

# KENT

## Outstanding Circular Walks

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# walk 8

## Start

Sandwich

## Distance

6 miles (9.6km)

## Height gain

Negligible

## Approximate time

2½ hours

## Route terrain

Rough grassland and field paths, coastal track, tarmac paths

## Parking

The Quay car park (Pay and Display) in Sandwich

## OS maps

Landranger 179 (Canterbury & East Kent), Explorer 150 (Canterbury & the Isle of Thanet)

## GPS waypoints

- TR 332 582
- A TR 356 592
- B TR 361 581
- C TR 346 568

# Sandwich and Sandwich Bay

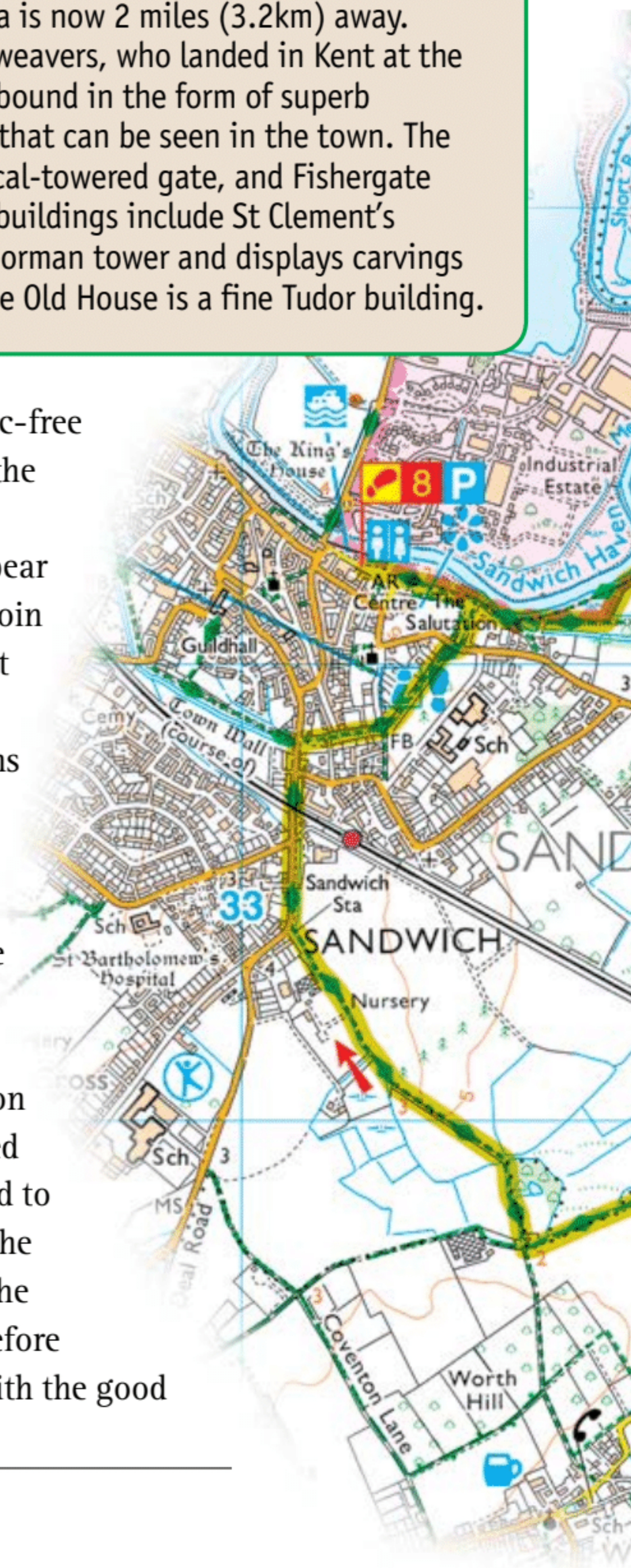
*From the historic Cinque Port of Sandwich this easy, level walk follows the River Stour before heading across rough pasture to the breezy shores of Sandwich Bay. The return route crosses famous Royal St George's Golf Course, which has hosted numerous Open Championships, and passes through Sandwich Bay Nature Reserve. Take your binoculars and visit the bird observatory to find out the day's migrant sightings.*

