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**RAMSGATE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE**

The Custom House, Harbour Parade, Ramsgate, CT11 8LP Tel: 01843 598750  
Open 10am - 4pm

**VISIT RAMSGATE** for attractions, restaurants and places to stay in Ramsgate

[www.visitramsgate.co.uk](http://www.visitramsgate.co.uk)

Follow @VisitRamsgateUK on twitter

**EXPLORE KENT** is the most popular place for walks, bike rides and parks in Kent

[www.explorekent.org](http://www.explorekent.org)

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# FOUR GREAT WALKS – ONE REMARKABLE INITIATIVE



## THE CONTRA TRAIL: BOATS, BIRDS & BAYS

### RAMSGATE TO PEGWELL BAY

*(6.1 miles, 9.8km one-way including Nature Reserve loop)*

This route is brimming with some wonderful contradictions, stunning birdlife and nature galore.



## TOWN ROUNDERS: REGENCY, ROYAL & RIVIERA

### RAMSGATE TOWN WALK

*(Loop 1 - 1.4 miles, 2.3km)  
(Loop 2 - 2 miles, 3.2km)*

A trail with a Riviera vibe, wonderful Regency architecture and connections of the Royal kind!



## SEA IT ALL: COAST, CLIFFS & CAFÉ CULTURE

### RAMSGATE TO BROADSTAIRS

*(5 miles, 8km circular)*

From awe inspiring white cliffs and sandy beaches to breathtaking views across Viking Bay.



## THE BEACH ROAMER: BOTANY, BAYS & BEACHES

### RAMSGATE TO MARGATE

*(6.8 miles, 11km linear walk)*

At low tide you can walk the entire trail along the sands!



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WALK • CYCLE • WATERSPORTS • GOLF • BIRDWATCHING

Download full route maps and walk information from [ramsgatetown.org/activeramsgate](http://ramsgatetown.org/activeramsgate)



# RAMSGATE – GET ACTIVE BY THE SHORE

WHETHER YOU WANT TO GO WALKING OR CYCLING, SET SAIL OR CANOE, GO HORSE RIDING, BIRDWATCHING OR PLAY GOLF, PICKLEBALL, KITESURFING OR SCUBA DIVE, RAMSGATE IS THE PLACE TO GET ACTIVE BY THE SHORE!

*“Getting out in the fresh air with friends and family and making the most of the beautiful coastline around Ramsgate, what could be better?”*

**Lizzy Yarnold**, Olympic Skeleton Gold Medal Winner & Active Ramsgate Ambassador

## ESCAPE TO RAMSGATE

You can reach Ramsgate from London in just over 1 hour and 15 minutes, but it feels a world away. With the only Royal Harbour in the UK, and a wonderful array of independent shops, attractions and places to eat and drink, you will want to come back time and again.

Stay in one of the quaint, sea-side B&Bs or modern boutique hotels, feast on award-winning fish and chips along the waterfront, or sample local seafood in one of the specialty fish restaurants before heading out and about and exploring the wonderful coastline and nature that Ramsgate has to offer.

Walk or cycle the Viking Coastal Trail before having a warming hot chocolate or chilled wine in one of the many cafe bars in the Royal Harbour Arches. Or take to the sea by kayak or on a boat trip and look in awe at seals and birdlife before returning to warm the cockles in a welcoming, local pub.

And if it's raining, then there are plenty of historical attractions to discover. Explore the underground tunnels, or Maritime Museum or one of the local art galleries. Whatever you're in to, you'll find it in Ramsgate. Visit [www.visitramsgate.co.uk](http://www.visitramsgate.co.uk) for ideas when planning your next escape to the coast!



**You can't visit Ramsgate without coming into contact with the sea. There's a whole raft (sorry!) of ways to get active in the water, so you'll have a hard time choosing what to do!**

Ramsgate has a range of sea water canoe trails for you to try, a Royal Harbour to set sail from, and boat trips to check out some spectacular bays, the local wildlife, seals and the biggest offshore windfarm in the world.

It's also a kitesurfer's paradise and fast becoming one of the top kitesurfing destinations in the country. With over 2,000 shipwrecks it's also a big draw for scuba divers. So come and get active by the shore!

If you'd rather keep your feet on some beautifully maintained terra firma, why not try out pickleball or play a few games of tennis or golf at Stonelees or St. Augustine's golf centres; two highly respected clubs that are famous for the warmth of their welcome and quality of their courses.

Land Lubbers will also enjoy the prolific birdlife and our 4 themed walking trails taking in sandy beaches and bays, Regency architecture, Royal connections, prolific birdlife and an array of Kentish cafes and bars along the way. Or why not take to your bike and cycle all or part of the Viking Coastal Trail. We are confident it will get you in a spin!

You could even try your hand at geocaching and find hidden "caches". Children and the young at heart will love this modern take on the traditional treasure hunt.

## FREEWHEELING FUN!

The popular Viking Coastal Trail includes beautiful sandy beaches, pretty Kentish villages and some refreshing drink stops you can't afford to miss. Download the full cycle route map and find out about bike hire at [ramsgatetown.org/activeramsgate](http://ramsgatetown.org/activeramsgate)



# GET ON BOARD!

## GO2SEA

[www.go2sea.co.uk](http://www.go2sea.co.uk)

For boat trips around the beautiful East Kent coast to see bays, beaches, wind farms, seals and wildlife.

Call **07931 744788** for details and advance bookings.

## SEA SEARCHER BOAT TRIPS

[www.seasearcher.co.uk](http://www.seasearcher.co.uk)

For sightseeing trips around Ramsgate Harbour, seal and wildlife watching tours, sea angling and boat fishing charter trips.

