

LONG DISTANCE WALKERS ASSOCIATION

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THE WHITE CLIFFS CHALLENGE WALKS

Saturday 26th August 2017

CHECKPOINT OPENING TIMES WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO

TIME LIMITS

18-MILE: 8 HOURS – all to finish by 16.30

32-MILE: 12 HOURS – all to finish by 20.30

Emergency Number: 07815 453324

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; **ECP**—England Coast Path; **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.

St. Margaret's Hall, St. Margaret's at Cliffe, near Dover GR TR 358 446

ST. MARGARET'S TO DOVER SEAFRONT 3.6 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** to cont on tarmac fp. **Fllw** towards South Foreland Lighthouse. At end of path and immed before lighthouse, **TR** on tarmac tk. **GR TR 359 434**

2. **Ahead** with lighthouse on L 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, **fllw** 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, **SO**, fence on L. **Ignore** next k-g on L and **BR** up steps. At top, **thru** k-g and **ahead** on man-made tk downhill. At bottom, **thru** gate and **ahead** on rd. **GR TR 338 422**

3. **Pass** Visitor Centre on R (! toilets at rear) then **SO** past National Trust car park entrance kiosk, taking path to L of wooden posts. **SO** on pavement to L of rd-bend and in 30yds, **BL** past SSW f-post. **Ahead** down tarmac fp with intermittent 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. In 200yds **reach**

Drinks only stop on Dover seafront GR TR 324 414 3.6 miles

32-milers: now continue from paragraph 5

18-milers only

DOVER SEAFRONT TO MAYDENSOLE FARM 5.3 miles

4. **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 TR 316 427**

18-milers: now continue from paragraph 16

32-milers only

DOVER SEAFRONT TO WESTERN HEIGHTS (A) 1.4 miles

5. **Cont** along seafront and in 400yds 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 into underpass. At 2nd turning, **TL** up steps, then **SO** (*look behind you to view Dover's famous Banksy mural*). **TR** into York Street and **SO** to **TL** at controlled crossing. **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 soon **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** rd (**care!**) and **TL** uphill on pavement. At brow, **cont ahead**, ignoring road to R, and in 30yds, **TL** into

Checkpoint 1 Western Heights car park (A) GR TR 314 407 5.0 miles

Opens 9.30 Closes 11.45

WESTERN HEIGHTS TO EAST CLIFF (FOLKESTONE) 6.0 miles

6. From CP, **TR** on rd and in 30yds, **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 clifftop 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 TR 296 394**

7. Keep ahead on NDW, ignoring all k-gs to R. In 1.2 miles at wmk post, **TR** with NDW and **thru** gate next to small padlocked gate. Immed, **TL** with fence on L. **Go around** 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, **BslightlyL** to rejoin NDW. **GR TR 281 388**

8. Ahead thru bushes and **SO** on cliff top fp. **Ignore** path descending to L and **fillw** fence of mobile home park on R. **SO** and at open space with seats, **BR** (270°) to **cont** on narrow fp with rd on R. **SO** thru bushes and then later, **cont** along cliff top again. **Pass** Lighthouse Inn on R and later, Cliff Top Cafe (*fillw path around front of cafe*). **SO** along LHS of grass area with seats and then **cont** between fences. **SO** along LHS of another grass space to **cont** with old concrete fence posts, then fence, on R. **SO** with gardens on R, then **swing R** and **ahead** between fences. **TL** with path, still between fences, then **down** steps onto concrete driveway. **GR TR 248 382**

9. TL and in 30yds, at wmk-post, **TR** down steps. **Thru** dip, then **up** steps (**! beware low branches**) and **SO** on clifftop path. **Pass along** LHS of large green mounds – *Battle of Britain Memorial will come into view over to your R (figure of sitting airman statue)* – and **SO** thru k-g. **Ahead** with metal fence on R, to **pass thru** bushes. **Keep ahead** and at end of fence on R, (by ECP wmk-post), **TR**. At next wmk-post, **TL** and **fillw** path downhill, later Xing walled bridge. **SO**, now on concrete path, to **pass** Martello Tower on your L, then **SO** on tarmac access rd. At rd, **BL** along broad grass verge with fence, and later hedge, on L. **Keep ahead** on verge for 800yds, to reach

Checkpoint 2 East Cliff Pavilion car park GR TR 239 365 11.0 miles

Opens 11.00 Closes 13.15

EAST CLIFF TO WESTERN HEIGHTS (B) 6.4 miles

10. Leave CP and at bottom of car park (*near pavilion*), **TL** up concrete steps and **ahead** along bottom edge of pitch and putt golf course with pavilion on your R. At cnr, **descend** five stone steps to **TL** on tarmac tk. In 120yds, at ECP f-post, **TL** up grass bank. At wmk-post at top, **TR** uphill along RH edge of golf course, soon with fence on R. **Pass** Coastguard Station, then **cont** along RH edge of golf course downhill. **Pass** f-post to 'The Warren' and immed **X** gravel tk. **SO** (20°) on narrow fp downhill. **Cont** descending on main (*often gravelly*) path, ignoring all side-paths and going down intermittent steps. At bottom, near beach, **BL** with path thru bushes to **reach** and **TL** along concrete promenade.