## Sandwich

Exuding great charm and character, Sandwich is the oldest Cinque Port and stands on the River Stour, though the sea is now 2 miles (3.2km) away. Reminders of the Flemish weavers, who landed in Kent at the end of the 16th century, abound in the form of superb timbered houses and inns that can be seen in the town. The Barbican, a medieval conical-towered gate, and Fishergate remain and other notable buildings include St Clement's Church, which has a fine Norman tower and displays carvings of the same period, and the Old House is a fine Tudor building.






Head east on a traffic-free tarmac road, parallel with the River Stour, away from the town. On nearing houses, bear left across a footbridge to join a narrow surfaced path that affords good river views. Keep left at the fork of paths to follow the meandering tarmac path close to the river.

Eventually, cross a sluice gate to reach the road and bear left for a few paces to cross the waymarked stile on the right. Follow the defined path across rough grassland to reach a stile. Do not cross the stile, instead, walk beside the fencing, following it left before bearing diagonally right with the good





# At-a-glance

Walk	Page					
<b>1</b> Cobham	8	Cobham	TQ 671 685	3½ miles (5.6km)	215ft (65m)	1½ hrs
<b>2</b> Elham and Acrise	10	Elham	TR 177 438	4 miles (6.5km)	410ft (125m)	2 hrs
<b>3</b> Stodmarsh and the Stour Valley	12	Stodmarsh Nature Reserve	TR 221 609	4¼ miles (6.8km)	n/a	2 hrs
<b>4</b> Brookland and Fairfield	14	Brookland	TQ 988 257	5 miles (8km)	n/a	2 hrs
<b>5</b> Appledore and the Royal Military Canal	16	Appledore	TQ 955 296	5¼ miles (8.4km)	180ft (55m)	2½ hrs
<b>6</b> Sutton Valence and Ulcombe	18	Sutton Valence	TQ 814 492	5¼ miles (8.4km)	395ft (120m)	2½ hrs
<b>7</b> Westerham and Chartwell	21	Westerham church	TQ 447 540	5¼ miles (8.4km)	705ft (215m)	2½ hrs
<b>8</b> Sandwich and Sandwich Bay	24	Sandwich	TR 332 582	6 miles (9.6km)	n/a	2½ hrs
<b>9</b> Farthing Common, Postling and Tolsford Hill	28	Farthing Common	TR 136 403	5½ miles (8km)	820ft (250m)	3 hrs
<b>10</b> Lamberhurst and Hook Green	30	Lamberhurst	TQ 676 362	6 miles (9.6km)	720ft (220m)	3 hrs
<b>11</b> Knole Park, Godden Green and One Tree Hill	33	One Tree Hill, near Sevenoaks	TQ 558 531	6 miles (9.5km)	705ft (215m)	3 hrs
<b>12</b> Mereworth Woods and West Peckham	36	Mereworth church	TQ 660 537	6¼ miles (10km)	655ft (200m)	3 hrs
<b>13</b> Egerton and Pluckley	39	Egerton	TQ 906 473	6¾ miles (10.8km)	360ft (110m)	3 hrs
<b>14</b> Ightham Mote and Oldbury Hill	42	Ightham Mote	TQ 584 536	6¾ miles (10.8km)	900ft (275m)	3½ hrs
<b>15</b> Benenden and Rolvenden	45	Benenden	TQ 810 328	7 miles (11.2km)	590ft (180m)	3½ hrs
<b>16</b> Shoreham and Lullingstone Park	48	Shoreham	TQ 518 615	7 miles (11.2km)	690ft (210m)	3½ hrs
<b>17</b> Ancient and modern woodland around Blean	51	Gypsy Corner	TR 136 629	7¼ miles (11.6km)	295ft (90m)	3½ hrs
<b>18</b> Cranbrook and Sissinghurst	54	Cranbrook church	TQ 776 362	7¼ miles (11.6km)	410ft (125m)	3½ hrs
<b>19</b> Penshurst and Chiddingstone	57	Penshurst	TQ 526 437	7½ miles (12km)	410ft (125m)	3½ hrs
<b>20</b> Linton and Boughton Monchelsea	60	Linton church	TQ 754 502	7½ miles (12km)	625ft (190m)	3½ hrs
<b>21</b> Reculver and the Wantsum Walk	63	Reculver	TR 226 693	8¼ miles (13.2km)	n/a	3½ hrs
<b>22</b> The Isle of Harty	66	Leysdown-on-Sea	TR 044 697	8 miles (12.8km)	100ft (30m)	3½ hrs
<b>23</b> Hollingbourne and Thurnham	70	Hollingbourne	TQ 844 553	7½ miles (12km)	1,115ft (340m)	4 hrs
<b>24</b> St Margaret's Bay and The South Foreland	73	St Margaret's at Cliffe	TR 358 447	8¼ miles (13.2km)	1,065ft (325m)	4 hrs
<b>25</b> Wye and Crundale Downs	76	Wye church	TR 054 468	8½ miles (13.5km)	1,050ft (320m)	4 hrs
<b>26</b> Bridge, Bishopsbourne and Pett Bottom	80	Bridge	TR 183 541	9½ miles (15.2km)	805ft (245m)	4½ hrs
<b>27</b> Oare Marshes, the Swale and Luddenham	84	Oare	TR 007 628	10 miles (16km)	165ft (50m)	4½ hrs
<b>28</b> Chilham, Godmersham and the Stour Valley	88	The Square, Chilham	TR 068 535	10¼ miles (16.4km)	1,065ft (325m)	5 hrs



