

B5 Continue to Painter's Forstal. Among the first buildings on your right is the old school. Beside it is a lane worth investigating: here you'll discover Bayfield, an early 17th century building, and Painter's, another old manor house, which gave its name to the village ("forstal" means the place in



B4 On reaching the road turn right and almost immediately left, crossing the bridge over the M2 into Painter's Forstal Road. As you walk you'll see the Old House on your right - once the parish workhouse - opposite the oast houses. A little further on, on your left, you'll pass Lorenden Manor, now a preparatory school. Opposite is Pawley Farm, where traditional Kentish cider is made to an age-old family recipe from apples grown on the farm and matured in oak casks. If you're lucky, you may find a member of the family to talk you through the cider-making process. The farm also produces fresh apple juice.

B3 Take the footpath leading left, following the line of telegraph poles through the field. Go through the gate at the end of the field and follow the path ahead.

B2 Continue on to Ospringe Church. Follow the path through the churchyard to the right of the church to the gate in the corner and take the path directly ahead, towards the telegraph pole.



Where town and country meet

Home to the world's largest living library of fruit trees, Kent cider, and the national hop collection, this walk through Faversham offers seductive glimpses of England's rich and colourful farming past and insights into its growing future.

You'll pass stunning Victorian and Georgian buildings, a celebrated Royal 'stop-over', fine manor houses - one the dowry of English queens - and a hoppers' inn on your journey through town and country.

Your walk begins in the bustling brewery town of Faversham, where the King has always been Lord of the Manor and where the area's regal history is never far away. King James II was detained here when trying to flee the country in 1688, and today Faversham still uses Richard the 1st's crest as the town crest.

Surrounded by cafés and historic inns, you set out from Market Place, where street traders have been selling local produce for 900 years. Then, as you leave the town, you follow the lead of legionnaires as you cross the old Roman road into the Kent countryside beyond, where thatched cottages, oasts and orchards greet you.

Whether it's rural tranquillity or urban activity - there's much to discover in and around the medieval Market Town of Kings.



B1 Walk along Water Lane, passing thatched houses on your right and Queen Court on your left - part of the endowment of the medieval queens of England. Also look out for locals with a passion for home-grown food at work on their allotments.

Maison Dieu to Painter's Forstal

and Royal 'stop over' between Dover and London. Maison Dieu - a former hospital, pilgrims' hostel are two medieval buildings, the remains of the owned by Faversham's Shepherd Neame brewery. On either side as you enter Water Lane unique collection of historic hops, privately covered over in 1962. A short detour from here is a because the Westbrook ran here until it was



Planning your walk

Feel free to start your walk at any point; as this is a circular walk you'll always return to where you began. Many sections of the walk end at a pub, restaurant or tearoom to help fortify you or provide a welcome treat once you've finished the whole route.

There are several places to leave your vehicle if you are arriving by car, including the Queen's Hall long-stay car park in Faversham near the railway station and a small area at the Alma pub in Painter's Forstal. If not driving, you can take a train to Faversham.

There are public toilets in Faversham at the car park behind Market Place, and you can also use those at the various 'pub stops' en route.

The Countryside Code

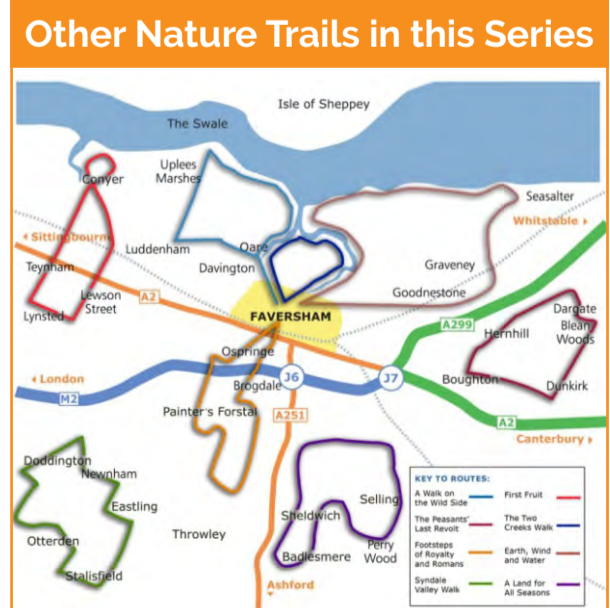
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If you follow the Countryside Code wherever you go, you will enjoy walking in Kent and help protect the countryside now and for future generations.

