

EXPLORE GRAVESEND TOWN

WALKING AND CYCLING MAP





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DISCOVER GRAVESEND

Gravesham has been welcoming visitors for centuries, and today Gravesend is a historic riverside town – a place where rich heritage, lively culture, and easy connections come together. Just 24 minutes from London by high-speed train, Gravesend welcomes you with riverside paths, heritage landmarks and green spaces ready to explore on foot or by bike.

Gravesend's story is woven through its streets and landscapes. Charles Dickens found inspiration in the nearby villages and marshlands, while Cobham Hall, with its extraordinary architecture and historic parkland, also has a link to cricket history – home to Ivo Bligh, the England Captain who went on to win the Ashes in 1882-83. Down by the river, the piers once connected travellers to London and beyond, with the Thames serving as a historic gateway for journeys overseas.

The town centre is home to one of Kent's oldest Chartered Borough Markets, now over 750 years old, where historic architecture meets independent food stalls.

Just beyond the town, Gravesham opens out into the newly designated North Kent Woods and Downs National Nature Reserve – a landscape of ancient woodlands, country parks, and peaceful trails. It's the perfect setting for walking, cycling, and family adventures.

To the south, Cyclopark offers one of the UK's best cycling and activity centres, with its tarmac Road circuit, BMX race track, mountain-bike trails, skatepark, running routes and play areas. This map shows how simple it is to travel from Gravesend Station to Cyclopark by bike, giving you a fun, active day out from the moment you arrive.





Signed on-road cycle routes

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Pedestrianised roads

Footpath

Promoted walking route *

* For more information visit explorekent.org



School
Named and numbered

Place of interest
Named and numbered

Bus stop

Hospital

Visitor Information

Railway with station

Toucan crossing

Pelican / Puffin crossing

Bike shop

Library

National Cycle Network route number

Cycle parking

PLACES OF INTEREST

- 1 Pocahontas Statue & St George's Church
- 2 St Andrew's Art Centre & Gardens
- 3 Gravesend Blockhouse
- 4 Port of London Authority & Royal Terrace Pier
- 5 Chantry Heritage Centre
- 6 New Tavern Fort
- 7 Gravesend Promenade & Riverside
- 8 Gordon Statue & Gardens
- 9 The Panic Room
- 10 Guru Nanak Darbar Gurdwara
- 11 Gravesend Cold War Bunker
- 12 Cyclopark
- 13 Shorne Woods Country Park
- 14 Darnley Mausoleum & Cobham Woods
- 15 Cobham Hall
- 16 Cobham Church
- 17 Owllets, former house of the architect Sir Herbert Baker
- 18 Jeskyns Park

WALKING ROUTES



DARNLEY TRAIL

A 6.2-mile (10km) circular trail from Shorne Woods Country Park, taking in Cobham Park, Ashenbank Wood, Jeskyns Community Woodland and views across the North Kent Woods & Downs NNR.



HIGHAM MARSHES

Follow the King Charles III England Coast Path to explore this 8-mile (12.8km) circular marshland walk.



SAXON SHORE WAY

A 160-mile (257km) route beginning in Gravesend and tracing Kent's ancient coastline. Expect historic forts, modern towns, nature reserves and scenic views.



SHORNE WOODS STILE FREE TRAIL

An easy access trail through woodland, meadows and wetlands. With an eco-visitor centre, cafe and accessible facilities, it's ideal for all ages and abilities.



SWANSCOMBE PENINSULA TRAIL

From Swanscombe High Street, walk out onto the marshes along the King Charles III England Coast Path on this 4-mile (6.5km) circular route.



WEALDWAY

An 82-mile (132km) route from Gravesend to Eastbourne, crossing the North Downs, South Downs and the Weald, with beautiful views, historic churches and archaeological sites.

CYCLE ROUTES

NATIONAL CYCLE ROUTE 1

NCN Route 1 runs through the heart of Gravesend, providing a signed, mostly low-traffic cycling link between the riverside, the town centre, and the Cyclopark/A2 corridor. It connects key destinations including Gravesend Station, Town Pier, Borough Market, and Echo Square before joining the traffic-free shared path towards Cyclopark and Shorne Woods. As part of the National Cycle Network, it offers an easy way to explore Gravesend by bike and links the town to wider routes across Kent, Medway and London.

NATIONAL CYCLE ROUTE 177

National Route 177 is currently open between Northfleet and Rochester and will eventually link Northfleet to Maidstone and Ashford before joining Route 2 on the south coast.



For more walking and cycling route guides, visit ExploreKent.org

GETTING AROUND



Gravesend is well connected, making it easy to arrive – and even easier to explore – without needing a car. High-speed trains link Gravesend Station to London St Pancras in just 24 minutes, and provide fast connections to Ashford, Folkestone and Dover, opening up the whole of Kent for onward travel.

Gravesend Station offers ample cycle parking, including a secure cycle hub with covered, CCTV-monitored storage and controlled access. A dedicated cycle route links the station directly to Cyclopark, giving you a safe, simple way to start your ride the moment you arrive.

