



NATIONAL TRAIL



# Ramsgate Town Rounders

**2 miles (3.2km)** allow 1.5 hours

Relax in a beautiful town park, walk through picturesque, leafy squares and discover a whole new way of looking at an old historic town.



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## How to get there -

**By Car:** Follow A299 and Military Road into Ramsgate to reach the Royal Harbour.

**Parking:** Parking is available on Military Road and along Harbour Arm.

**Train:** Nearest station: Ramsgate (1 mile).

National Rail Enquiries: 03457 48 49 50

**Bus:** Thanet Loop (every day) 5 other services available.

Traveline: 0871 200 22 33

S/F	Start/Finish	Ramsgate Royal Marina, opposite the Mariners Bar.
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⏏	Gates	0
⚓	Stiles	0
⬆	Steps	0
🪜	Terrain	Mainly pavements with road crossings.
🌅	Views	Sea views.
☕	Refreshments	Variety of shops and eateries.

## Step-by-step Guide

1. Begin your walk at the Ramsgate Royal Marina, opposite the Mariners Bar. Then cross the road towards the bar and make your way up York Street, past Corby's Tea Rooms, until you reach the T-junction and turn right into Queen Street. (There are some public toilets at the end of an alley immediately to your left if you need them).
2. Approach the next junction with Lloyds bank on your left hand side and turn left into the High Street (signposted towards the railway station). After 180 metres, you will turn left again into George Street, opposite NatWest Bank. Keep going for another 120 metres until you see a post box mounted in the wall on your right-hand side and turn right into Guildford Lawn where you will be greeted by a fabulous terrace of Regency houses.
3. Follow the curve of the road and you will eventually emerge opposite Ramsgate Library; a magnificent building that was restored after a serious fire in 2004. The stained-glass window you see today was produced by a local artist and incorporated designs from local schoolchildren.
4. Turn right into Clarendon Gardens where you will continue to follow the road to its junction with Elms Avenue. You'll know you're on the right track when you see the Almshouses of the Parish of St George, a red brick building behind a wall, to your right.
5. Turn left and follow the boundary of Clarendon House Grammar School, then use the pelican crossing to cross over to Beresford Road opposite you and on the right. At the end of Beresford Road turn left and then right into Vale Square, where you find yourself alongside a fenced park/garden. Keeping the park to your left make your way down this leafy lane towards the spire of Christchurch Church (slightly hidden in the trees). Cross over a road and continue straight, then turn left past the front of the church, following Vale Square round which will bring you to back on yourself to a junction with Vale Court. Turn right here and head towards the Artillery Arms pub on the opposite side of West Cliff Road.
6. Continue over West Cliff Road into Royal Road and head straight towards the sea, until you reach Spencer Square. As well as the historic terraced houses overlooking the square there is a small park (with plenty of benches for weary walkers), a couple of tennis courts, and two blue, circular plaques commemorating the homes of Vincent Van Gogh (1876) and local author and editor, John-Gibson Lockhart, (who was also the son-in-law of the author, Sir Walter Scott). Turn left to walk around the square in a u-shape.
7. When you have explored Spencer Square, cross over into St Augustine's Road, opposite the post box, and pass the Regency Hotel on your left shortly before reaching the historic St Augustine's Abbey and Gothic church designed by Pugin; to the right-hand and left-hand side of the road respectively. Both of these historic buildings are easily recognisable by their flint-stone construction. A little further on and you will turn left, pass the public conveniences (with baby-change and disabled facilities) and head towards West Cliff Promenade and the Lookout Café where you can grab a well-deserved drink or snack, choose a bench and enjoy views across the Western Ferry Terminal to the Royal Harbour. There are plenty more opportunities to sit on a bench and take in the view, as you bear left onto the West Cliff promenade and continue back towards the Harbour.
8. As you pass the Churchill Tavern, the promenade runs alongside the road and, approximately 165 metres on from the pub, cross over the road to enter Nelson Crescent. Now follow the road into Prospect Terrace until you reach the Foy Boat Hotel and bear left into Liverpool Lawn - famous for its Regency style houses and named after Earl Liverpool, Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports and Prime Minister 1812- 1827.
9. Walk on a little further, keeping the 'Lawn' on your right, until you turn right into a smaller lane leading to Adelaide Gardens. From here you will emerge at a T-junction opposite a house with a blue plaque that records the birthplace of Sir William Jordan, the New Zealand High Commissioner. Turn left and

then almost immediately right into Albert Street and make your way towards some modern apartments. Turn left into Grundy's Hill just before these apartments, and you will see Waitrose supermarket at the bottom of the hill on the opposite side of Queen Street. Take the right turning into Queen Street and continue for approximately 175 metres, crossing over Cliff Street, Princes Street and Leopold Street en-route. Follow the fourth turn on your right, into York Street and after approximately 30 metres you will reach Charlottes Court, a small alley on your left situated directly opposite the Sunrise Café.

10. Follow Charlottes Court past a selection of pubs, including The Horse and Groom and The Harbour Street Bar, until you exit opposite The Village Grill where you will turn right into Harbour Street, follow the road back down to the Yacht Marina and end the walk right back where it began; outside The Royal public house where you can celebrate your success with a glass of your favourite tipple.





# Ramsgate Royal Harbour

Ramsgate is home to the only Royal Harbour in the UK - given this title by King George VI after the town impressed him with the warm hospitality it still holds today. This is commemorated by an obelisk next to the East Pier.

The town has lots to offer, from fantastic waterfront bars and cafes, to beautiful sea views and historic buildings like St Augustine's Abbey.

The town has also played host to famous figures such as Vincent Van Gogh, Jane Austen, Wilkie Collins and George du Maurier.

A blue circular plaque commemorating the home of Vincent Van Gogh can be found in Spencer Square.



At the end of the West Pier you'll find Ramsgate Lighthouse, established in 1783 and rebuilt in 1842 to move it safely out the way of the yardarms of vessels entering the port. From here you can sit on a bench and enjoy wonderful views across the Royal Harbour and out to sea.

## Where To Eat

Ramsgate has a wide variety of food and drink on offer, whatever you are in the mood for. Along this walk you'll find:

**Mariners Bar** - Nautical themed bar with live music on Fridays and Saturdays.

**Corby's Tea Room** - A family-run tea room with great food in a friendly atmosphere.

**The Churchill Tavern** - English classics, grills and pizza with live music in the evening.



## Things To Do

There's lots more to explore in Ramsgate, and attractions to keep the whole family entertained. Take a boat trip and go searching for seals, play golf or take the children to relax and Ramsgate Boating Pool.

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## Active Ramsgate

Active Ramsgate has a fantastic range of exciting outdoor activities for you to try, from clifftop walks, bike rides and wildlife watching, to paddleboarding, kayaking and many more ways to enjoy the outdoors.

So what are you waiting for? Visit the website to discover your next adventure on the Thanet coast.

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