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Walk No.

THE WHITE CLIFFS CHALLENGE WALK

Sunday 27th August 2023

CHECKPOINT OPENING TIMES WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO  
TIME LIMITS

17 MILES: 8.5 HOURS – all to finish by 17:00

Emergency Number: 07450 792669

Welcome to the White Cliffs Challenge Walk. Please ensure that your walk number is recorded at each checkpoint. 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; flw-follow; FL-fork left; fp-footpath; fpost-finger-post; FR-fork right; imd-immediately; jcn-junction; kg-kissing gate; L-left; LH-left hand; LHS-left hand side; lmg-large metal gate; NDW-North Downs Way; opp-opposite; R-right; rd-road; RH-right hand; RHS-right hand side; SA-straight ahead; swg-small wooden gate; SSW-Saxon Shore Way; st-stile; thru-through; tk-track; TL-turn left; TR-turn right; wm-waymark; wmp-waymark post; X-cross/across; y-yards.

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## ST. MARGARET'S AT CLIFFE to FORGE LANE 6.7 miles

1. TL out of car park & x rd to R into Reach Close. BR with RH pavement then SA x grass. At rd x to R & at f-post TL into encl fp. At field BR x field. In cnr BL on fp. At tk TR. With lmg ahead TL on tk and over cattle grid. Flw to R then L. Thru swg by cattle grid & TR. In 70y TL past lighthouse entrance & flw encl fp to go thru kg. BR on worn fp to kg & flw clifftop path. Stay on main fp with newly paved surface round top of 2 bowls. In 1¼ miles up steps ahead, fence on L. TR341425 2.4 miles

2. At top, SA with fence on L. Pass next kg on L & BR continuing on main fp. At top, thru kg & ahead on man-made fp downhill. 50y after 2<sup>nd</sup> bench on L, at ECP wmp, BL steeply downhill. At green telescope BR on gravel fp into bushes & thru swg. Continue SO, passing below visitor centre on R (*toilets available at back*). 50y after path exits trees, BR thru swg with ECP wm x grass (280°), passing green telescope on L, to go thru next swg. Flw clear path with bushes on L, then fence on R swinging R at end. Thru kg TL (ECP-Dover Castle) down tarmac fp with intermittent steps. Pass redbrick wall on R then down concrete steps. At bottom of steps reach tall wmk-post. TR331418. 3.2 miles

*Routes split here – follow your route description, not the person in front.*

3. TR on fp thru woods. At wmp FL up steps. At top step over barrier & x rd (CARE – fast cars from blind bend to R) TL x A2 bridge. At fpost at end of railings TR to kg & field. Flw RHS field. Approaching far side diverge to kg to L of lmg. Go thru 2nd kg to TL on tk. SA thru farmyard to kg in trees. TR on pavement. Just before roundabout TL x rd into fp leading behind pub, petrol station & hotel. Cont LHS field to exit at kg & x rd. TR x A2 bridge & imd TL on byway (NDW). In 700y BR with byway away from A2. At rd BL & flw to R. Turning LH corner FR at f-post (NDW) on enclosed byway. At rd TR to CP1a.

FORGE LANE TR315462 6.7 miles

Opens 10:00 Closes 12:30

FORGE LANE to RINGWOULD 6.4 miles

4. Into bushes & TR between fields. Flw round RH edge of wood then over ridge. Cont on NDW ignoring xing fp. At rd BR. At staggered xrds x diagonally L into Roman Road. In 40y at fpost TR thru hedge. Ahead on fp behind barns and in 80y, join tk from R. Ahead on tk (70°). In 650yds

in cnr, swing R with tk and in 25yds, TL to cont LHS field. In 500yds, thru gap in hedge and SA LHS of next field. In 1300yds thru lmg. In 70yds, thru lmg. SA thru narrow fld and in far LH cnr, thru lmg. Ahead (60°) across paddock, thru lmg and SA between silos. SA thru farmyard and exit on tarmac drive. At rd TL. TR335494 9.3 miles

5. In 100y when rd swings L, BR on fp to x two fields (350°). Imd before hedge BR RHS field. In ¾mile at rd x & TR LHS field. At end of boundary SA down field. At rd TR & in 75y TL up steps. SA x field. At rd TL & in 10y TR on tk. In 110yds, where tk swings L, ahead across grass and thru kg. Flw RHS field. At end of hedge SA under power line. At cnr SA LHS field. X railway via 2 sts & resume LHS field. Cross rd & SA LHS field. At garden fence BR x field cnr to f-post. X rd & up fld (180°), aiming towards LH end of wood to R. At top of rise, BL past Nelson's Seat RHS field with hedge & fence on R. At end of hedge, x field (170°) into cnr. SA thru trees, soon between fences. Thru kg to rd & x into churchyard at Ringwould. TR360483 12.3 miles

6. Thru churchyard & exit thru lychgate. SA to TL on rd. At main rd x using island to R & TL on pavement opp. In 30y, at fpost, TsharpR on drive (Abbots House on R). Becomes tk then fp. Where fp starts to swing R, at fpost, TL into wood. (if fallen tree is still impassable go on 50y & TsharpL into wood to rejoin) 40y after next fpost at wm stone FR & flw bw as it meanders thru trees. In 400y, reach lane & Cold Drinks Stop TR367479 13.1 miles

RINGWOULD to ST. MARGARET'S AT CLIFFE 3.9 miles

7. SA on fp opp, with hedge on L. In 250y, at wmp TL thru wooden posts in narrow gap into Kingsdown Wood (Wood Hill on OS maps). In 20y, FR & flw path as it meanders thru wood, ignoring side paths. In 150y, pass large fallen trees on L & R. Keep ahead on path thru wood (40° at first) to BR & exit wood thru barrier. SA with hedge on L, to go thru next barrier. TR & flw encl fp then TL with new fence with wooden posts on R to field. TR373477 13.5m

7. TL on tk & in 30y, TR on tk, hedge on L, soon passing house entrances. Becomes tarmac & TLs. At jcn (Queensdown Rd) TR on stony tk & flw to rd. TR (Granville Road) then TL (The Leas). Flw rd past golf clubhouse. At end of car park TL x grass. At fp TR. The path gradually swings to the R, past the occasional ECP or SSW wmk-post. Thru gap in fence & flw path between cliff edge & bushes. Thru kg & flw

main fp towards obelisk. Thru kg into car park of Dover Patrol Memorial.  
TR373452 15.7 miles

8. Pass monument and at signpost (Explore St. Margaret's Frontline Britain Trail) TR. Thru kg and follow main path (250°) across common of Bockell Hill. 100yds before gate and rd ahead, BR, then BL, then SA to fence. TR and ahead for 70yds to kg in fence on L, go thru and TR, hedge on R. At rd TL. In 550 yds at wm stone TR into fp to L of garage white door. TL with fp, thru gate then TR between fences. Cont LHS field into cnr. At kg TL RHS field to kg in cnr. SA on fp. At tk TR & flw to rd. BL out of Droveaway Gardens. At Tjcn TR & take 1<sup>st</sup> L into Reach Road. X to RH pavement when clear. At tk on R BR up steps & flw veranda round to finish. 17.0 miles

YOU'VE MADE IT!