

RAMSGATE TO BROADSTARS

SEA IT ALL

5 MILES (8KM)



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This route takes in the awe-inspiring white cliffs to the breathtaking views across Viking Bay, every step leads to something special you can enjoy.

OVERVIEW

LOCATION: Harbour Parade, Ramsgate CT11 8LN

TIME: 2.5 hours for circular

DISTANCE: 5m (8km)

EXPLORER MAP: 150

ACCESSIBILITY: Mainly surfaced paths with some beach walking. Steps allow access to higher path at high tide. Some moderate slopes

PARKING: There is a car park at Royal Harbour Approach, Ramsgate CT11 8LS

REFRESHMENTS AND FACILITIES: Shops, cafes, restaurants and pubs in Ramsgate and Broadstairs. There are also public toilets and seasonal kiosks along the route.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: Nearest train station is Broadstairs. For public transport times visit kentconnected.org.

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

- 1 As you leave the Ramsgate Harbour area you will pass the former Royal Victoria Pavilion and the old Harbour cliff lift and head towards the blue building which is the Boulevard Kiosk. Continue along the promenade and you will see the offshore wind farm busily generating green electricity out on the horizon. Soon another blue building, with public conveniences (open April to September) will come into view. The Ramsgate Tunnels are located on the left-hand side of the promenade as you continue walking on. They have a small café facility. Tours of the tunnel can also be booked there. Stay on the promenade, keep right past a yellow and black metal vehicle barrier and carry on along the sea wall.

- 2 A little further on and you will see Ramsgate's Sea Garden, a small garden inspired by the coastal environment that lies on the site of the old Marina swimming pool and boating lake. The sea wall runs directly along the foot of white chalk cliffs at this point and approximately 200 metres further on you will reach a switch-back path up to the cliff-top. At high tide, follow this route to continue the walk to Broadstairs.

You can return to the beach or sea wall at Dumpton Gap. When the tide is low, you can continue along the sea wall, for another 450 meters, before reaching a ramp that leads you down onto the sandy beach. This section of the walk offers you some truly stunning views of the channel, with the imposing white cliffs on your left and the multitude of chalk rocks, worn smooth by the daily tides, strewn at the cliff's base. ***But remember that there is no seawall to escape to if you get caught out by the rising tide, so plan ahead.*** Tide Times RAMSGATE | easytide.admiralty.co.uk



View of Ramsgate Harbour



View of Louisa bay near Broadstairs

- 3 After approximately 630 metres, another ramp will lead you off the beach; up past a row of brightly coloured wooden beach huts and back on to the sea-wall at Dumpton Gap. Here you will find some public toilets (including baby-change facilities). Follow the sea wall's final bend into Louisa Bay and you will be rewarded with some fantastic views of Broadstairs and a chance to walk along the beach at low tide from Dumpton Gap.
- 4 There are a series of steps that lead from the beach up to the sea wall you can quickly retreat to safety if the tide catches you by surprise. At the Louisa Bay café (seasonal) a ramp will lead you uphill, under the footbridge and onto a set of steps to the cliff top. Turn left at the top of the steps and you will enter Victoria Gardens, a circular park with a path you can follow either direction towards the bandstand. Toilets and baby change facilities can be found here.
- 5 Follow the path as it slopes down to the junction with Harbour Street, turn right and continue downhill, past the Tartar Frigate Public House. When you reach The Boathouse, turn right onto the pier.
- 6 Now retrace your steps back through Victoria Gardens to the steps by the footbridge. Instead of taking the steps down to the sea wall, continue across the bridge and follow the path along the top of the cliff. There are panoramic views over Dumpton Gap towards Ramsgate Harbour.

- 7 Continue straight on or return to walk along the beach to Ramsgate (low tide only). At high tide take the cliff-top section of the paved path that finishes shortly after Dumpton Gap and continue on short grass for approximately 450 metres. Follow the Leas and head towards the converted lighthouse in the distance.
- 8 The trail leads you back to a surfaced path beside the lighthouse, where you can continue on through the King George VI Memorial Park.
- 9 Now turn left out of the park gates, follow the path along the top of East Cliff, pass the top of the switch-back path and head towards the Granville Theatre. The top entrance to the Harbour cliff lift is now on your left with the path running adjacent to Madeira Walk as it begins its gentle descent to the harbour.
- 10 You know you are on track when you see the Albion Park gardens on the opposite side of the road. A few moments more and you have arrived at the bottom of the hill and back at the Ramsgate Harbour/ Yacht Marina.



Ramsgate Sands

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