

LONG DISTANCE WALKERS ASSOCIATION

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THE WHITE CLIFFS CHALLENGE WALKS

Saturday 24th August 2019

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 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.

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** thru kg. **GR TR 359 434**

2. **Keep ahead** on tk for 1200yds, ignoring paths to L and R. 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 by 'Langdon Hole' sign and in 180yds, **TR** up steps, fence on L. At top, **SO**, fence on L. **Ignore** next kg on L and **BR** up steps. At top, **thru** kg and **ahead** on man-made tk downhill. **GR TR 337 422**

3. 50yds after 3rd bench on L, at ECP wmk-post, **BL** downhill. **Thru** kg and **TR**. **Thru** next kg and continue **SO**, past visitor centre on R. 50yds after path bears R, go **thru** next kg at ECP wmk-post. **BR** (280°) across grass to go **thru** next kg. **Fllw** clear path with bushes on L, then fence, on R. **TL** thru kg (ECP-Dover Castle) and **ahead** down tarmac fp with intermittent steps. **Fllw** down to bottom, passing under main rd. At garages on R, **SO** on minor rd and in 80yds, **BR** on East Cliff. At rd end, **BL** to cross main rd at pedestrian crossing (**CARE!**). **TR** along Dover seafront. **GR TR 324 414**

32-milers: now continue from paragraph 5

18-milers only

4. In 250 yds, **TR** thru railings (leaving seafront) to **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 **flw** to **BR** to T-jcn. **X** rd (**CARE!**) then **SO** up Laureston Place. At sharp RH bend, **SO** thru posts and uphill on tarmac fp. At top, **up** steps and **TL** to **X** rd (Connaught Road) at jcn (**GREAT CARE! This road can be very busy**). **TL** downhill on pavement (past posts) 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 L and R. **Fllw** path to R 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 (**CARE!**) two **low** 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 17

32-milers only

DOVER SEAFRONT TO WESTERN HEIGHTS (A) 1.4 miles

5. **Cont** along seafront and in 700yds 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 65 steps. **Thru** kg and **up** 66 more steps. Just before next kg, **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 kg, **thru** and **down** steps, then **thru** 2nd kg to rd. **X** rd (**CARE!**) to reach

Checkpoint 1 Western Heights car park GR TR 313 410 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 go uphill on pavement. At brow, **TR** 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** kg and **BR** with path. **Thru** next kg 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 kg and **ahead** on fp, fence on L. Ignore 1st FR, keep **SO** and thru kg. **SO** thru trees 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 kgs. **Continue** thru the 2nd of the next two kgs. **SO** for steep ascent of Round Down. At top, ignore first metal kg. **DO NOT shortcut on cliff top path ahead (UNSAFE!)** but **thru** 2nd kg, fence on L. **Thru** next kg and **SO** on cliff top path.

GR TR 296 394

7. **Keep ahead** on NDW, ignoring all kgs to R. In 1.2 miles at wmk post, **TR** with NDW and **thru** gate. Immed, **TL** with fence on L. **Go around** ventilation installation and later, **thru** kg in cnr. **TR** on worn path to **join** gravel tk with fence on R. **Pass** WWI Zeppelin detector dish on L. In 200yds, **TL** to pillbox, leaving NDW. **TR** across rough grassland to line of short poles. **SO** along cliff top path. In 60yds **SO**, now with railing on L. At end of railing, **SO** for 100yds and at wmk post on L, **B slightly L** to rejoin NDW. **GR TR 281 388**

8. **Ahead** thru bushes and **SO** on cliff top fp. **Ignore** path descending to L and **flw** 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 (*flw path around back of cafe*). **TL** and **TR** 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 cliff top 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 kg. **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 **flw** 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 and **cont** to bottom of car park. Round pavilion on your L, Xing tarmac to grass area and

