **ahead** on fp, fence on L. Soon **BR** away from fence, then **FL** on main path. **SO** thru trees, passing wmk-post and climbing (! **beware small stumps on the**

ground). **Pass** into open and **SO** over brow. **Keep ahead** with fence on L and ignoring first two k-gs. **TL** thru the first of the next two k-gs (*with Access Land notice*). In 5yds, at wmk-post, **TR** onto crossing path. Immed pass NDW wmk-post and **keep ahead** to pass NDW milestone. **SO** for steep ascent of Round Down. At top at metal k-g, **DO NOT shortcut on cliff top path ahead (UNSAFE!)** but **go thru** k-g and **TL** with fence on L. **Thru** next 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 (*may now have been removed*). Immed **TL** with fence on L. **Go around** new ventilation installation and later, **thru** k-g in cnr. **BR** on worn path to **join** 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 short poles. In 30yds, **BR** away from poles on path along cliff top. In 60yds, **SO** now with railing on L. At end of railing, **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 **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 following cliff edge again. **Pass** Lighthouse Inn on R and in 250yds at f-post (30yds before cafe), **TR** to **X** rd and **ahead** on bw, fences of house gardens to L. **X** main rd (**GREAT CARE!**) and **SO** on bw, soon with flds on R. **Pass** rd-end on L and in 180yds, **TL** on tarmac path. with recn. ground to L. At rd, **TL** and in 15yds, **TL** again into

Checkpoint 2 Capel-le-Ferne Village Hall 10.0 miles GR 250 389

Opens 10.45 Closes 13.00

CAPEL TO SINGLEEDGE WOOD 7.3 miles

7. From CP, **TR** and **R** again to retrace route in along tarmac path along LHS recn. ground. **X** tk, **thru** barrier and **SO** (35°) 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. **Filw** lane for 600 yds as it swings L, then 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. **BR** thru gate and **ahead** (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 other side of hedge on L*), **TL** thru small gate in hedge onto bw. **Ahead** LHS fld, passing under power line. At cnr, **TR** thru makeshift metal gate (*with springs*) and **ahead** between fences thru 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, **X** st in elec. fence. **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 **up** rise to pass 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 Malmain's Manor gates, **TR** on lane. In **70yds** at f-post, **TR** on fp and climb steeply up steps thru wood (**! beware unevenness**). At top, **X** st and **BL** (320°) up fld. Near top LH cnr, **X** st and **ahead** around house on tk. **Keep ahead** on tk, which later becomes tarmac, and in

800yds, **reach** jcn with rd. **GR 261 432**

10. BL across jcn, past phone box, into Newcastle Lane opp. In 100yds by 30mph sign, **FR** into Red Barn Lane. **Keep ahead**, ignoring fps to R and L, and in 750yds where tk becomes unmetalled, **SO**. In 150yds, where tk bends R, **TL** thru gate on L (if open – if not, **X** st to its left) and **TR**. **Keep ahead** along RHS of this very long fld to reach st in cnr. **X** st (**care!** - wobbly) and **SO** on narrow path thru wood. In 100yds, **join** tk from L. **Ahead** on this broad, rutted tk and in 330yds, **pass** houses on R (*tk now semi-metalled*). In further 120yds, immed before wmk-post (**GR 281 440**) and directly under power line, **FL** downhill, following power line. **SO** as tk emerges from wood into open. At bottom, **BL** over railway bridge. **GR 285 442**

11. Ahead on rd, which swings R, then **BL** with rd past church. At next RH bend, **SO** to **X** fb over stream. **SO** on rd thru houses, then **BL** with rd up to jcn with main rd. **TL** on rd (**care!**) and in 20yds, **TR** to **X** rd (**care!**) and **ahead** on tk. **Pass** allotments, then **cont** LHS fld. In cnr, **TL** thru bushes and **up** steps to **go thru** small gate. **BslightlyL** (340°) to climb steep fld on faint path. Near fence cnr, **BR** and **cont** uphill, fence on L. **Keep ahead** with fence on L, over brow and later passing thru small gate to R of fld gate. In top cnr, **TL** thru gate and **BL** across small fld to far LH cnr. **Thru** metal gate and **TR** on tarmac tk. **Thru** underpass (A2), then at top of rise, **BR** with tk. **Flw** tk around RHS buildings to **reach** tarmac drive. **SO** across drive and **thru** gap in hedge. **BR** (350°) across fld, passing white house, to far RH cnr. **Thru** gap in fence and **TL** on rd. In 250yds, **reach**

