



CYCLING & WALKING MAP

CYCLE FRIENDLY DEAL



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More visitor information at:
www.WhiteCliffsCountry.org.uk

Please Note: We have taken all responsible steps to ensure that these routes are safe and achievable by people with a reasonable level of fitness. However, all outdoor activities involve a degree of risk. To the extent permitted by law, Deal Town Council accepts no responsibility for any accidents or injury resulting from following these routes.

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RIDING & WALKING ABOUT

Out & about on two feet or two wheels, this Cycling & Walking Map will help you plan a trip to the shops, seafront, café, pub, or explore the rich history of our Tudor castles, smugglers’ haunts, military architecture, mining heritage, glorious seafront and pier.

To help get around on two wheels, you will find a Cycle Quietway Network on the map. This uses cycle paths and low traffic roads to connect quickly and easily with the places people want to go. Everyone is within 2 minutes of the Quietway Network, so it’s really accessible.

There’s more to explore

Check out Cycle Friendly Deal on www.deal.gov.uk

- Cycle Friendly accommodations, pubs & cafes
- More Cycle Routes
- Local Bike Shops
- Cycling Groups
- Cycle Hire

DISCOVER MORE

As you unfold this map you will discover more Cycle Friendly Rides. Whether you’re young or old, an occasional or regular rider, there’s a Cycle Friendly Deal ride for you.

These routes enable riders (and walkers!) to explore our towns by the sea, Deal & Walmer, as well as the quintessentially English rural landscape inland. They are more than just rides, all the routes pass via a myriad of ‘points of interest’ bringing to life our heritage, history and landscape.

Ebike Hire – easy & exciting

With an electric bike, exploring Deal is even easier. You’ll be able to enjoy all the sites without breaking into a sweat. Ebikes are available from Tides Leisure Centre every day from early until late.

Cycle Hire – Located on the seafront in Hut 55, Mikes Bikes has a range of bicycles and trailers for hire. www.mikesbikesdeal.com



PIER TO PARLOUR

A circular ride of about 8 miles which takes riders from the coast, up into the rural farmland around the seaside towns.

During the summer months, stop at Solley’s Ice Cream Parlour at Church Farm in Ripple to experience the farming world and perhaps have an ice cream (or two). Head for the Parlour, where you choose from many flavours of locally made real dairy ice cream. Afterwards, take a leisurely stroll around the 383-acre farm. There’s a marked trail where you can find out more about the farm and surrounding countryside.

Continue the ride through the villages of Great Mongeham and Sholden, then back into Deal.

FIND OUT MORE

All of the cycle routes introduced here are available online through the Cycle Friendly Deal pages at www.deal.gov.uk. Online you will find interactive maps and cuesheets for each route that you can use on your mobile phone or download and print.

Please remember that walking & cycling routes may change over time. Weather conditions may also affect surfaces. Please use your own judgement when using the routes based upon weather and the ability, experience and confidence levels of those walking & riding.

Look out for these Cycle Friendly Stickers



They tell you which businesses have a good local knowledge and information on cycling routes. They will also happily refill water bottles as well as help with other cycling issues.

On-road

Distance:
21.6 miles/34.5 km

Riding Time:
2 hours

Climbs: 12

Ability Level:
Challenging

Ideal Direction:
Anti-Clockwise



PIER TO PIT

Deal's industrial scene became dominated by coal during the twentieth century, as vast seams of coal were found beneath East Kent.

This twenty mile ride, exploring Kent's Mining Heritage through old miners' villages and passing sites of former collieries, highlights an unexpected episode in the history of the Garden of England.

If you have the appropriate skills and bike (mountain or gravel), then there are off-road sections at Betteshanger village and along the old railway line into Elvington. If not, stick to the tarmac lanes and paths.

Off-road

Distance:
20.3 miles/32.5 km

Riding Time:
2 hours

Climbs: 13

Ability Level:
Challenging

Ideal Direction:
Anti-Clockwise



SKYLARK LOOP

This quiet rural route between Walmer & Dover, creates a glorious eighteen mile exploration of coast and countryside.

Start in Deal and head south through Walmer, up into the quintessentially English countryside through the villages of Martin Mill, East Langdon and Guston. The route travels through rolling countryside with open views. And of course, Skylarks!

Reaching Dover Castle – you can't miss it – the Skylark Trail meets National Cycle Route 1. Initially in the shadow of Dover Castle, the route climbs past Bleriot's Memorial. Then enjoy views across the Harbour from the National Trust's White Cliffs Park.

Continue to follow National Cycle Route 1 – mostly downhill now – back through St Margaret's, Kingsdown, Walmer & Deal. On a clear day you will catch a glimpse of France.