- Be safe, plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control and on a lead around livestock
- Consider other people
- Remember to always follow the Highway Code

For more information about how to safely enjoy the countryside, visit the following website or scan the QR code https://www.nationaltrail.co.uk/en_GB/countrysidecode/



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A1 Your walk starts in Market Place in Faversham, where the stilted Guildhall is the focal point. On Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays the market sells fresh fruit and vegetables, flowers and local produce. Turn into West Street, passing the butcher and the historic Sun Inn.

A2 Turn left into South Road. On your right you will pass the Almshouses, built in 1863 and one of the largest in the country. Continue along South Road as it becomes Ospringe Road.

A3 Turn right into Ospringe Street - part of the old A2 - passing the Ship Inn on your right and cross the road at the pedestrian crossing, turning right and then left into Water Lane; so called

Market Place to Maison Dieu



Footsteps of Royalty & Romans

Take a healthy bite of Kent's farming history as you follow famous footsteps through the heart of the garden of England



Where town and country meet

6 miles

INTERMEDIATE WALKERS

front of a farm). When you arrive at the village green, keep to the left and pass The Alma pub – once a hop pickers' local and now with an excellent choice of food and drink.

Painter's Forstal to Brogdale

C1 Continue past the Alma towards Champion Hall ahead of you. Take the footpath leading alongside the left of the hall and follow this downhill until you reach the road.

C2 Turn left and then take the footpath that leads to the right after the three white houses on your right. Climb the stile by a bridge over a stream bed and take the footpath leading diagonally right across the field towards the trees in the distance.

C3 Cross a second stile and then keep on this path, with the fence line on your right. You join a



larger track; turn right and follow it downhill. You will soon be walking along the left of an open field with the fence line on your left.

C4 Continue on until the path turns left into woods. Keep on this track.

C5 Take the footpath on your left, turning uphill to the field at the top. Turn right and follow the edge of the wood, with Square Wood ahead of you.

C6 At the corner of the field walk into the next one and continue ahead, with Square Wood on your left. At the end of the field take the path between tall hedges bordering orchards on both sides until you reach Plumford Road. Turn left and follow the road past Plumford Farm. Follow the road downhill until it starts to bend sharp left.

C7 Go through the gap in the verge in front of you and follow the path through the orchard, initially keeping the hedge to your right. Then

cross the second orchard towards a gap in the hedge on the far side.

C8 Take care crossing the narrow lane. Follow the enclosed path opposite to Brogdale Road.

C9 Turn right here, watching the road as you emerge. Walk along until you reach Brogdale Farm on your right – the unique Brogdale Collections comprise every living English fruit tree, with nearly 4,000 varieties. Its orchards also produce Kentish cobnuts, strawberries and quinces. Take time to visit the collections and the tearoom, which sells delicious home-made produce.



Brogdale to Market Place

D1 Walk along Brogdale Road and cross the bridge over the M2.

D2 After about 250 yards take the footpath leading directly across the field on your right (there's a bridleway to the left) to the hedge, then turn left behind it. Keep on this path, passing Perry Court on your left until you reach the A2. Perry Court farmhouse stands on the site of an ancient manor house recorded in the Domesday Book when it belonged to Odo, William the Conqueror's half brother.

Brogdale - home of the nation's fruit

Brogdale Farm offers walkers a great opportunity to experience the beautiful Kent countryside, sample healthy local produce and visit the unique tourist attraction that is the National Fruit Collections.

Taste seasonal fruits, ales from Mad Cat Brewery, browse the shops and crafts in the Market Place, enjoy the café's fine range of food and drink and join its year-round festivals and events.

Brogdale's plant centre, Grow, offers popular and heritage fruit tree and plant varieties as well as expert advice.

Brogdale Collections, set in over 150 acres of farmland, Brogdale Collections has over 4000 varieties of fruit trees, from apples, pears, quinces and plums to cherries and more. The Collections' orchards are a living history & heritage of fruit.