Checkpoint 3 Singledge Wood (roadside) 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 250yds. Immed after end of wood and double metal gates on R, **TR** (at f-post) thru gap in hedge. **TL** along LHS fld, hedge on L, and soon **BR** past house. **Flw** this fld-edge path to end of hedge and **TL**. Just before barn on L, **TR** on fp across 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 **BslightlyR** (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). **Ahead** with fence on R and at fence ahead, **go thru** small metal gate in cnr. Immed **BL** and **R** to **cont** along middle of 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 (40°) 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** to cnr of fld. **TL**, fence on R. In 30yds, **X** st on R, then k-g, in tree-line. **X** fld (30°), heading towards R of bungalow. **Thru** step-over (**CARE!** - *ricketty*) in fence to L of gate, then **thru** fld-gate and **SO** on access rd. 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 RH cnr. **X** small fld (40°) and **thru** k-g. **Ahead** thru gap next to gate and **SO** on small residential rd. At T-jcn, **TL** on rd and **flw** rd to R. **Ahead** across Chapel Road to **cont** on Lower Street. At oblique T-jcn, **TL** on more major rd (**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. At f-post at end of barrier, **TL** thru gap onto bw. Soon **thru** small wooden gate and **TL** on broad tk (bw). In 15yds, **swingR** with tk, ignoring path ahead. **Ahead** thru wood, soon to **emerge** and **cont** with tk between wood and fld. **Pass** small wooden house on L and in 50 yds, where tk swings R, **ahead** to L of telegraph pole. **SO** (30°) across fld. At far side, **pass** to L of large tree with bench-seat and **BR** (60°) between two more large trees and across next fld. At far RH cnr, **TL** on gravelly tarmac tk. In 150yds at f-post on R, **BR** (70°) onto bw across fld and into wood. **Fillw** path thru wood, keeping property boundary fence to L. **Exit** wood and **BL** LHS fld with wood on L. In 150yds where tk joins from L, **BR** still LHS fld. Where tk re-enters wood, **join** tk from L and **SO**. In 150yds, **ignore** R- fork. **Pass** cottage on R and in 70yds, at wmk on fence post on L, **TL** on bw. **Fillw** thru to rd (**GR 323 525**). **TL** and in 20 yds, **TR** on rd. **Fillw** rd to T-jcn and **X** to f-post opp. **Thru** barrier in hedge and **SO** on tarmac fp between flds. At rd, **BR**, then **TL** into The Drove. **Pass** church gate on your R and in 60yds, **TR** into car park and

Checkpoint 4 Northbourne GR 334 524 23.7miles

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 along tree-line to R. **Ahead** (20°) on encl path and soon **thru** k-g. **BR** and **L**, then **ahead** (90°) thru semi-open grassy area fillwing yellow wmk (*path-line may possibly be mown*). **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 (! *mind the step*). **TL** LHS fld and in 60yds, **TR** LHS of fld to R, hedge on L. At fld-end, **SO**, hedge now on R. Near end of this long 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 (*or thru gap to R*). **X** fld (160°) and **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 of fld, **TR** along fld-edge, hedge on L. At gravelly tarmac, **SO** and at concrete tk on L, **TL**. In 25yds, **TR** between houses and at jcn,, **SO** on rd. **GR 350 503**

17. In 90yds, **TL** thru lychgate to **pass along** LHS of churchyard. **Exit** thru k-g and **X** fld (110°). **Thru** k-g and **TR** RHS fld 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, fillwg power poles. At T-jcn of power lines, **SO** over X-tk and **SO** towards RH 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 far end of wood to R (*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, **fillw**

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 sign-stone, **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. 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 **fllw** path as it meanders thru wood, ignoring side paths. In 150yds, **pass** large fallen tree, over to your R. **Keep ahead** on path thru wood (40° at first) and soon **BR** to **exit** wood thru barrier (*by Kingsdown Wood sign*). **SO** with hedge on L, to **go thru** next barrier. **TR** and **fllw** encl fp thru to fld. (**GR 373 477**). **TL** on tk and in 30yds, **TR** on rough access rd. **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 and **fllw** to rd. **TL** and **fllw** rd for 500yds to seafront and start of the White Cliffs. **GR 379 478**

20. TR and **R** again up steps (at SSW fpost). At end of steps, **fllw** 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 fllw 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**

21. Pass monument and at signpost “Explore St. Margaret’s Frontline Britain Trail” **TR. Thru** k-g and **fllw** 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 Droveway 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 32.0 miles

WELL DONE !