Skylark Loop

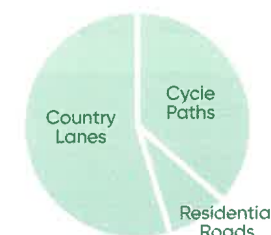
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18 miles/28.5 km

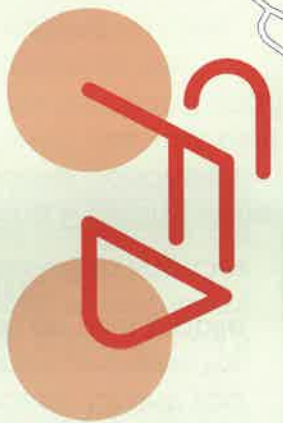
Riding Time:
2 hours

Climbs: 4

Ability Level:
Moderate

Ideal Direction:
Anti-Clockwise



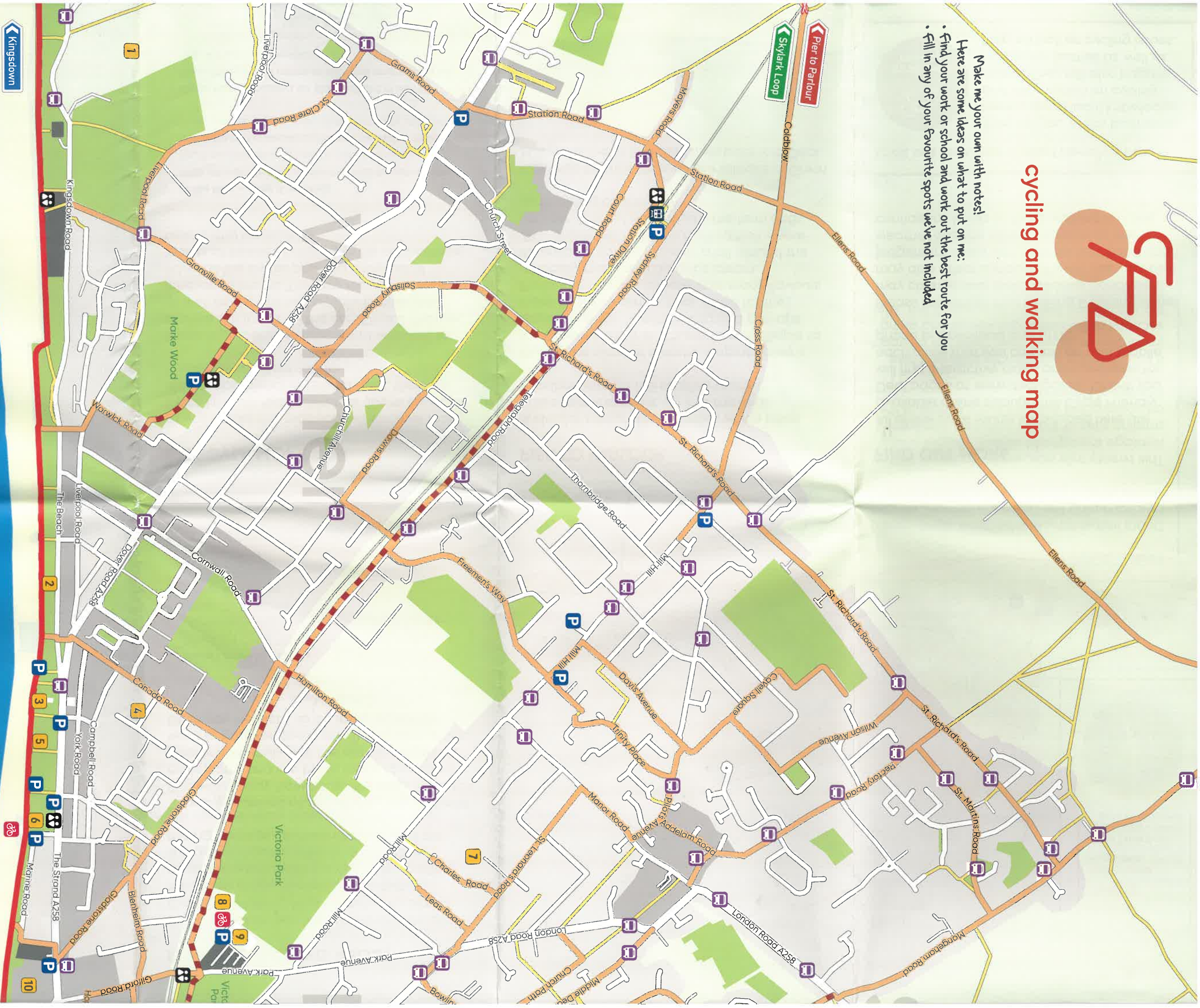


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Make me your own with notes!

