

## CANTERBURY WALKING WEEK, 2021.

19-25 April 2021.

### PROGRAMME

Welcome to the programme for the first Canterbury Walking Week!

We hope there will be something for everyone here – short history walks, longer half day walks and full day walks.

***Bookings: Each walk gives the name and contact number of your walk leader; each walk has a number. To book, please simply TEXT the leader with your name (and contact number if not the mobile from which you are texting) and the number of the walk you would like to attend.***

#### **Advice to walkers:**

1. Please bring suitable clothing and footwear
2. Dogs under close control are allowed unless otherwise stated
3. Please check the website for any last-minute updates
4. Walks will depart promptly at the stated times, so please arrive early!
5. If you have to cancel, please inform the leader.

#### **Walks during Covid-19 restrictions (subject to updating, so please check again nearer the time):**

1. We do, of course, have to continue to practise ‘physical distancing’ on walks and we would not expect you to join us if you have recently experienced COVID-19 symptoms or been in contact with somebody who has.
2. Please note that, prior to the walk, in case one of the group develops symptoms, you are required to provide the walk leader with your contact details to support NHS contact tracing. This should come with your initial TEXT.
3. We also advise you to bring hand-sanitiser, a face covering and a glove (to avoid touching gates and stiles etc).
4. Assuming pubs will be closed or operating under some form of constraint, those attending full day walks will need to bring picnics and sufficient drinks for the day.

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<b>Date, start time and start point</b>	<b>Walk number</b>	<b>Length</b>	<b>Walk Leader and contact details</b>	<b>Proposed walk</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Monday, 19 April 1000 St Radigunds Car Park entrance. Grid Ref: TR158584 Post Code: CT1 2AA	<b>1</b>	2 miles	David 07341 273715	<b>The City Walls of Canterbury.</b> An easy walk mainly following the line of the Roman city walls and along the Canterbury Inner Ring Trail.	This is a guided history walk which will take you to parts of the City you never knew existed. You will find out about Roman Canterbury, the Norman Conquest, and the great destruction of the Blitz in June 1942. What were the Canterbury Fortress and the Monday Hole? How did the Dane John get its name? Find out about these and many more amazing things about Canterbury's history. The walk will last about 1.5 hours and is suitable for adults, children, and people in wheelchairs. Dogs on leads welcome.
Monday, 19 April 19 April 1000 Harty Ferry Car Park Grid Ref: TR013647 Post Code: ME13 0QD	<b>2</b>	8.5 miles	Ray 07729 256721	A circular Swale Estuary walk from Harty Ferry via Luddenham and Conyer.	On the return along the Swale we will pass near the site of the old Faversham gunpowder works where the Great Explosion took place in April 1916. 108 people died and many more were injured. We will stop for a brief history of the disaster

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<p>Monday, 19 April 1000 West Gate Towers Gardens Grid Ref: TR146581 Post Code CT1 2DB</p>	<p align="center"><b>3</b></p>	<p align="center">5.5 miles</p>	<p align="center">Cliff 07734202262</p>	<p><b>Gateway to the Countryside:</b> Walk into the countryside within a few minutes from the West Gate Towers in the City!</p>	<p>Follow the River Stour crossing the Love Hambrook Marshes perhaps catching sight of a kingfisher or hearing the boom of a bittern. Ascend the hill to Bigbury ancient hill fort and return to the city via the North Downs Way, aka Chaucer's Pilgrim's Way.</p>
<p>Tuesday, 20 April 1000 Gypsy Corner Car Park, on Radfall Road between Tyler Hill &amp; Chestfield. Grid Ref: TR137630 Post Code: CT6 7NZ</p>	<p align="center"><b>4</b></p>	<p align="center">4 miles</p>	<p align="center">Rob 07557 303674</p>	<p>A circular woodland walk through Clowes and Thornden Woods from Gypsy Corner.</p>	<p>Dogs welcome – if on leads! Public transport: Bus No. 5 from Canterbury or Seasalter or Whitstable.</p>
<p>Tuesday, 20 April <b>1400</b> Toddlers Cove car park Grid Ref: TR142577 Post Code: CT2 8BG</p>	<p align="center"><b>5</b></p>	<p align="center">2 miles</p>	<p align="center">David 07341 273715</p>	<p><b>The Story of the River Stour.</b> An easy walk following the River Stour which is a fine example of a chalk stream habitat, one of the rarest in the world.</p>	<p>You will find out about its geology, prehistory and its crucial role in Canterbury's history and its reason for existence. We will cover an astonishing million years of its story. This is a lovely walk rich in watermills, historic buildings and, on a sunny day, a delightful sparkling stream full of life and history.</p>