Checkpoint 2 East Cliff Pavilion GR TR 240 364 11.0 miles

Opens 11.00 Closes 13.15

EAST CLIFF TO WESTERN HEIGHTS (B) 6.4 miles

10. Leave CP, pass giant ear trumpet and **cont** on tarmac tk. In 120 yds, at ECP finger 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 (*follow yellow arrows on ground*). 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. **T sharp L** on gravel tk and in 50 yds, **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 fllw 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 **B slightly L** 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 very steeply up steps. **Fllw** right the way up (**Phew!**) to bench, **where there will be a well-deserved water stop!**

12. **TR** along clifftop path. **Ahead**, soon thru bushes, and at ECP wmk-post, **TL** on fp between fences. At T-jcn, **TR** on tarmac tk (*NDW/ Cycle Route 2*). **GR TR 266 387**

13. **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 kg. **Thru** kg, (*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** metal gate to L of larger one. **Ahead** on cycle tk between fences and in 550yds at cycle route f-post on L, **B slightly L and R** to join tk from L. **GR TR 287 393**

14. **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 Aycliffe. **GR TR 302 397**

15. **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 kg. **Fllw** fp (300°) as it winds uphill, ignoring all side-paths and passing f-post. At top, **thru** kg and **TR** on concrete tk. **Thru** kg 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** kg. **Keep ahead** and, at fork, **take** the RH (*higher*) path (35° - *follow yellow arrows on ground*). **SO** (! *beware drop to the left which later becomes steep*). **Descend** steps with railing, then **SO** thru kg. **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 GR TR 313 410 17.4 miles

Opens 12.30 Closes 15.00

WESTERN HEIGHTS TO MAYDENSOLE FARM 5.3 miles

16. 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 **SO** and 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 & 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 **low** bridges (**CARE!**), 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

17. **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**. **filw** encl byway to rd and **TL** to **X** road bridge. Immed after bridge, **reach** NDW f-post. **GR TR 322 443**

18. **TL** on gravel tk between fences with A2 rd on L. In 700yds, at NDW f-post, **TR** with tk and **cont** between bushes. In 900yds, **TL** on rd (*at Pineham*). **GR TR 316 455**

19. **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*), 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

20. **Ahead** 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 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**

21. **TL** on rd (**CARE!**) for 100yds. When rd swings L, **BR** on fp to X two flds. Immed before hedge **TR** and **SO** for 900yds to **TR** (120°) to follow another path downhill, towards house and trees in the distance, to reach rd at Ripple. **TR** to follow rd (**CARE!**) as it swings L. At jcn **TL** and **SO** to X-rds (*school on L*). **GR TR 346 499**

22. **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** kg. **SO** with hedgerow on R and in 300yds, at hedge-end, **cont** across fld, **filling** 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 & 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** kg to **X** minor rd and **ahead** thru gate into churchyard at Ringwould. **GR TR 360 483**

23. 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, **T sharp R** at bw post (*Abbots House on R*). **Ahead**, at first on tarmac, and in 600yds, at 2nd BW wmk (ignore 1st), **TL** into trees. **Flw** bw thru trees as it swings R then L, 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

24. X byway (**CARE, as vehicles frequently use it**) and **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 on your R. **Keep ahead** on path thru wood (40° at first) to **BR** and **exit** wood thru barrier. **SO** with hedge on L, to **go thru** next barrier. **TR** and **flw** encl fp as it swings L to fld. **GR TR 373 477**

25. TL on tk and in 30yds, **TR** on rough access rd (*Bayview Road*). **Ahead** with hedge on L, soon passing house entrances. Soon swing L with tk, then **ahead** for 75yds 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**

26. TR and immed **R** again up steps (*at ECP/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 and BEWARE dangerous roots on ground in some places.*

Keep ahead, passing occasional wmk-posts and later going thru kg, to pass gate and reach memorial. **GR TR 373 452**

27. Pass monument and at signpost (*Explore St. Margaret's Frontline Britain Trail*) **TR**. **Thru** kg and **flw** main path (250°) across common of Bockell Hill. 100yds before gate and rd ahead, **BR**, then **BL**, then **SO** to fence. **TR** and **ahead** for 70yds to kg in fence on L, **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 358446 18.4/32.2 miles

WELL DONE !