

Islington U3A Longer Walks Group

Walk Title	Margate - Ramsgate	Walk No.	365
Area	Thanet, Kent	Type	Linear
Date	Tuesday, 7 June 2022		
Distance	9.8 miles (15.7 km)		
Timing	4 hours walking time + travel + lunch stop. Allow 8 hours in total. Expect to be back in Islington by 6.21 pm at the earliest.		
Meeting up & travel	<p>St Pancras upper level platforms 11-13. Depart 10.12am arr. 11.38am. Off-Peak return with senior rail card £24.80 (no boundary zone tickets on High Speed line). Returns from Broadstairs at 17.01 and Ramsgate at 17.07 (arr. 18.21), or one hour later for a more relaxed day or the extended walk to Ramsgate (arr. 19.21) etc. All trains stop at Stratford International 7 min from St Pancras.</p> <p>Or, you can take the 9.40am Victoria Station arr. 11.23am at Margate. Two advance, non-refundable, singles from £18.50 at time of writing (2/6). Off peak day return tickets from £28.25.</p> <p>Please indicate on your form from which station you intend to travel. Please ask the ticket office about boundary zone tickets.</p> <p>For our member in Deal: 11.01 to Ramsgate and change. Returns at 4.55pm, 5.07pm, 29, 55 and 57.</p>		
Route	<p>Linear coastal beach walk via Broadstairs.</p> <p>Swim opportunities: All sandy beaches between Margate and Broadstairs, a sea pool between the two; at Broadstairs and Ramsgate.</p>		
Lunch	<p>Food is available in various places on the way or bring a picnic. Plenty of cafes and Fish & Chips shops in Broadstairs; Lovely CASH ONLY café just after Broadstairs;</p>		
Dropping out	Broadstairs after 6.3m/10k train back to London.		
Suitability	<p>Suitable for any reasonably fit regular walker. There are no particular difficulties.</p> <p>Terrain: flat. Once the tide comes in, we will have to walk on the higher-level footpath, still coastal but some roads involved. If you don't enjoy beach walking, then you can choose that path; it is clearly indicated, and it would be hard to get lost. I will walk on the beach as and where possible.</p> <p>Tide should be low at 11.45am at Ramsgate and Broadstairs, and 11.50 at Margate so we will have to go on the footpath at some stage. I hope to walk at least to Botany Bay via the beach.</p> <p>Footwear: good walking sandals that can get wet (rubber rather than leather) with good grippy soles for the rocks. Wear trousers that you can pull or turn up or wear shorts. Bring swimmies if you fancy a dive and a towel/sarong to dry yourself and change under.</p> <p>Possible obstacles: slippery rocks; getting wet and sandy.</p> <p>Check weather forecast for temperature, sunshine, wind force and chance of rain. Bring layers accordingly.</p>		

Facilities	There are loos on the train; at Margate station, on some of the beaches between Broadstairs and Margate and in Broadstairs on our path close to the beach.
Walk source	SWC 101 in reverse.
Map	OS Explorer 150
Leader & contact details	<u>Walk Leader: Pia Rainey</u> <u>Beforehand</u> phone: 07775 782860 (leave message if necessary) e-mail: piarainey@icloud.com
Interesting facts	Broadstairs is a lovely slightly upmarket seaside resort. Margate has a museum, many commercial galleries, the Turner Gallery and Dreamland amongst its many highlights. Ramsgate has a large port.