!!! Whilst on this promenade, YOU MUST KEEP WELL TO THE LEFT AWAY FROM SHEER DROP DOWN TO BEACH, ON RIGHT

In 750yds, **ignore** tarmac tk which goes uphill to the L. **SO** and in further 650yds, **ignore** gravel tk (*going sharp L uphill*). In further 350yds, **pass** prominent jutting cliff section, then **SO** along LHS of wide expanse of concrete and in 220yds, **reach** on L, wooden f-post (*Four Seasons Nature Trail*).

GR TR 258 383

11. **TsharpL** on gravel tk and in 50yds, **TR** (*! easily missed*) steeply up steps on narrow path. **Fllw** steps to the R and at path T-jcn, **TR**, still up steps. At top of steps, **cont** to fillw path thru scrub with railway on your L, to **reach** railway bridge. **X** bridge, then **TR** on narrow path with fence on R (*!Beware any hidden single steps on this path*). **Keep ahead**, later to **BslightlyL** away from railway fence and then **cont** parallel to railway (*below on R*). **Go down** seven steps (**care!**) and **X** plank bridge. **SO** thru bushes on path which soon ascends steeply up steps. **Fllw** right the way up (**Phew!**) and, at top, **TR** along clifftop path. **Ahead**, soon thru bushes, and at NDW wmk-post, **TL** on fp between fences. At T-jcn, **TR** on tarmac tk (*NDW/ Cycle Route 2*). **GR TR 266 387**

12. **Ahead** on tk and at end of solid tarmac, **SO** past post and small gate, to **cont** on broken tarmac tk. In 350yds, **pass** WW1 concrete detector dish on your R and **SO** to k-g. **Thru** k-g, (*leaving NDW*) and **B slightly L** with tk (*now grass*). **Pass** large mound on your R, then **SO** for 500yds (tk soon becoming concrete/tarmac). **Go thru** small wooden gate to L of larger one. **Ahead** on cycle tk between fences and in 550yds at cycle route f-post on L, **BslightlyL and R** to join tk from L.

GR TR 287 393

13. **Keep ahead** on this tk, which soon starts descending, and in 1300yds, **go thru** metal barrier. **BR** across access rd to Samphire Hoe (**care!**) and **TL** on cycle tk opp. **Ahead** with A20 rd on your L to **reach** footbridge over this major rd. **TL** across bridge, then **TL** down slope to **reach** rd in Aycliff.

GR TR 302 397

14. **TR** into St. David's Avenue on LH pavement. In 550yds, immed after house No. 78, **TL** on concrete fp between gardens. **Ahead** up steps and thru k-g. **Fllw** fp (300°) as it winds uphill, ignoring all side-paths and passing f-post. At top, **thru** k-g and **TR** on concrete tk. **Thru** k-g next to large metal gate and **SO**, passing fortifications on R. **Pass** buildings with high security fence (*Dover Immigration Removal Centre*), on R and **SO**. **Ignore** R-fork up to pill box and in 30yds, **FR** (35°). **Fllw** path gently uphill. **Pass** wmk-post on R, then **go thru** k-g. **Keep ahead** and, at fork, **take** the RH (*higher*) path (35°). **SO** (**! beware drop to the left which later becomes steep**). **Descend** steps with railing, then **SO** thru k-g. **Go up** some steps, then **down** some steps to **pass** green metal fence and **TL** on tarmac tk. **Thru** metal posts and **ahead** to

Checkpoint 3 Western Heights car park (B) GR TR 313 410 17.4 miles

Opens 12.30 Closes 15.00

WESTERN HEIGHTS TO MAYDENSOLE FARM 5.3 miles

15. From CP, **cont** downhill to T-jcn with rd. **TL** on pavement and **filw** rd downhill. At RH bend in rd (*and fp sign on lamp post*), **TL** down steps. At bottom, **TL** on pavement and in 30yds, **X** rd via island (**CARE!**). **TR** on pavement opp, then **TL** into Effingham Street. **filw** rd to R and, at T-jcn, **TL**. In 50yds, **TR** to **X** main rd at traffic lights (**CARE!**) and immed, **TR** into Ladywell. **filw** thru to next traffic lights and **X** rd via island (**CARE!**). Immed, **TL** into Maison Dieu Road to **X** rd at traffic lights (**CARE!**). **Go R and L** into Park Avenue and **filw** to T-jcn with Connaught Road. **WITH GREAT CARE**, **X** rd to pavement opp and **TL**. In 15yds, **BR** onto NDW. **filw** 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 TR 316 427