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<p>Tuesday, 20 April 1000 Tyler Hill car park, Summer Lane Grid Ref: TR142608 Post Code: CT2 9NJ</p>	<b>6</b>	13.5 miles	<p>Alan 07798 645141</p>	<p>The northern section of the Outer Ring of the Canterbury Rings, from Tyler Hill via Church Wood, Upper Harbledown to Tonford Lake where we leave the Ring for a riverside walk much of the way to Fordwich where we pick it up again, returning via Broad Oak.</p>	<p>A good variety of countryside, hills not too demanding. Public transport: Bus No. 5 from Canterbury or Seasalter or Whitstable. NB If parking is full, there is 'overflow' parking on the opposite side of the playing field.</p>
<p>Wednesday, 21 April 1000 St Georges Clock Tower Grid Ref: TR152576 Post Code: CT1 2UP</p>	<b>7</b>	2 miles	<p>David 07341 273715</p>	<p><b>Christopher Marlowe. Canterbury's brilliant bad boy.</b> Christopher Marlowe was born and bred in Elizabethan Canterbury. He was a contemporary of Shakespeare but in some ways a more revolutionary writer.</p>	<p>This walk will retrace Marlowe's career from birth, schooling, success as a writer and finally his death at the tragically early age of 30 in circumstances which to this day remain controversial and shrouded in mystery.</p>
<p>Wednesday, 21 April 1000 Bridge Rec Ground parking Grid Ref: TR184544 Post Code: CT4 5BN</p>	<b>8</b>	7.5 miles	<p>Chris B. 07855 898234</p>	<p>From Bridge Rec. Ground up to Whitehill Wood for bluebells then Gorsley Wood, return to Bridge via Bishopsbourne.</p>	
<p>Wednesday, 21 April <b>1030</b> Boughton Church, South Street Grid Ref: TR 048585</p>	<b>9</b>	8 miles	<p>Rosemary 07445 494948</p>	<p>A picturesque walk from a historic church, through woods and orchards to Dunkirk and Hernhill, returning along the "Coffin Track".</p>	<p>Please bring a packed lunch.</p>

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<p>Thursday, 22 April <b>1400</b> The Buttermarket Grid Ref: TR151577 Post Code: CT1 2HU</p>	<b>10</b>	2 miles	<p>David 07341 273715</p>	<p><b>In Queen Bertha's Footsteps.</b> Bertha is the first known Queen of the Kingdom of Kent. She came from Francia to marry King Ethelbert in AD 585 and together they built a remarkable new Kingdom based on Christianity, Law, peace and prosperity. She was almost certainly the inspiration for the Mission of St Augustine in AD 597 which reconnected England to the Roman Church, an event which eventually was to change the World.</p>	<p>This walk ends at St Martin's Church. Suitable for all but involves a moderate climb up St Martin's Hill.</p>
<p>Thursday, 22 April 1000 Stodmarsh Nature Reserve Car Park Grid Ref: TR 221 609 Post Code: CT3 4BE</p>	<b>11</b>	3 miles	<p>Keith 01227 364884</p>	<p><b>A bird-watching walk</b> of about 2.5 hours at Stodmarsh Nature Reserve (drive along track near The Red Lion).</p>	<p>No dogs. Bring boots, binoculars &amp; refreshments.</p>
<p>Thursday, 22 April <b>0930</b> St Augustine's Abbey Grid Ref: TR154577 Post Code CT1 1PF</p>	<b>12</b>	20 miles (but see Notes!)	<p>Cliff 07734 202262</p>	<p><b>The Way of St Augustine:</b> Walk in the footsteps of the Saint as he reluctantly made his way to cold, rainy Canterbury from warm, sunny Rome!</p>	<p>The whole walk is 20 miles but there are opportunities to complete just parts of it by catching a bus back to Canterbury from Grove Ferry (8 miles) or a train from Minster (13 miles).</p>

