

Coastal walk... 4 miles

# Kingsdown, St Margaret's

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There are fantastic views across the Channel to France on this walk which has plenty of natural and historical interest along the route on this very important strategic coastline for the defence of Great Britain.

## 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 (not National Trust)

**Foot:** Part of the White Cliffs Country Trail

**Bus:** 80/90/113 from Dover, stop at top of Bay Hill

**Rail:** At Martin Mill or Dover Priory, then taxi

For public transport information visit [www.traveline.org.uk](http://www.traveline.org.uk)

**Maps and start grid ref:** OS Landranger 179 gr TR368445, Explorer 138

**Facilities available:** Cafés, toilets, hotels and shops available in the village

**Terrain:** Easy walking conditions, some moderate ascent

**Accessibility:** Height gain of 70m over the walk. If on the beach beware of strong currents, do not swim at low tides and do not use inflatables. Cliffs are dangerous (children should be supervised)

**Points of interest:** Follow the path from the car park, keeping the sea on your right. On reaching point 1, turn inland and continue on this path looking out for the following features:

1. Dover Patrol Memorial. This marks where the last bomb of the First World War was dropped in England in 1918. It stands on the highest point of the cliffs at St Margaret's Bay. The memorial, an obelisk, commemorates the achievements of the Dover Patrol, which included the defence of the Straits of Dover and the convoy of troops to France, and the wounded home, during the Great War.
2. Walking on chalk downland with many rare and protected wildflowers in summer. Look out for: horseshoe vetch, pyramidal orchids, yellow rattle, early spider orchids and wild cabbage.
3. A small area of ancient woodland, predominantly field maple with some hazel. Bluebells in spring.
4. A former MOD rifle range used until the 1980s, this coastline shows examples of both hard and soft sea defences.
5. Marvellous views down to the coast and across the Channel. Hope Point had the most recent cliff fall in 2004, making the cliff face a pristine white again.

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

