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Crab and Winkle Way

A linear cycle route between Canterbury and Whitstable
7.5 miles (12km) allow 1 hour

Go from cloisters to oysters with seven miles of almost traffic-free cycling, the Crab and Winkle Way between Canterbury and Whitstable.



Cycle through a delightful slice of east Kent, packed with history and nostalgia.

How to get there -

By Car: Canterbury West, Station Rd W, Canterbury CT2 8AN.

Parking: Paid parking at Canterbury West Station.

Train: Canterbury West Station. National Rail Enquiries: 03457 484950

Bus: Canterbury Bus Station buses: 007, 022, 15, 16, 1A, 260, 8A, X3. Traveline: 0871 200 22 33

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F	Finish	Whitstable Station
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	Gates	0
	Stiles	0
	Steps	0
	Terrain	The route does feature some hills
	Views	Some great views
	Refreshments	At The Old Neptune Pub

Points of interest on our close to the route

1. Toddlers' Cove / Whitehall Meadows

Toddler's Cove in Westgate Parks has been enjoyed by families since the last century. The park boasts a fantastic roman themed climbing frame, slides, swings and a zipwire. It is used all year round with picnic tables to enjoy a spot of lunch. Whitehall Meadows is a 11.6-hectare Local Nature Reserve nearby. The meadows are characterised by damp-loving plant species. Management of the meadows includes grazing, to improve the range of the grassland species.

2. Regeneration & Return – Will Glanfield 1999

Look for the sculpture by Will Glanfield of Whitstable. 'From the earth all our industry and effort is drawn, including working of iron, coal and timber. Through usage these materials are transformed and returned – part of a greater cycle. The connecting line between Canterbury and Whitstable has been re-kindled'.

3. Blean Woods National Nature Reserve

The Blean Wood National Nature Reserve is teemed with flora and fauna. Almost all the woodland comprising the Blean complex is classified as ancient woodland. Its value for wildlife is recognised at a national level with over half of the Blean being designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest and approximately one third is also designated as a Special Area of Conservation.

4. Sarre Penn/Fishbourne Stream

The Sarre Penn stream, also known in parts, as 'The Fishbourne', rises from beneath the fields of Foresters Lodge Farm in Dunkirk, before it begins its journey of over 13 km to join the River Wantsum at Sarre. It meanders its way through ancient woodlands, past old farmsteads and former hop gardens; under a Roman road and on to the Chislet Marshes, passing sites of ancient salt works and old sea walls. It then forks to flow to the sea, north to Reculver and south to Pegwell Bay.

5. St Cosmus & St Damian Church, Blean

The Church of St Cosmus and St Damian, Blean known as 'the church in the fields' is the Parish Church of the villages of Blean and Tyler Hill. The villages are situated on the northern outskirts of the city of Canterbury. Located close to the main campus of the University of Kent, which is also the venue of the yearly Lambeth Conference of Bishops from the worldwide Anglican Communion (or federation) of Churches.

6. Tyler Hill

As the name suggests, Tyler Hill was the centre of tile making and medieval pottery at its peak. This industrial centre produced ware which has been found as far afield as northern France and Germany and observant walkers may even spot fragments of pottery along this stretch.

7. Salt Way

Salt Way is a very ancient track which used to transport salt from the salt pans at Seasalter to Canterbury. It would have been a very busy trading route for this highly valued and much needed commodity and was the only good route through the Blean Woods. The Salt Way seat was constructed by Georgia Wright, a Whitstable artist, in autumn 2001. The majority of the oak used came from Blean Woods. Take a seat and think back a few thousand years to the people who would have used the route!

8. Winding Pond Picnic Area

Discover a picnic area at the Winding Pond where you can take a break beside the water. Water from the winding pond was used by the steam engine that wound the locomotives up the gradient in Clowes Wood.

9. Crab & Winkle Mosaic (Albert Street) – Oliver Budd 2002

Found on Albert Street the Crab & Winkle Mosaic is designed by Oliver Budd celebrating the history of the cycle route. Its theme combines the line, the seaside and cycling.



