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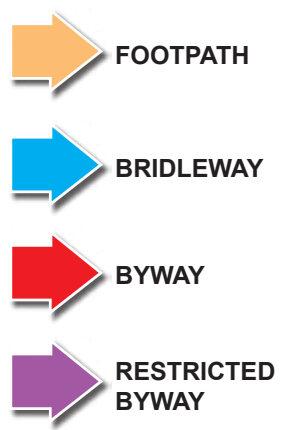
FAMILY FUN!

Walking is not only a healthy activity but it can be fun and informative too. Free activity worksheets for children of all ages to take on the walk can be ordered by emailing explorekent@kent.gov.uk or calling **08458 247600**.



When you're out walking in the countryside, please respect the Countryside Code.

- Be safe – plan ahead and follow any arrows or signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people



Walk Overview

Distance: 3.5 miles (5.6km) allow 2 hours

- Start/Finish:** Reculver
- Stiles:** 1
- Gates:** 0
- Terrain:** Field paths. Generally flat
- Views:** Some good views
- Toilets:** At Reculver car park
- Refreshments:** Pub and shops near start/finish

How to get there...

Road Map:

Multimap website www.multimap.com. Search for "Reculver".



By Car:

From the A299, follow signs to Reculver (via Reculver Lane).

Parking:

Parking is available near Reculver Towers. There is a charge payable for parking.

Train:

Nearest station: Herne Bay (4.5 miles). National Rail Enquiries: 08457 484950

Bus:

7 (Canterbury – Herne Bay). 6 journeys Mon-Fri. 3 journeys Sat. Traveline: 0870 6082608



Walks in East Kent
Reculver

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About the walk...

When the Romans built a fort here in 43AD, the sea was almost a mile away. Reculver guarded the north end of the Wantsum Channel that separated the Isle of Thanet from the rest of Kent. Since then, much has changed. By the early 19th century the sea was so close that the villagers moved inland. The two 12th-century towers of the ruined church stand among the remains of an important Roman fort and a Saxon monastery. The walk takes you around the surrounding countryside and through Reculver Country Park where there is a visitor centre displaying more information about the history of the local area.



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Route Description

- 1 From car park, turn right past pub (King Ethelbert Inn). A short distance along the road, turn left to follow Saxon Shore Way signs.
- 2 On reaching a gate at the end of the track, go through gap and turn right to follow path along field edge.

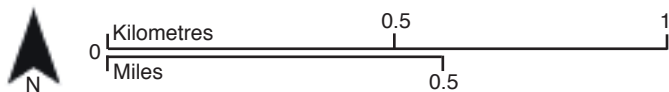
On reaching the end of the ditch on right, continue ahead across field.
- 3 Cross footbridge and continue ahead.
- 4 On approaching the railway line, go through gap and turn right on surfaced path to follow under bridge. Follow the track to the road.
- 5 On reaching the road, turn right to walk along road. (There are good views of Reculver towers on the right). **Take care walking along the road.**
- 6 Cross over railway bridge and head downhill. Look for footpath sign on the left, just before buildings.
- 7 Turn left and walk down wooded path. On approaching house, take path to the right running down beside the river.
- 8 At path junction near railway track, turn right to cross bridge into field. Follow path across field.
- 9 Cross ditch and follow path straight on, heading towards church ahead.
- 10 Go through gap and head to road. Turn left and walk along road past church and school. Follow road around to right. **Take care walking along the road.**
- 11 Reaching the end of Reculver Lane, take the footpath on the right and follow path across field, crossing a ditch as you head towards houses.
- 12 Cross stile and turn right. Follow road past car park.
- 13 On reaching the end of the surfaced path, continue ahead through gap past barrier and follow path through Reculver Country Park.
- 14 Follow through park back to the car park where you started.

Walk your way to a healthier lifestyle

"Walking for one mile burns virtually the same number of calories as jogging for one mile, it just takes a little longer!"

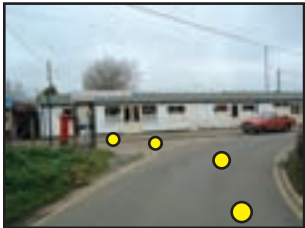
"Walking is FREE and requires no special equipment or clothing – as long as you are comfortable"

"Regular walking helps reduce the risk of heart disease, strokes, diabetes and high blood pressure"

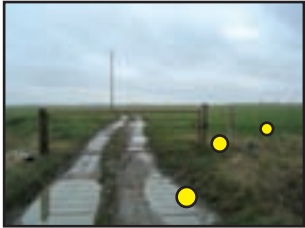


Also use Ordnance Survey Map: Explorer 150
 Reculver Circular Walk www.kent.gov.uk/explorekent

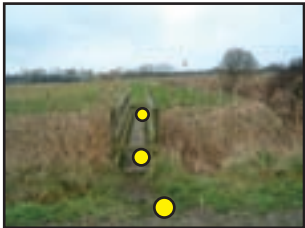
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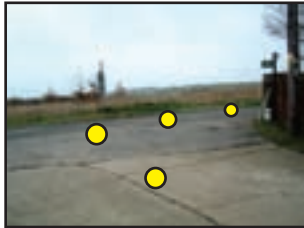
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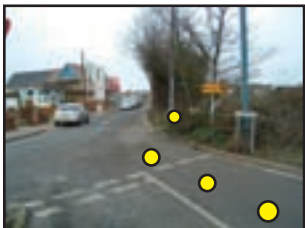
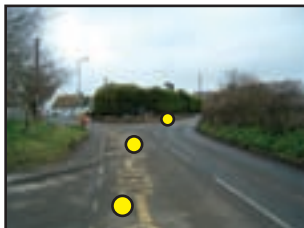
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