



Route information
 A linear walk of 3.7 miles (6km) one-way, or 7.4 miles (12km) returning to the start. The walk follows the Viking Coastal Trail, mostly along the concrete surfaced sea wall. The entire length of the route is flat, however a short alternative route can be taken to reach Reculver Towers and Fort with a steep 25% climb and descent.

The only benches along the route are near the start in Minnis Bay.

 hard surface - fine (stones less than 20mm)
 concrete/tarmac



RECVLVER

Reculver Lane
 To HERNE BAY

How to get to Reculver Country Park

Bus: 26 (Canterbury/Herne Bay):

Mon-Sat: 5 journeys

Road: From the A229 east of Herne Bay, follow signs to Reculver along Reculver Lane.

Road map: www.streetmap.co.uk - 622600,169300

How to get to Minnis Bay

Bus: 9 (Minnis Bay to Margate) Mon-Sat: every 30 mins (day); hourly (eves)

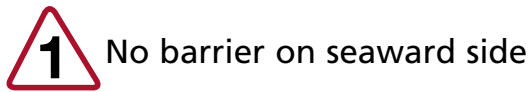
Road: From the A28 Canterbury turn left at the roundabout into Station Rd and follow signs through Birchington to Minnis Bay. Once at the sea front turn left along The Parade, continue to find car park and café at the end of the road.

Road map: www.streetmap.co.uk - 628300,169400

Route description from Minnis Bay

START Take the path from the corner of the car park heading towards Reculver. The path is marked by a blue sign indicating cycle route 15. Take this path and continue until you reach the 1st barrier.

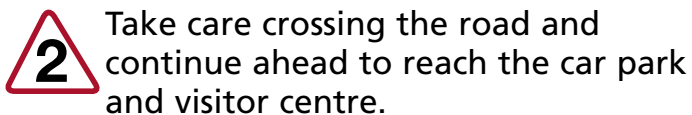
- A** Continue along the sea wall for 2.8 miles (4.5km), towards Reculver Towers.



- B** Pass through the barrier before point 2.

- C** (See enlarged diagram). Reaching the narrow path on the right, continue straight ahead (or see C1 'alternative route' below). The path widens and becomes a disused road.

- D** The road ends in a 5-bar metal gate with a passing place on the right hand side, next to the King Ethelbert Inn.



Retrace your steps back to Minnis Bay
FINISH

- C1** At this point you can follow the steep climb to Reculver Towers and then descend to reach the car park.

Points of interest

- 1** **Salt Walter Lagoon** Here a bend in the sea wall and a shingle ridge has created a sheltered area with a salt-water lagoon. Sea Purslane, Sea Beet and Saltmarsh Rush grow on the clay and shingle banks.

- 2** **Working oyster farm**

- 3** **Reculver Towers and Fort** Romans built a fort at Reculver two thousand years ago to guard the channel separating the Isle of Thanet from Kent. More than half of the fort has been washed into the sea but the southern and eastern walls remain. The twin towers of Reculver are the remains of a medieval church.

There is a Braille information board on the path up to Reculver Towers from the car park.

- i** **Reculver Visitor Centre** Lots of information about Reculver Country Park. For opening times call Kent Wildlife Trust on 01227 740676.

 Information	 Rest area	 Adapted toilets At Reculver and at cafe (Minnis Bay). Both RADAR key	 Hazard		
 Cafe	 Pub	 Visitor centre	 Width restriction	 View point	 Reculver Fort
 Uphill gradient	 Downhill gradient	 Car park 3 designated spaces. Tarmac	 Car park Open parking		

Additional information - This route is in an exposed location. Please dress appropriately in cold or wet weather. For more information about the walk please call the East Kent Public Rights of Way team on 01304 216307