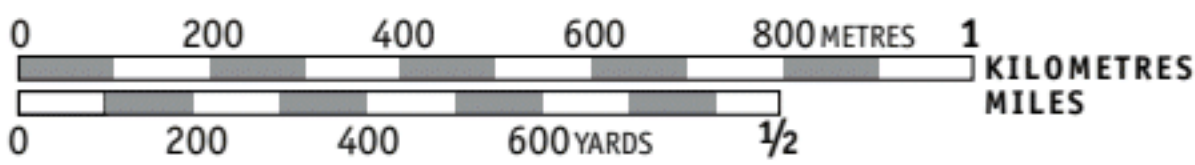
path, heading across grassland towards the right-hand edge of a line of fir trees. At the trees, go through the kissing-gate and continue towards buildings, with St George's Golf Course to the right and good views left to Ramsgate. Merge with a track coming in from the left and follow it to the coast road at Sandwich Bay **A**.

Turn right, then at the car park and toilets, bear left to join a track that heads south close to the pebble beach.



*Sandwich Bay*

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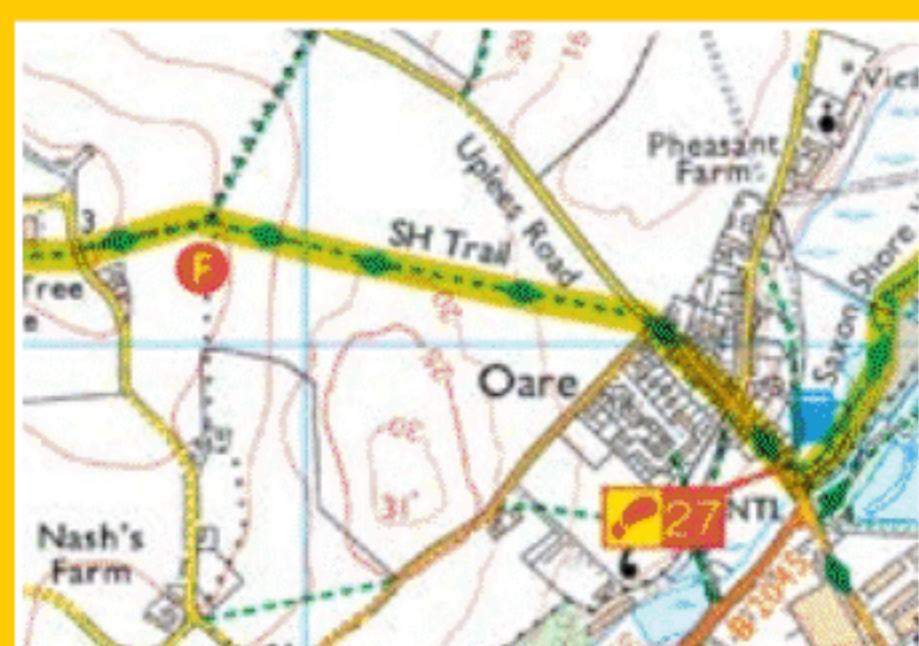
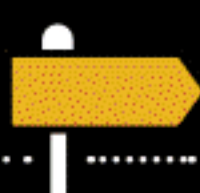