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				<p>This walk follows the river Stour from Canterbury all the way to Ramsgate and his shrine, passing through bluebell woods and the Stodmarsh Nature Reserve where we might catch a glimpse of a kingfisher or a marsh harrier. On the way we shall visit the churches of Fordwich, West Stourmouth and Minster and pass the monument to Augustine's landing on these shores.</p>	<p>Return from Ramsgate by train.</p> <p><b>Please bring plenty of sustenance and water for the full day</b></p>
<p>Friday, 23 April 1000 Lady Wootton's Green. Grid Ref: TR154576 Post Code: CT1 1DU</p>	<b>13</b>	2 miles	<p>David 07341 273715</p>	<p><b>Great Women of Canterbury.</b> The women of Canterbury have played an extraordinary role in the City's history. They have been queens, saints, martyrs, artists, writers, and politicians.</p>	<p>This guided walk will tell the little-known stories of Queen Bertha, St Mildreth, The Embroiderers of the Bayeux Tapestry, the Kentish Martyrs, Aphra Behn, Mary Tourtel and Catherine Williamson. Suitable for all, including dogs on leads.</p>
<p>Friday, 23 April 1000 Barham Village Green Grid Ref: TR207499 Post code: CT4 6NX</p>	<b>14</b>	6 miles	<p>Penny 07719 894960</p>	<p>A 6 mile circular walk through beautiful Barham village to Knole Wood and Covet Wood.</p>	<p>A few stiles and small hills. And hopefully some bluebells...</p>

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<p align="center">Friday, 23 April 1000 Bridge Rec. Ground parking Grid Ref: TR184544 Post Code: CT4 5BN</p>	<p align="center"><b>15</b></p>	<p align="center">13.7 miles</p>	<p align="center">Alan 07798 645141</p>	<p>A full day walk exploring parts of the Outer and Middle Rings of the Canterbury Rings via Canterbury and Lower Hardres. Some wonderful countryside with long Cathedral views and a short section of the NDW.</p>	<p>An introduction to parts of two of the Rings on the south side of the city.</p>
<p align="center">Saturday, 24 April 1000 Fordwich Town Hall. Grid Ref: TR181597 Post Code: CT2 0DQ</p>	<p align="center"><b>16</b></p>	<p align="center">2 miles</p>	<p align="center">David 07341 273715</p>	<p><b>The History of Fordwich and Sturry (Bluebell walk).</b> This walk starts with a guided tour of the ancient Town of Fordwich which was the medieval Port for Canterbury. We continue into Sturry with its astonishing Roman, Saxon, Medieval and modern history, and end with (season permitting) a wonderful display of bluebells in Dengrove Wood.</p>	
<p align="center">Saturday, 24 April 1000 Chilham lower car park (off A252) Grid Ref: TR066536 Post Code: CT4 8DD</p>	<p align="center"><b>17</b></p>	<p align="center">6.5 miles</p>	<p align="center">Andrew 07759 839128</p>	<p>A very picturesque walk in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty [AONB] with excellent views along various points of the walk looking over the Stour Valley. Passing historic Chilham Square, Chilham Castle, Godmersham Park House and Chilham Water Mill, following</p>	<p>One steep hill climb, one stile and various gates. Dogs welcome. Access by rail to Chilham Station, 20 mins from the start of the walk.</p>

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				the North Downs Way (NDW) and Stour Valley Walk (SVW), sections of long-distance paths.	
Saturday, 24 April 1000 Wye Church Grid Ref: TO055467 Post Code: TN25 5BL	<b>18</b>	9.5 miles	Linda 07525 167365	<b>Wye Crown</b>  Full day hilly walk visiting the site of Wye Crown which was carved to celebrate the coronation of King Edward VII in 1902. The crown has been used for bonfires and other illuminations right up to the present day including the 75th anniversary of VE day. Leaving the crown we head towards Hastingleigh before joining the NDW and descending into the valley for an easy return to Wye.	Parking in the street; or train to Wye with a short walk to the church.
Sunday, 25 April 1000 Sheldwich Village Hall CP, Sheldwich Lees Grid Ref: TR015561 Post Code: ME13 0LG	<b>19</b>	7.5 miles	Alan 07798 645141	A morning walk through fields, orchards, woods, parkland and downland taking in two churches, the ancient woodlands and earthworks of Perry Wood.	Dogs on leads welcome. A couple of stiles; and a couple of steep (but short) ascents and descents.
Sunday, 25 April 1000	<b>20</b>	9 miles	Rosemary 07445 494948	Along the Stour Valley Way through woodland and fields to Fordwich, continuing to	Please bring a packed lunch. No dogs, please.



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Stodmarsh Nature Reserve Grid Ref: TR 221609 Post Code: CT3 4BP				Littlebourne and Wickhambreaux, with optional 3 mile extension around the reserve.	
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*Phone number for general queries: 07798 645141 (Alan).*

**Your feedback after any walk – good or bad - would be much appreciated and will assist us in planning for next year.**