

MINNIS BAY TO RECVLVER COUNTRY PARK

STILE FREE TRAIL

3.7 MILES (5.95KM)



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Follow the King Charles III England Coast Path (KCIIIIECP) and take in the wonderful sea views of the Thanet Coast. The length of the route is flat making this stile free route suitable for pushchairs and wheelchairs.

OVERVIEW

LOCATION: Start at CT7 9QP

DISTANCE: 3.7m (5.95km) linear walk

EXPLORER MAP: 150

ACCESSIBILITY: Entire length of the route is flat; however, a short alternative route can be taken to reach Reculver Towers and Fort with a steep 25% climb and descent. This route is step free.

PARKING: Minnis Bay Car Park located at The Parade.

REFRESHMENTS AND FACILITIES:

A selection of eateries and public toilets at Minnis Bay and Reculver.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: Train services to and from Birchington-On-Sea. Stagecoach South East buses run towards the start of the route. Check kentconnected.org for times and services of trains.



Top: The imposing Reculver Towers are iconic features along the North Kent coast.

Bottom: Enjoy a rest stop at The King Ethelbert Inn.



The flat route makes it an ideal place to cycle

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

A Take the path from the corner of the car park heading towards Reculver. The path is marked by a blue sign indicating cycle route 15. Take this path and continue until you reach the 1st barrier.

Continue along the sea wall for 2.8 miles (4.5km), towards Reculver Towers. No barrier on seaward side.

B Continue walking along the path.



The Reculver Towers and Roman Fort is an iconic feature along the North Kent coast

C Reaching the narrow path on the right, continue straight ahead, the path widens and becomes a disused road. Alternatively, you can follow the steep climb to Reculver Towers and then descend to reach the car park (C1 on the map).

D The road ends in a 5-bar metal gate with a passing place on the right-hand side, next to the King Ethelbert Inn. Take care crossing the road and continue ahead to reach the car park and visitor centre.

You can finish the walk here or retrace your steps back to Minnis Bay.

POINTS OF INTEREST

Salt Water Lagoon: Here a bend in the sea wall and a shingle ridge has created a sheltered area with a salt-water lagoon. Sea Pursland, Sea Beet and Saltmarsh Rush grow on the clay and shingle banks.

HatHats: The old visitor centre was turned into this coffee shop in 2017, complete with a Coastal Classroom. This is an educational space for schools and community events.

Reculver Towers and Fort: Romans built a fort at Reculver two thousand years ago to guard the channel separating the Isle of Thanet from Kent. More than half of the fort has been washed into the sea but the southern and eastern walls remain. The twin towers of Reculver are the remains of a medieval church.



The HatHats coffee shop also includes an educational space for schools and community events.

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<https://explorekent.org/activities/minnis-bay-to-reculver-country-park/>

https://www.nationaltrail.co.uk/en_GB/trails/england-coast-path-south-east/

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- 4 Reculver Towers & Fort
- 5 King Ethelbert Inn
- 6 Hatshats Coffee

Route

Public footpath

Parking

Toilets

Tourist Information

Historic Monument

View Point