Both routes continue from here to the finish

16. **filw** this byway (*NDW*) steadily uphill for 1000yds, 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 750yds, at wmk- post, **BR** with byway to soon reach fld. **BL** (40°) across fld and at far side, **TR** thru fld gate. **filw** encl byway to rd and **TL** to **X** roadbridge. Immed after bridge, **reach** NDW f-post.

GR TR 322 443

17. **TL** on gravel tk between fences with A2 rd on L. In 500yds, at NDW f-post, **TR** with tk and **cont** between bushes. In 900yds, **TL** on rd (*at Pineham*). **GR TR 316 455**

18. **filw** 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. **SO** (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*). In 40yds, **TR** before brick barn, then **swing L** around barn to

Checkpoint 4 Maydensole Farm GR TR 315 477 8.9/22.7 miles

18-milers: Opens 10.30 Closes 12.45 32-milers: Opens 13.30 Closes 17.00

MAYDENSOLE FARM TO RINGWOULD (drinks only) 5.5 miles

19. 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 TR 335 494**

20. **TL** on rd (**care!**) for 100yds. When rd swings L, **BR** on fp to X two flds. Immed before hedge **TR** and **SO** for 1000yds to **TR** (steps on L) downhill to rd. **TR** to follow rd (**care!**) as it swings L. At jcn **TL** and **SO** to X-rds (*school on L*). **GR TR 346 499**

21. **Ahead** on Chapel Lane. In 30yds, **TL** on fp at 'No Cycling' sign and soon **TR** with path and **thru** barrier. **X** fld (60°) to f-post in far cnr. **TL** on rd and in 10yds, **TR** along tarmac farm tk. In 110yds, where tk swings L, **ahead** across grass and **thru** k-g. **SO** with hedgerow on R and in 300yds, at hedge-end, **cont** across fld, flwlg power poles. **SO** over X-tk where line of poles turns L, and in 120yds, **cont** LHS fld with trees on L. **X** st and detour L and R, crossing railway (**care!**), then **TL** over

next st, *returning to original line*. In 60yds, **X** minor rd, then **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°), aiming towards far end of wood to R. At top of rise, **BL** past the Nelson Seat on path with hedge and fence on R. At end of hedge, **flw** path across fld (170°) to fld cnr. **SO** thru trees, soon between fences. **Thru** k-g to **X** minor rd and **ahead** thru gate into churchyard at Ringwould. **GR TR 360 483**

22. Thru churchyard and **exit** thru lychgate. **Ahead** to **TL** on minor rd and **cont** thru to main A258 Dover – Deal Road. **X** rd at island (**GREAT CARE!**) and **TL** on pavement opp. 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. **Flw** bw thru trees as it swings R, then **SO** for 70yds to where bws split at sign-stone, **FR** and **flw** bw as it meanders thru trees, and in 400yds, reach byway and

Drinks only stop (nr Ringwould) GR TR 368 479 14.4/28.2 miles

18-milers: Opens 11.45 Closes 14.00 32-milers: Opens 15.00 Closes 18.00

RINGWOULD TO ST. MARGARET'S 4.0 miles

23. 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 thru wood (40° at first) to **BR** and **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 TR 373 477**

24. TL on tk and in 30yds, **TR** on rough access rd. **Ahead** with hedge on L, soon passing house entrances. Soon swing L with tk, then **ahead** for 100yds to jcn with rd on L (*Queensdown Rd*). **TR** on stony tk and **flw** to rd. **TL** and **flw** rd for 500yds to seafront and start of the White Cliffs. **GR TR 379 478**

25. TR and **R** again up steps (*at SSW f-post*). At end of steps, **flw** fp between hedges, coming out at Kingsdown Leas on the cliffs. **Flw** cliff top fp past golf club/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 TR 373 452

26. Pass monument and at signpost (*Explore St. Margaret's Frontline Britain Trail*) **TR**. **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 Droveaway 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 Road. **Ahead** for 200yds to

FINISH at St. Margaret's Hall GR TR 358 446 18.4/32.2 miles

WELL DONE !