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## THE WHITE CLIFFS 18-mile CHALLENGE WALK

Sunday 26th August 2018

CHECKPOINT OPENING TIMES WILL BE ADHERED TO

TIME LIMIT: ALL TO FINISH BY 17:00

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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 organisers must be notified giving your name and walk number, without delay. Under no circumstances should anyone retire without ensuring that the organisers 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; **jcn**—junction; **kg**—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 Town Football Club, St Leonard's Road, Deal CT14 9AU. GR TR 366 518**

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**DEAL TO LANGDON CLIFFS 8.9 miles**

**1.** From football club clubhouse flw pathway, going L and R, to rd. **TR** and **flw** to T-jcn. **TL** and in 10yds, **TR** to X rd at traffic lights (**care!**). **TR** and **SO**, Xing Charles Road and Leas Road. **TsharpR** and **X** Allenby Avenue (**great care! – look L and R**). **SO** for 500yds, passing Mill Road and Tides Indoor Tennis and Leisure Centre and go under railway bridge. Pass Blenheim Road and **SO** along Gilford Road. **TR** at T-jcn (*Deal Castle across rd on L*) and **SO** for 500yds, passing Gladstone Road, Admiralty Mews and Cheriton Road. At pedestrian lights by Whits of Walmer **TL** to **X** main rd (**great care!**). Immed **TR**, then **TL** at Walmer Green. **TR** on footway and **flw** past bandstand, lifeboat station and Sea Café on the Green, **cont** on tarmac path to T-jcn with promenade. **TR** and in 1500yds, **pass** Walmer Castle. Just beyond castle, and immed before large tree on L, **TR** on fp, 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, to pass Walmer Aerodrome Memorial. At fourth bench (*memorial to Charles Wake – first chairman of the White Cliffs Ramblers*), **SO**. **Flw** fp past barrier, then between hedges, ignoring fp to L. At end of fence, **SO** on fp between flds. At end of flds, **ignore** path bearing R and **cont** over driveway to **flw** fp between hedges. At slanting X-paths, **BL** and in 20yds **over** X-paths. 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. **Pass** toilets on R then **ahead** for 650yds. Where rd turns R, **cont just ahead** to f-post (SSW) and **TR** up steps. **GR 379 478**

**3.** At end of steps, **cont** on fp between hedges, coming out at Kingsdown Leas on the cliffs (*Yes, you are now on the famous White Cliffs*). **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 ECP or SSW wmk-post. **Thru** gap in fence and **flw** path between cliff edge and bushes. **Thru** gap at barrier and **flw** main fp towards monument. **Thru** gap and into car park of Dover Patrol Memorial (*Bluebirds Tea Rooms, now closed, on L*). **GR 373 452**

**4.** In 25yds, opp Dover Patrol monument, **TL** thru kg (*National Trust sign: The Leas*). **BR** on fp, then **BL** on wide strip between fences. **Pass** SSW f-post on L and **keep ahead** to descend (*with fine views ahead of St. Margaret's Bay*). **Thru** kg and **ahead**, ignoring fp descending to L, to rd. **SO** on rd (**care!**) and at sharp LH bend, **BR** (SSW f-post on R). In 40yds, **BL** on Beach Road which soon becomes a rough rd. **Pass** Pines Garden on R, then 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, **ahead** over X-tk. In 80yds, **thru** kg to R of gate (*South Foreland Lighthouse to your ½L*). **GR 359 434**

**5.** **SO** on tarmac 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 kg next to fld-gate. **Ahead** on grass tk with fence on R. **Thru** kg (*sign: Langdon Hole*) and in 180yds, **TR** up steps, fence on L. At top, **SO** with fence on L. **Ignore** next kg on L and **BR** up steps. At top, **thru** kg and **ahead** on man-made tk downhill. At bottom, **thru** gap and **ahead** on rd to **reach** on L

**Checkpoint 1 by National Trust Visitor Centre, Langdon Cliffs GR 336 422 8.9 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. **Fillw** 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** rd bridge. At end of bridge, at f-post (hidden), **TR** over barrier and **down** steps. **Ahead** over concrete block and **thru** kg. **SO** (now in open) with fence and main rd on R. **Pass** yellow wmk on post on R and just before double metal gates, **BslightlyL** to go **thru** kg in fence. **Ahead** across small fld, passing mound and hollow. At far end, **thru** kg and **SO** to farm tk. **Fillw** tk, soon thru farmyard, and where tarmac tk swings R, **SO** to go **thru** kg to rd.

**GR 328 431**

8. **TR** on pavement and soon **pass** entrance to Duke of York's Royal Military School (*venue for this year's Cinque Ports 100*) on L. Just before roundabout, **with great care!**, **X** rd at traffic island. On opp side of rd, **TL** 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 (*apologies for any litter you may encounter earlier along this stretch*). At end of fence, **thru** kg 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. In 900yds, **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 13.7 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 4.6 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, **thru** metal gate. In 70yds, **thru** gate. **SO** thru narrow fld (**! beware horses**) and in far LH cnr, **thru** gate. **Ahead** (60°) across paddock (**! more horses**), **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!**) and in 5yds, **TL thru** gate by house. In 10yds, **thru** next gate and **SO** on encl fp to kg. **BR** (60°) to gate. **SO** past gate on L, and **TR**, passing camping/caravan park, to **flw** encl fp to kg. **TL** on rd, and in 150yds, **X** side rd on R and **BR** up steps in bank to f-post. **BslightlyR** (75°) across large fld, passing close to electricity supply pole in mid-field. At far side, **thru** kg and **SO** (90°) to pass to R of Ripple Village Hall. **GR 346 499**

**13.** **X** st, then at X-rds, **TR** into Chapel Lane. In 40yds, **TL** onto tarmac fp (*sign: No Cycling*). **TR** with path and **thru** barrier. **X** fld (70°) and at far cnr, **TL** onto rd. **Pass** church and wmk, **ignore** L turn, and **TL** before large wooden gate. **TR** at wmk, pass to L of sign to Solley's Ice Cream Parlour and **SO**, RHS 2 flds, then LHS next fld. **X** minor rd and **SO** on fp to end. **X** rd (**care!**) and **SO** in Rectory Road, Xing (**care!**) to RH pavement. After rd swings R, **TR** into Addelam Road. **Take** RH pavement, then at T-jcn, **TL**. At next T-jcn, **TR** and in 100yds, **TL** to **X** rd (**great care!**) into St Leonard's Road. **SO** for 250yds, then **X** rd (**care!**) into Deal Town Football Club stadium, following pathway L and R to clubhouse and

**FINISH at Deal Town Football Club GR 366 518 18.3 miles**

All to finish by 17:00

**WELL DONE!**