Across the borough, Arriva runs frequent local bus services to nearby towns, while Fastrack provides fast, frequent buses between Gravesend Town Centre, Ebbsfleet Station, Bluewater, Darent Valley Hospital and Dartford – ideal for combining public transport with walking or cycling.

Choosing to walk or cycle for some journeys isn't just enjoyable – it's a simple way to save money, reduce emissions, and build activity into your day. With riverside paths, green spaces, and new cycling links, Gravesend offers plenty of opportunities to explore the town and surrounding countryside at a relaxed pace, helping you to stay fit and healthy.



Download the Kent Connected app to plan journeys, view walking and cycling routes, and check bus and train times across Kent.



THINGS TO DO

CYCLOPARK: A purpose-built centre for cycling outdoor activity, offering something for all ages and abilities. Ride the 2.9km closed-road circuit, test your skills on the 330-metre BMX racetrack, or explore 6km of mountain-bike trails. There's also a large adventure play area, fitness facilities, and cycle hire – perfect for families, beginners, and confident riders alike. To find out more visit www.cyclopark.com

JESKYNs COMMUNITY WOODLAND: Discover 360 acres of green space, including meadows, woodlands, orchards and lakes with a range of hard-surfaced walking and cycling trails. There's also a cafe and plenty of picnic areas to pause and eat.

SRI GURU NANAK DARBAR GURDWARA: Visit the largest Gurdwara in Europe, a stunning Sikh temple featuring five ornate domes, handcrafted marble, and intricate stonework. Visitors are welcome daily, with guided tours available at weekends, offering a warm introduction to Sikh culture and community life.

SHORNE WOODS COUNTRY PARK: A Green Flag award-winning haven with 292 acres of woodland, meadows and wetlands. As part of the Kent Downs National Landscape, a Site of Special Scientific Interest, and a gateway to the North Kent Woods and Downs National Nature Reserve it offers rich wildlife – from dormice and bats to orchids and dragonflies. With accessible trails, an inclusive playground and a Changing Places toilet, everyone can enjoy exploring this diverse park.

For more information on attractions, places to eat and things to do in the area check out Visit Gravesend.

For more ideas on where to visit, check out our Gravesham itinerary page.



CYCLE TRAINING

Kent County Council offers a variety of cycle training courses designed to boost confidence and improve cycling skills for both adults and children.



FOR ADULTS

- **Learn to Ride:** Ideal for beginners or those looking to improve their bike handling skills.
- **Confident Road Cycling:** Helps cyclists gain the skills needed to ride safely on the road.
- **Introduction to E-Bikes:** Learn about electrically assisted cycles and try one before buying.
- **E-Bike Confident Road Riding:** For those who have completed the introductory course and want to ride e-bikes safely on the road.

FOR CHILDREN

- **Bikeability Courses:** These are offered at primary and secondary schools for children in Year 5 and above. The courses aim to teach children how to ride safely on the road.

LOCATIONS

Courses are available at various venues across Kent. All venues offer parking and cycle/helmet hire if needed.



For more details or to book a course, scan the QR code or visit: explorekent.org/adult-cycle-training



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River Thames

Gravesend

River Thames

Northfleet

Swanscombe

Southfleet

Istead Rise

New Barn

Longfield

Shorne

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- Ⓡ Library
- Ⓡ Electric vehicle charging point
- 1 177 National Cycle Network route number
- P Cycle parking

In the town centre area cycle parking is only shown on inset map overleaf

CYCLE TO SCHOOL

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| S1 | Lawn Primary School | S20 | Singlewell Primary School |
| S2 | St Joseph's R C Primary School | S21 | Riverview Infant School |
| S3 | Rosherville C of E (V C) Primary School | S22 | Tymberwood Academy |
| S4 | St Botolph's C of E (V A) Primary School | S23 | Thamesview School |
| S5 | Copperfield Academy | S24 | Westcoun Primary School |
| S6 | Northfleet Technology College | S25 | St John's R C Comprehensive School |
| S7 | Northfleet School For Girls | S26 | St John's R C Primary School |
| S8 | Painters Ash Primary School | S27 | North Kent College |
| S9 | Shears Green Infant Schools | S28 | Shorne C of E (V C) Primary School |
| S10 | St George's C of E School | S29 | Cobham Primary School |
| S11 | Cecil Road Primary & Nursery School | S30 | Istead Rise Primary School |
| S12 | Mayfield Grammar School | S31 | Langfold C of E (V C) Primary School |
| S13 | Bronte School | S32 | Rowhill School |
| S14 | Wrotham Road Primary School | S33 | Longfield Academy |
| S15 | Holy Trinity C of E (V A) Primary School | S34 | Sedley's C of E (V C) Primary School |
| S16 | ALP Plover Academy | S35 | Springhead Park Primary School |
| S17 | Chantry Community Academy | S36 | Ebbfleet Green Primary School |
| S18 | Gravesend Grammar School | S37 | Cherry Orchard Primary Academy |
| S19 | Whitehill Primary School | S38 | Manor Community Primary School |
| S20 | Kings Farm Primary School | S39 | The Ebbfleet Academy |