

Access Opportunities on the Defence Estate

Reinden Wood Kent



MINISTRY OF DEFENCE



A short circular walk through mixed deciduous and coniferous woodland

Distance: 2½ miles (4km)

Duration: 1½ hours

Grade: ▲

OS map sheet(s)

OS Landranger Sheet 189 (1:50,000)

OS Explorer Sheet 138 (1:25,000)

Starting Grid Reference: GR 213 409

Site description / history

Reinden Wood is in part of the East Kent Dry Training Area, which extends in small blocks in an arc between Hythe and Dover, extending a few miles inland. This area around Dover is steeped in military history going back for centuries. The East Kent Dry Training Area is rural in character and is used extensively by the military for tactical training exercises. Situated within the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Reinden Wood is an important habitat for woodland plants and butterflies.

Walk description

This walk was developed in conjunction with White Cliffs Countryside Project. Follow the Reinden Wood finger posts along the route. From the car park **A** (GR 213 409), follow the bridleway northwards to the edge of the wood **B** (GR 214 413). On meeting a gravelly/semi metalled track, turn left and continue to follow the edge of the woodland. After about 1km, **C** (GR 219 421) follow the path, right back into the wood, down a narrow track. At **D** (GR 222 420) take the left fork and follow the path southwestwards. When you reach the edge of the wood, follow the waymarkers, directing you back to the carpark **A** (GR 213 409).

Points of interest

- Information boards along the walk provide a description of points of interest in the woods, including:
- Nightingales nesting in the woodland.
- Remains of surface air raid shelters, part of a Second World War military village.

Restrictions / access times

Reinden Wood is part of the Dry Training Areas and access to the walk is available at all times. The path is a combination of public bridleway and permissive paths agreed with the MOD. It is possible that you will meet military personnel/vehicles engaging in military activities or the estate staff carrying out forestry activities. The land is used for tactical training, using blank ammunition and pyrotechnics, so be prepared for sudden noises.

Safety

- Remain on the marked path to avoid interfering with military exercises
- Take notice of any signs along the walk
- Don't touch any unfamiliar objects



How to get there

For information on local public transport, call Traveline on 0870 608 2608 (local call rate) or www.traveline.org.uk

Local facilities

There are car parking facilities at the start of the walk **A**, just off the A260 between Hawkinge and Densole.

Useful contact details

For further information call 01303 225834. The White Cliffs Countryside Project, in Dover on 01304 241806.

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ACCESS AT ALL TIMES

-  Roads
-  Bridleways

MOD LANDS

-  Training Area
-  Woodland Training Area
-  Training Area Boundary
-  Car Park

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