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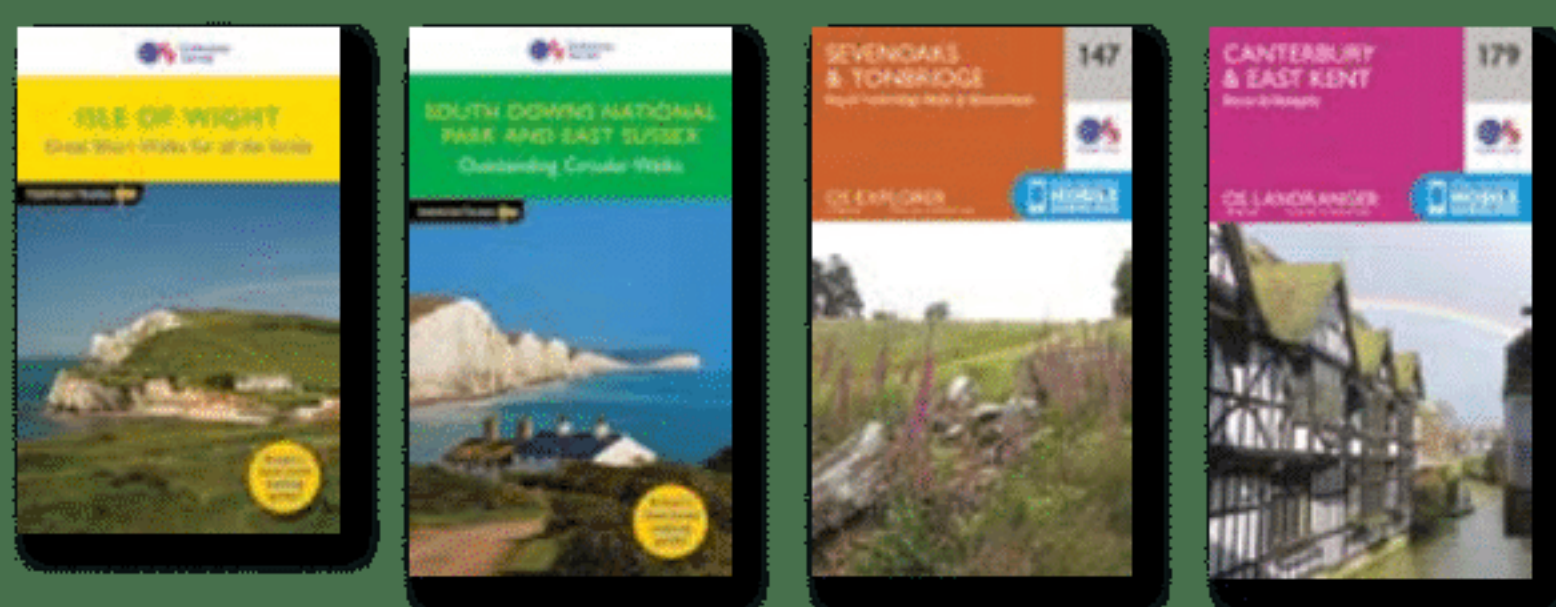
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