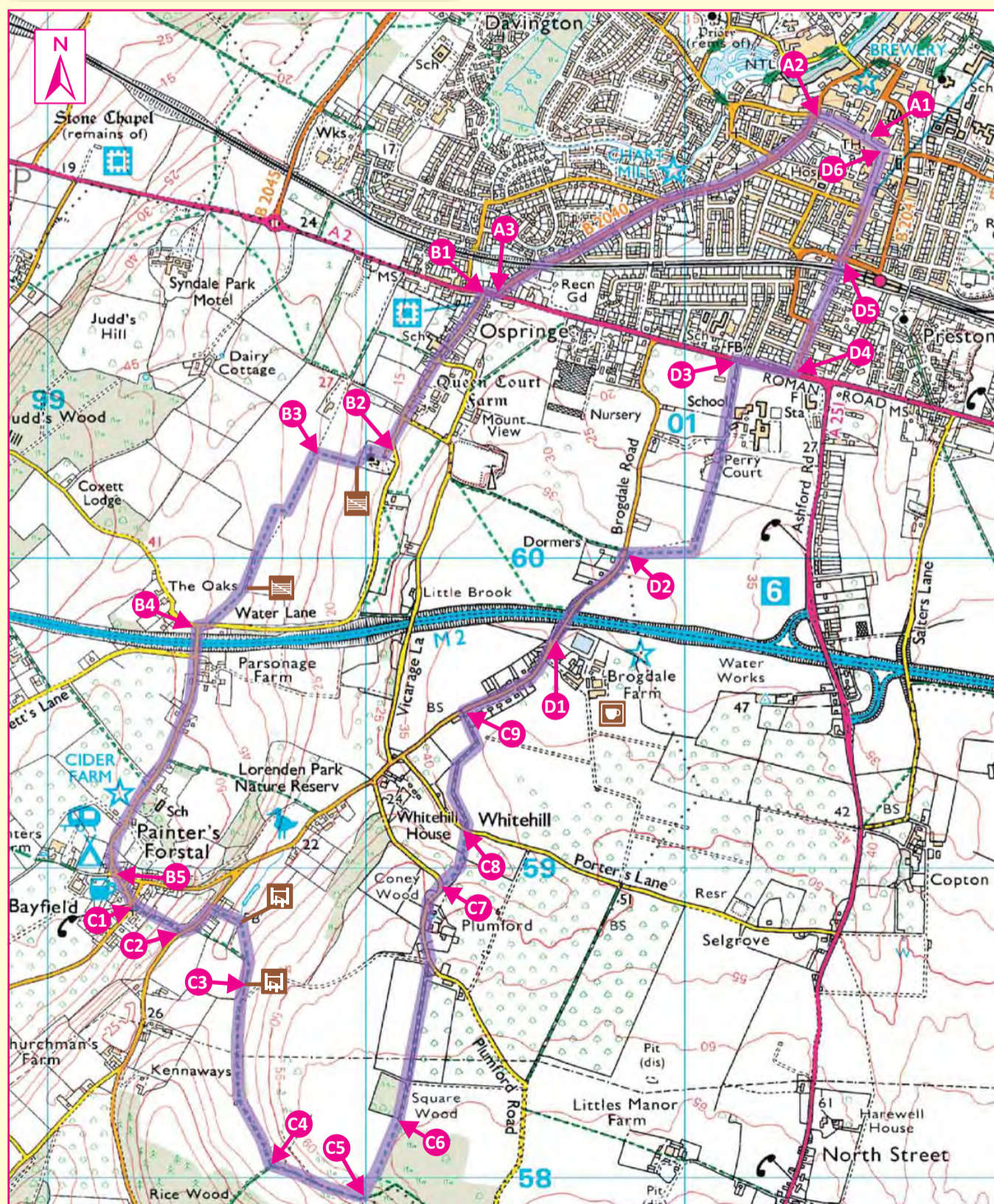


D3 Cross the A2 using the footbridge and turn right.

D4 Take the second turning left into The Mall. Continue on, passing the Elephant pub on your right - a great place to enjoy a glass of real ale.

D5 At the end of the road take the subway to Preston Street, with the Railway Hotel on your right. Continue down Preston Street, past the Fleur de Lis Heritage Centre run by the Faversham Society.

D6 At the end of Preston Street turn left to return to Market Place. While you are here use the opportunity to visit its pubs, cafés, restaurants and specialist food shops and try the local beer, produced just 200 yards away by Britain's oldest independent brewer Shepherd Neame.



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Walk Overview

Distance: 6.25 miles (10km) **Transport:** Main railway station at Faversham www.thetrainline.com

Fitness level: Suitable for all fitness **Pay phones:** Faversham town centre & Painter's Forstal

Toilets: Central car park **Parking:** The Alma, Painter's Forstal, Queen's Hall long term car park near Faversham railway station

Refreshments: Restaurants & pubs en route **Map:** OS Explorer 149