

Coastal Walk – 2½ miles

St Margaret's, Kent

A short walk in St Margaret's at Cliffe, full of historical and some literary connections, including a short section along the famous White Cliffs of Dover. On clear days there are glorious views across the Channel to France

Getting there:

Road: A258 from Dover, then B road to St Margaret's at Cliffe **Car parks:** On the seafront at St Margaret's at Cliffe Council Car Park **Foot:** part of the White Cliffs Country Trail **Bus:** 80/90/113 from Dover, stop at the top of Bay Hill **Rail:** At Martin Mill, then taxi, Dover Priory, then Taxi For public transport information visit www.traveline.org.uk

Maps and start grid ref: OS Landranger 179 gr TR368445, Explorer 138 **Facilities available:** Cafes, toilets, hotels and shops available in the village **Terrain:** easy walking conditions **Accessibility:** Height gain of 60m over the walk. Cliffs are dangerous- children should be supervised on these sections

Points of interest: Follow the path from the car park with the sea on your left to the Pines garden and beyond. Continue on this path looking out for:

1. Pines Garden, 6 acres of parkland, with lakes, waterfalls, grass labyrinth and a statue of Winston Churchill and St Margaret's Museum- Local and maritime history, including smuggling, ship wrecks and military activity.
2. South Foreland Lighthouse- built to protect shipping from the moving Goodwin Sands. The Lighthouse was also used by Marconi to transmit his first radio broadcast to France & Faraday for electrical experiments.
3. St Margaret of Antioch Church- 12th C church-with interesting rounded arches and doorways
4. Second World War remains- part of the coastal defences and has remains of gun emplacements, observation posts and ancillary buildings,
5. Dover patrol memorial – marks the point the last bomb was dropped in 1918-highest point of the cliffs at St. Margaret's Bay. The memorial one of three obelisks, commemorates achievements of the Dover Patrol, including the defence of the Straits of Dover, convoy of troops to France and wounded home, and ships passing through the Channel, during the first Great War. Near the car park are homes of playwright Noel Coward and author Ian Fleming

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National Trust places to visit nearby:
White Cliffs Visitor Centre, South Foreland