Here are some ideas on what to put on me:

- Find your work or school and work out the best route for you
- Fill in any of your favourite spots we've not included



Getting Here

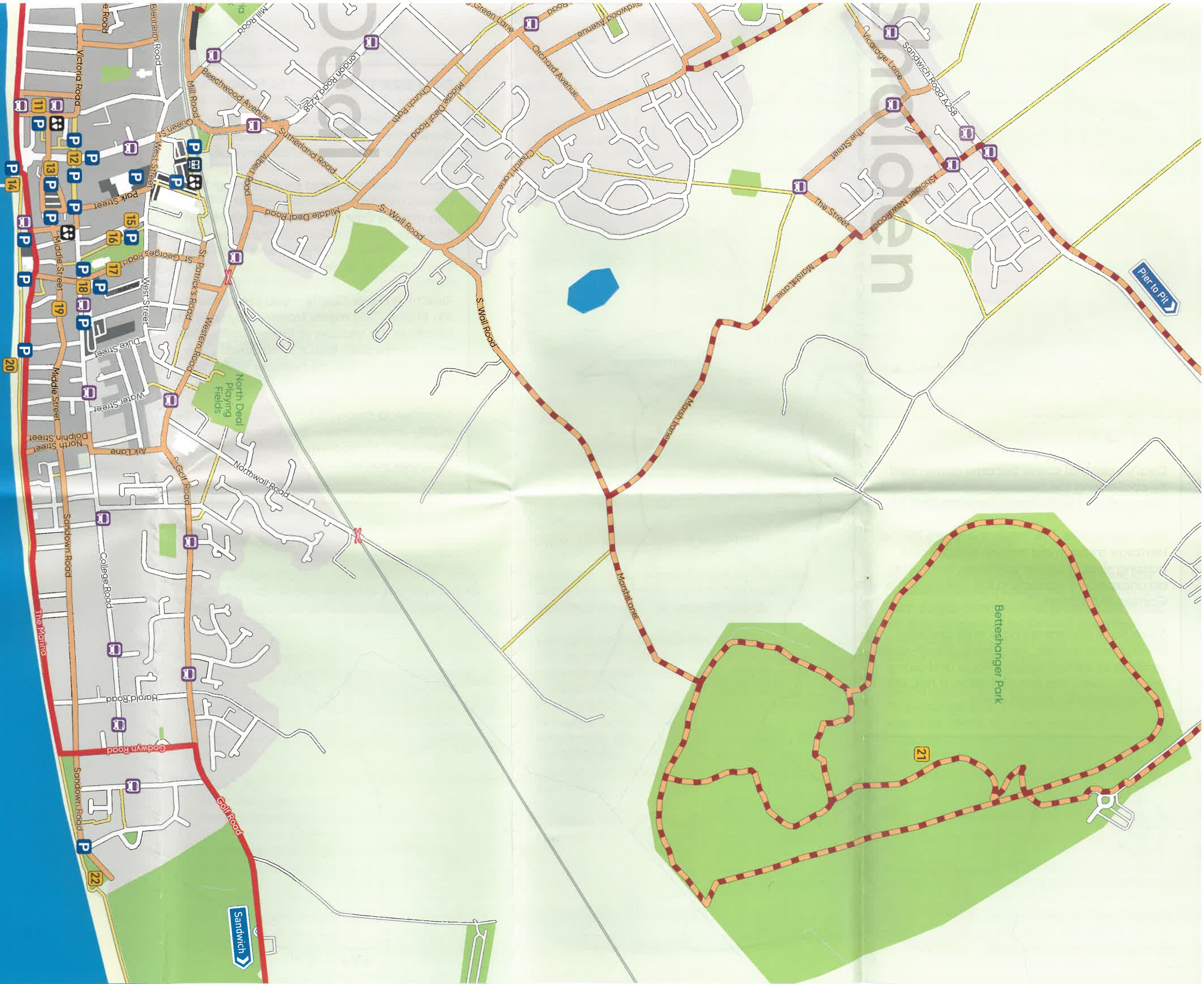
Train: Bikes can be taken on Southeastern Railway trains almost anytime, but always check first. There are regular direct services to London and many more major towns.

Bike: Deal is on National Cycle Network Route 1 connecting to Dover, Canterbury and on to London.

















Bus: There are regular services connecting Deal to Dover, Sandwich and Canterbury as well as shuttle bus services circulating through Walmer & Deal.

Places to Visit

1. Walmer Castle & Gardens
2. Caesar's landing point in SSBC
3. Walmer Lifeboat Station
4. Royal Marines Band Memorial Garden
5. Walmer Paddling Pool / Pitch & Putt
6. Deal Town Football Club
7. The Skate Park
8. Tides Leisure Centre
9. Deal Castle
10. The Timeball Museum
11. Deal High Street
12. The Library
13. Deal Pier
14. Kent MoM
15. The Astor Community Theatre
16. Deal Local History & Maritime Museum
17. Town Hall/Visitor Information Centre/Police Station
18. Middle Street Conservation Area - Smugglers' Town
19. The Promenade & Beach
20. Betteshanger Country Park (Fowlmead)
21. Sandown Castle Community Garden



Key

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|---|--------------------------------|---|---------------------|---|--------------------|
|  | National Cycle Network Route 1 |  | Train Station |  | Conservation Area |
|  | On Road Quietway Network |  | Bus Stops |  | Residential Area |
|  | Traffic Free Quietway Network |  | Cycle & E-Bike Hire |  | Parks & Green Area |
|  | Footpath |  | Cycle Parking |  | Car Park |
|  | Tramline |  | Places to Visit | | |
|  | Level Crossing |  | Toilets | | |