

Maidstone Trails

Walking Directions

Caution these trails contain hills and cross very busy roads. Please use the pedestrian crossings wherever possible.

Central Burgundy Trail

Stop 1. Lockmeadow Cattle and Livestock Market

Start point - ME16 8SF

Stop 2. All Saints Church - Leonard Startup

Cross the river using the footbridge and turn left along the river bank. Turn right up the steep hill or for an easier slope walk past the buildings and then turn right.

Stop 3. Knightrider House, Knightrider Street - John Gibb

Walk to the right along Mill Street using the crossings to turn left down Knightrider Street. Knightrider House is on your left.

Stop 4. The Palace Theatre, 28 Gabriel's Hill

Continue down Knightrider Street and turn left into Lower Stone Street. Walk along the road and use the crossing just after the bend to cross and walk back to your right to Gabriel's Hill. Stop 4 is on the right.

Stop 5. 38 Gabriel's Hill - the Beale family

Turn left and walk up Gabriel's Hill and you will see number 38 on your left.

Stop 6. 62 King Street - R S Miles

At the top of the hill turn right along King Street. Continue past Church Street on the right and the location of Stop 6 is on the left.

Stop 7. Nearby (Lenworth, 4 Ashford Road), The Hills Family

Continue walking along King Street, crossing at a suitable point, to the junction with Queen Anne Road on your right. If you look down the road to the traffic lights this would have been the location of Lenworth, 4 Ashford Road.

Stop 8. Howard-de-Walden Institute

Turn left up Queen Anne Road then take the first turning on the left into Marsham Street. You will see Stop 8 on your left opposite the junction with Astley Street.

Stop 9. The Victory Inn, 23 Church Street

Continue along the road to the junction with Church Street, turn left and you will see Stop 9 immediately on the left.

Stop 10. Council School, Union Street (now Old School Place)

Retrace your steps and turn left up Wyatt Street. At the end of the road turn right into Union Road. You will see the location of stop 10 where Old School Place is on your left.

Stop 11. Depot Drill Hall, Union Street

Turn around and walk back along Union Street to the end of the road. Along this street was the location of the Depot Drill Hall.

Stop 12. 34 Week Street - Henry Taylor's tailors shop

Turn left into Week Street and you will find the location of Stop 12 on the left a short way past Earl Street.

Stop 13. High Street

Continue to the end of Week Street and turn right on to the High Street. Look Along the High Street for Stop 13.

Stop 14. 10 Middle Row - The London and Provincial Bank

Walk along the High Street keeping to the left and you will see 10 Middle Row on your left.

Stop 15. Post Office

Continue along High Street past the junction with Mill Road and you will see Stop 15 on the left just before the pedestrian crossing.

Stop 16. Mill Street - the Rootes building

Retrace your steps and turn right down Mill Street. Stop 16 is on the left just by the junction at the end of the road.

Stop 17. Tithe Barn, Mill Street

Walking straight ahead use the pedestrian crossings to cross the main road and you will see the Tithe Barn on your left.

Stop 18. River Medway – river defences

Using the crossings go to the other side of the road and turn right through the gardens following the path down to the river bank for Stop 18.

Stop 19. Maidstone Boys Grammar School - Tonbridge Road site

Walk right along the river bank and keep to the right to take the path up to the bridge. Turn Left and cross the bridge. Walk up the road and cross just past the War Memorial then turn back towards the memorial walking round the buildings and turn left up London Road. The site of Stop 19 would have been on the left along this road.

Stop 20. War Memorial

Retrace your steps back to the Memorial.

Stop 21. 2 Heath Cottages, Tonbridge Road – Startup family

Looking up along Tonbridge Road to the right you will see the location of 2 Heath Cottages on the right.

Stop 22. Location of Eiffel Tower Works, Hart Street

Use the crossing and retrace your steps back towards the bridge turning right into Barker Road then right into Hart Street. Hart Street was the location of stop 22.

Turn left up Barker Road to arrive back at the start point.

Blue Trail**Stop 1 Brickmaker's Arms , 107 to 109 Perryfield Street - The Dalton family**

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Stop 2. 17 Arundel Street - the Hepton family

Turn Left along Arundel Street and number 17 is on the left.

Stop 3. 50 Peel Street - the Price family

Continue to the end of the road then turn right into Chillington Street then right into Canning Street. Turn left into Peel Street and number 50 is on the right.

Stop 4. 60 Peel Street - the Harrison family

Retrace your steps slightly to number 60

Stop 5. 72 Peel Street - the Brooker family

Continue up Peel Street crossing the junction and number 72 is on your left.

Stop 6. 179 Boxley Road - Whitehead family

Retrace your steps and turn left into John Street. Walk to the end of the road and turn right into Boxley Road. Stop 6 is on the right.

Stop 7. 74 Salisbury Road - Alfred Chittenden

Retrace your steps up Boxley Road and turn right into Salisbury Road. Stop 7 is on the right hand side of the road.

Stop 8. St Luke's Church and Army Chaplains

Continue to the end of the road then turn right into Wheeler Street and left into St Luke's Road. You will see the church on the right.

Stop 9. 30 Foley Street – Billenness family

Turn right down beside the Church into Foley Street. Stop 9 is on the left.

Stop 10. 28-30 Allen Street- Henry Davis bakers

Continue down the road and turn left into Allen Street. Stop 10 is on the corner with Heathorn Street.

Stop 11. 66 Holland Road - the Brown family

Continue to the end of the road and turn right into St Luke's Avenue then right along Holland Road. You will see number 66 across the road after a short distance.

Stop 12. 38 Hedley Street - Elizabeth Down and her son Cecil

Continue along the road staying on the right side of the road and turn right up Hedley Street to number 38 on the right.

Stop 13. 98 Wheeler St - Thomas Robert Pargeter

Retrace your steps back to the main road and continue along Holland Road. Cross to the other side of the road at the crossing and walk a little way down Wheeler Street. Stop 13 is on your left.

Stop 14. 15 James Street – Coal rationing

Turn around and, using the crossings, walk up Wheeler Street and turn left into James Street. The location of stop 14 was along this road.

Stop 15. 26 Fisher Street – Butchers

Continue to the end of the road then turn left and at the end of Boxley Road turn right along Lower Boxley Road continuing into Fisher Street at the roundabout. You will find stop 15 on the corner of Thornhill Place.

Continue along Fisher Street to return to the start point of the trail.