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Walking and Rambling

The best way to explore the countryside is by following one of the waymarked footpaths such as the Stour Valley Walk, the North Downs Way, the Greensand Way or the Saxon Shore Way, which follows the ancient coastal path between Kenardington and Aldington via Hamstreet Woods nature reserve. Follow in the footsteps of the pilgrims along part of the Pilgrim's Way or explore some of the excellent nature trails and then find yourself a spot to relax with a picnic.



Climb the Downs at Hastingleigh and enjoy the spectacular panoramic views over the valley. Footpaths allow you to explore the area, which is now a National Nature Reserve and which includes the locally-famous area known as the "Devil's Kneading Trough". Pause to look at the Wye Crown, carved into the side of the Downs by Wye College students in 1902 to commemorate the coronation of King Edward VII.

Some local green spaces and walking routes are listed below:

- [Ashford Community Woodland](#)
- [Ashford Green Corridor Nature Reserve](#)
- [Cuckoo Woods](#)
- [Hamstreet Woods National Nature Reserve](#)
- [Hothfield Common](#)
- [Kent Downs](#)
- [King's Wood](#)
- [The Warren](#)



- [Wye National Nature Reserve](#)
- [Parkwood Picnic Site](#)

You can view [Kent County Council's walking webpage](#) and [buy maps and guides online](#).

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