



FOLKESTONE

Folkestone is a port town on the English Channel, known for its easy travel links to France via the Channel Tunnel, as well as for its artistic heritage.

You can find everything you need in Folkestone, from beautiful beaches and unspoiled countryside to award-winning attractions such as nearby Port Lympne Reserve or the Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch Railway.

Situated at the foot of the North Downs, Folkestone has easy access to some of Kent's greatest long-distance walking routes, including the North Downs Way, the Saxon Shore Way and the England Coast Path. A walk along the promenade guarantees great views across to France, or you can visit the Lower Leas Coastal Park to take in the gardens and the sea breeze.

History lovers will find plenty to occupy them in Folkestone and nearby Hythe, from the Battle of Britain Memorial and Kent Battle of Britain Museum, to a walk alongside the Royal Military Canal, built between 1804 and 1809 as a military defence against Napoleon.

The Folkestone Harbour Arm offers a fantastic mix of food, drink and entertainment, and the nearby Creative Quarter is home to unique and cutting-edge art, housing over a hundred artistic enterprises along its cobbled streets.



Legend:

- Signed on-road cycle route
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- Unsigned routes - useful to link up your cycle journey
- Pedestrianised roads
- Footpath
- National Trail *

* For more information visit explorekent.org

- S1 School Named and numbered
- 1 Place of interest Named and numbered
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- EV Electric vehicle charging point
- 2 National Cycle Network route number
- P Cycle parking



GETTING AROUND

Folkestone is easy to get to by train, with high-speed services to both the town's stations making journey times from London less than one hour. If you'd like to start your visit in a more rural location, there are stations at Sandling and Westenhanger - or hop on board the Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch Railway for a ride along the coast behind one-third sized steam and diesel engines.

The town is a public transport hub, with good connections to other towns and villages across the district from the central bus station.

There are also excellent walking and cycling routes, and once the Cinque Ports cycle path is complete, cyclists will be able to ride from Folkestone Harbour to Dungeness, and then inland to Lydd, taking in coastal scenery and quiet country lanes.

Walking and cycling aren't just rewarding and fun ways to get around; leaving the car at home for some trips will save you money and reduce emissions. It also allows you to be active as part of your daily routine, helping you to stay fit and healthy.

Take a close look at the map and see how easy it is to walk or cycle from your home to the station, school, or town centre.

Download the Kent Connected mobile app or go to kentconnected.org to help plan your journey. View local cycling and walking routes, bus and train times and all other information on travelling in Kent.



WALKING ROUTES

ROYAL MILITARY CANAL PATH

The 28-mile long Royal Military Canal Path runs along the entire length of this important military monument, from Seabrook to Cliff End. The route is surfaced, with many benches along the way, making it ideal for walkers of all abilities including disabled people. The canal is a great place to walk amongst splendid scenery and wildlife and part of it is now a designated Site of Nature Conservation Interest.



