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DUNGENESS TO LITTLESTONE

SHINGLE AND SAND

5.4 MILES (8.7KM)

ENGLAND
COAST PATH

NATIONAL TRAIL 



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Your walk begins at The Old Lighthouse, an historic Grade II listed building open to the public and offering panoramic views across the shingle, the surrounding countryside and the English Channel. It's a great place to visit before starting your walk.

OVERVIEW

LOCATION: Start at The Old Lighthouse, Dungeness, TN29 9NB

DISTANCE: 5.4 miles (8.7km)

TIME: Allow 1 hour 30 minutes

EXPLORER MAP: 125

ACCESSIBILITY: No gates, no steps

PARKING: Large car park adjacent to the path by The Old Lighthouse

REFRESHMENTS AND FACILITIES: RHDR the 'End of the Line Restaurant' and the Pilot Inn in Dungeness, tea shop and restaurants in Littlestone, and the Heywood Buffet at the RHDR New Romney Station.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: Bus service Wave 102 runs from Littlestone to Dungeness. Check kentconnected.org for timetables and services. This is a good option for the winter months.



The Old Lighthouse, Dungeness, has been welcoming visitors since 1960. It is open regularly in the warmer months, check their website for details: dungenesslighthouse.com/visiting

WALK DESCRIPTION

Leaving the **Old Lighthouse 2**, take the England Coast Path which is a tarmac shared access road that heads away from the nuclear power station. There are acorn signs on the road for you to follow. Heading through this unique landscape, you will see the scattered remains of fishing paraphernalia left abandoned on the shingle.

The expanse of shingle is home to many varieties of rare flora and fauna. You will shortly pass the current lighthouse, with its distinctive black and white bands. Continue following the Coast Path passing **Prospect Cottage 3**, a distinctive house with yellow window frames, once home to the celebrated British film maker Derek Jarman who made a famous garden here on the shingle shore near Dungeness Power Station.

Passing the lifeboat station, the path will follow adjacent to Dungeness Road as you walk towards Lydd-on-Sea. You will also pass the Pilot Inn, described by Derek Jarman as serving "simply the finest fish and chips in all England". The fine views out to sea are impressive whilst inland you will see the **Dungeness National Nature Reserve 4**,

Exploring Hythe and Romney Marsh? 1

Experience a world-famous trip on a RHDR steam locomotive. Walking with your dog? Dogs are welcome and travel for free. The catering facilities at Hythe and Dungeness are popular with walkers who are keen to walk along the Royal Military Canal and explore the National Nature Reserve. See rhdr.org.uk for more information. Please be aware that there is limited or no service in the winter months.



Prospect Cottage: former home of film-maker Derek Jarman.

home to bird species including bittern, little ringed plover and Slavonian grebe to name but a few.

At this point, you will be walking on a pavement. The atmospheric Romney Marsh landscape changes from shingle to sand as you reach Lydd-on-Sea, the wonderful sandy beach **5** stretching right ahead. The beach stretches into **Greatstone 6**, two miles of sandy beach is a welcome delight for any sunseeker, it would be easy to while away a good few hours here.

Picking up the Coast Path that runs adjacent to Coast Drive, continue following the beach-side path. As you head into Littlestone, the path will run adjacent to Grand Parade. At low tide, **Littlestone beach 7** offers a wide expanse of sand, an inviting sight for any sunbather.

Your walk ends opposite the Victorian drinking fountain along the Grand Parade. From here it is just a short walk up Littlestone Road to the **RHDR station 8** where you can catch the train from New Romney back to Dungeness.

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The Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch Railway.



A long abandoned fishing hut sits on the shingle at Dungeness.

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