Call **07837 562076** for details and advance bookings.

THE ACTIVE RAMSGATE INITIATIVE ISN'T JUST FOR LAND-LUBBERS TO ENJOY. FAR FROM IT!

## CANOE RAMSGATE

Get closer to nature and go wild exploring in some of the most precious and dramatic landscapes in Kent by canoe! Active Ramsgate has developed 2 exciting new canoe trails.

### RAMSGATE TO BROADSTAIRS SELF-GUIDED CANOE TRAIL (2 miles (3.2km) one way)

A sea water paddle taking in the beauty of the white cliffs of Ramsgate which have been eroded to a smooth surface over years of tidal wear and tear.



### GUIDED WILDLIFE CANOE SAFARI (2-3 hours)

A sea water paddle with spectacular views across the coast between Ramsgate and the national gem of Sandwich & Pegwell Bay National Nature Reserve with its abundance of seals and birdlife. This is a small group, set date, guided trail led by specialist local canoe operators.

To book your place on a small group guided Wildlife Canoe Safari, visit [www.canoewild.co.uk](http://www.canoewild.co.uk) and [www.kentscubadiving.co.uk](http://www.kentscubadiving.co.uk) or call **Canoe Wild** on **07947 835688** and **Thanet Diving & Watersports** on **07981 551922**. All equipment will be provided, or bring your own! Both also offer a kayak hire service and offer other guided canoe trails.

Download trail maps and canoeing information at [ramsgatetown.org/activeramsgate](http://ramsgatetown.org/activeramsgate)



## KITESURFING

Ramsgate is a kitesurfer's haven and fast becoming one of the UK's top kitesurfing destinations.

Champion kitesurfer Lewis Crathern broke the British record for the highest kite jump on Ramsgate Main Sands - a whopping 22.3 metres! And Ramsgate hosts the British Freestyle Kitesurfing championships, attracting the country's top kitesurfers.

So if you're a complete beginner, or a seasoned pro, Ramsgate offers an exhilarating kitesurfing experience.

No equipment? No worries! Local kitesurfing school **Kite Pirates** offers lessons for beginners on Ramsgate Main Sands and can provide. Coaching is also available for intermediate kitesurfers who want to improve on their jumps, transitions or upwind riding. Simply contact **Kite Pirates** on **07739 369531** or visit [www.kitepirateskiteschool.com](http://www.kitepirateskiteschool.com)

## SCUBA DIVING

You don't need to be in a tropical climate to scuba dive! The coast around Ramsgate has around 2,000 shipwrecks making it one of the most exciting places in the UK to scuba dive.

If you're an experienced diver, take the plunge and discover some long-forgotten treasure! You can get involved in some group dives with **Thanet Diving and Watersports** based out of the Arches in Ramsgate's Royal Harbour. If you are a beginner and want to learn how to dive you can take lessons with all equipment provided. Visit [www.kentscubadiving.co.uk](http://www.kentscubadiving.co.uk) or call **07981 551922**.





## BIRDWATCHING

The Ramsgate coast has some of the best wildlife habitats in the South East attracting thousands of migratory and wintering wetland birds. It's a birdwatcher's paradise at any time of the year!

Look out for nesting shags and overwintering kingfishers in **Ramsgate's Royal Harbour**. Or waders, wildfowl and seals at the internationally important **Sandwich & Pegwell Bay National Nature Reserve**. And a visit to **Monkton Nature Reserve** is a must for birds and bats.

Local birding experts Tony Swandale and Keith Ross offer **guided birdwatching tours** around the coast. So if you want to join them and other birders for a morning's birdwatching in Ramsgate look them up at **ramsgatetown.org/activeramsgate** for more details and how to book.



## PICKLEBALL & TENNIS

Ramsgate is home to one of only a few outdoor pickleball courts in the UK. Pickleball, you say? It's one of the hottest new racket sports – a blend of tennis, badminton and table tennis in one unique game. Just swing by the **Spencer Square Tennis and Pickleball Centre** to join in a taster session or to hire a court and rackets and try it out for yourself! There's always someone on hand to give you a few pointers.

If you prefer to stick to traditional tennis, there are tennis courts here too. Just turn up or visit **ramsgatetown.org/activeramsgate** or call **07834 316601** for more details and how to book.



## PLAY A HOLE IN TWO

Active Ramsgate is lucky enough to have two highly regarded golf courses where you can pick up your game - and some great discounts!



### ST. AUGUSTINE'S GOLF CLUB

[www.staugustinesgolfclub.co.uk](http://www.staugustinesgolfclub.co.uk)

Set in a stunning area of natural beauty, St. Augustine's has special offers throughout the year. Check out their website for details.

Tel: **01843 590333**

Email: [sagcsecretary@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sagcsecretary@hotmail.co.uk)

### STONELEES GOLF CENTRE

[www.stonelees.com](http://www.stonelees.com)

Choose from three very different courses, a host of extra facilities and enjoy a range of special offers and discounts by visiting their website.

Tel: **01843 823133**

Email: [stonelees@stonelees.com](mailto:stonelees@stonelees.com)

## GETTING HERE



We are situated on the southeastern tip of Kent. Excellent road and rail links from London means that getting here is quick and easy. Even the continent is just a hop across the Channel by Eurotunnel, Eurostar or ferry.

Just over one hour and 15 minutes from London by train.

Excellent direct motorway links from London via the M20 and M2.

Close to the Eurotunnel terminal and the ferry port from Europe at Dover.