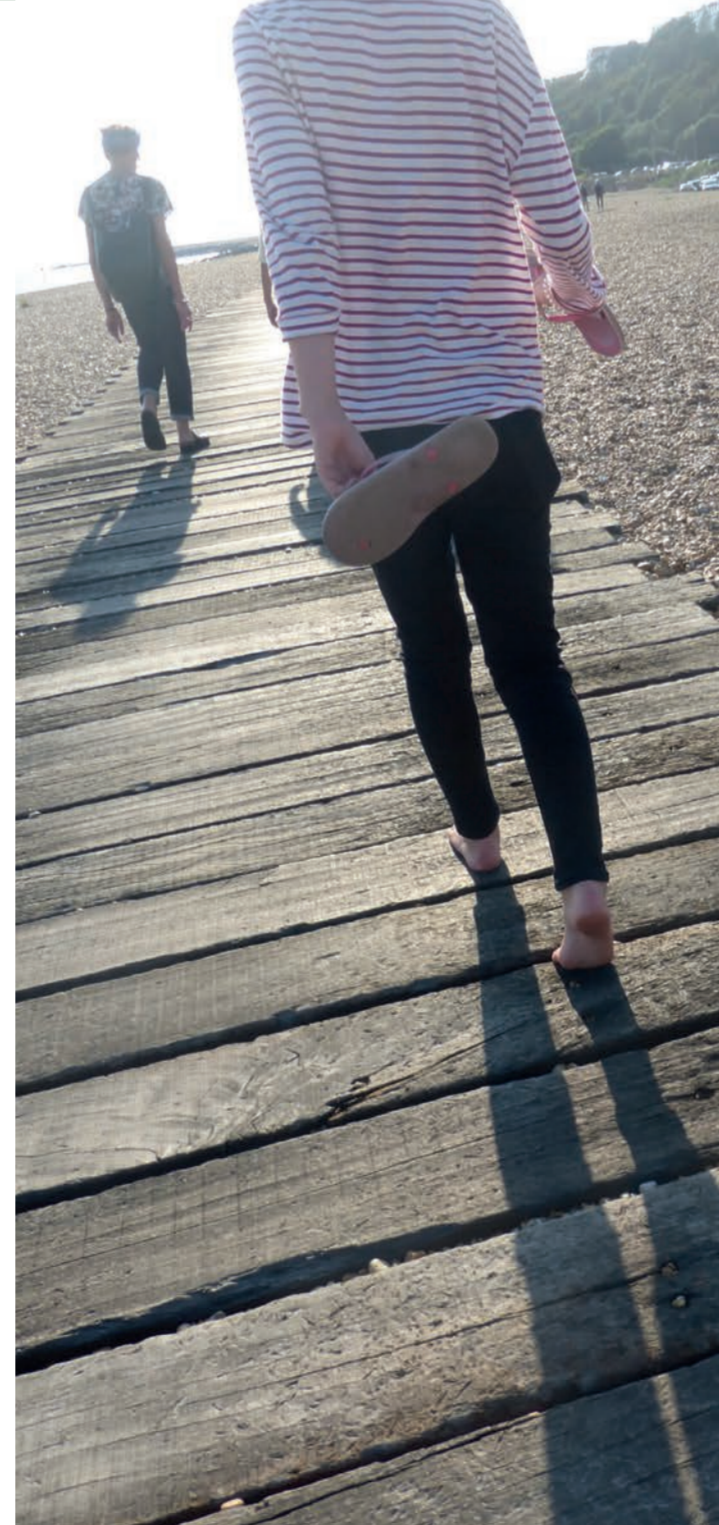
ELHAM VALLEY WAY

This route stretches for 25 miles, from the coastal town of Hythe to the cathedral city of Canterbury, taking in a rich heritage of wildlife and history. The route can be tackled in smaller sections, each one meandering through hidden byways, ancient woodland and attractive villages surrounded by parkland, orchards and farmsteads.

TOLS福德 TREK

Starting at Brockhill Country Park, this 7.8-mile circular route follows part of the famous North Downs Way. Enjoy impressive views across the Kent Downs AONB from the top of Tolsford Hill, look out for wildlife hidden in the chalk grassland and explore the beautiful village of Saltwood with its historic church.

To find detailed guides for these routes and more visit ExploreKent.org



CYCLE ROUTES

HYTHE AND THE ROYAL MILITARY CANAL

This 13-mile circular cycle route offers a wonderfully easy and relaxing cycle ride alongside the Royal Military Canal from Seabrook to West Hythe Dam. As well as being a unique military monument, the canal is a thriving wildlife habitat, making this a fantastic scenic route. Other things to look out for on your ride include the Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch Railway and Lympne Castle.

COAST TO CATHEDRAL

This is a challenging 50-mile circular route which can be tackled in three smaller sections: Folkestone to Dover, Dover to Canterbury and Canterbury to Folkestone. Excellent train links between these towns mean you can tackle as much of the route as you like and return by train. The route passes through leafy lanes, rolling hills and quaint country villages, as well as passing Dover Castle and Canterbury Cathedral, giving you the perfect taste of Kent.



THINGS TO DO

ROMNEY, HYTHE AND DYMCHURCH RAILWAY
Hop aboard for a unique railway tour of the coastline between Hythe and Dungeness with fantastic sights at every station.

PORT LYMPNE RESERVE
Discover animals from all over the world with a unique safari experience set over 600 acres of beautiful countryside.

FOLKESTONE HARBOUR ARM
Folkestone's newly restored Harbour Arm is a hub of food, drink, music and entertainment with a world-class view across the Channel.

www.visitfolkestoneandhythe.co.uk
Tourist information is based at the town hall and run by the Town Council 1-2 Guildhall Street, Folkestone, CT20 1DY, 01303 257946

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15 minutes cycling will take you this far

15 minutes walking will take you this far



- ### POINTS OF INTEREST
- 1 The Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway
 - 2 Folkestone Museum
 - 3 Folkestone Harbour Arm
 - 4 Lower Leas Coastal Park
 - 5 Osuary at St Leonard's Church, Hythe
 - 6 Creative Quarter, Folkestone
 - 7 Electric Boat Hythe
 - 8 Shorncliffe Military Cemetery
 - 9 Battle of Britain Memorial
 - 10 Folkestone Artworks
 - 11 East Cliff and Warren Country Park
 - 12 Brockhill Country Park

- ### CYCLE TO SCHOOL
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| St Martin's C of E Primary School | St Earewyc's C of E Primary School |
| Chertton Primary School | St Peter's C of E Primary School |
| All Souls' C of E Primary School | Mundella Primary School |
| Harcourt Primary School | Castle Hill Community Primary School |
| Pent Valley School | St Mary's C of E Primary School |
| Morehall Primary School | Martello Primary School |
| The Harvey Grammar School | Hawkinge Primary School |
| Sandgate Primary School | The Churchill School |
| The Folkestone School for Girls | Brockhill Park Performing Arts College |
| Folkestone Academy | St Augustine's R C Primary School |
| The Beacon | Saltwood C of E Primary School |
| Stella Maria R C Primary School | Hythe Bay C of E Primary School |
| Goldwyn-Brook School | Seabrook C of E Primary School |
| Christ Church C of E Primary School | |