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Birchington to Herne Bay

Start: Birchington on Sea station

Finish: Herne Bay station

Length: 14km (8.7 miles).

Time: 4 hours 30 minutes. For the whole outing, including trains, sights and meals, allow at least 9 hours.

Transport: Trains go from London Victoria to Birchington on Sea journey time one hour 30 minutes. Herne Bay is one stop up the line from Birchington on Sea, so buy a day return to Birchington on Sea.

OS Landranger Maps: 179

OS Explorer Maps: 150

Toughness: 1 out of 10

Walk Notes: This is an easy walk – it is entirely flat – and the directions are straightforward and consequently minimal.

Saturday Walkers' Club: Take the train nearest to 9.45am from Victoria Station to Birchington on Sea.

WALK DIRECTIONS

[1] [~~Numbers refer to the map.~~]

Coming off the London train, go up the tarmac alleyway for 50 metres to cross over Lyell Road, and turn left for 10 metres to then turn right down Beach Avenue (which subsequently becomes Beresford Gap) in the direction of the sea, your direction 10 degrees.

On reaching the coast, you have the choice of walking along the low cliff edge or (depending on conditions) along the base of the cliff edge. Either way turn left to go along the coast towards Reculver, which later becomes clearly visible as you approach.

After lunch at the King Ethelbert Inn, continue along the coast into Herne Bay.

To reach Herne Bay station: With the entrance to the Pier behind you, cross the coast road and then head south along Station Road (to the left of a large block of flats), to reach the station after 800 metres.

Lunch and Tea places:

King Ethelbert Inn, *Reculver Lane CT6 6SU*, (tel 01227 374368) Located 8km from the start of the walk. This is the lunch stop.

The Heron, *Station Road, Herne Bay, CT6 5QJ* (tel 01227- 375472). This is a possible tea stop, located close to Herne Bay station.