



## DID YOU KNOW?

Marconi conducted experiments in radio communication at South Foreland lighthouse.

St Margaret's Bay was a regular landing point for smugglers in East Kent.

St Margaret's smock windmill was constructed in 1928 to generate power.

Dover Patrol Memorial, an impressive needle memorial on The Leas, commemorates the heroism of the Royal Navy's Dover Patrol in two World Wars.

Both playwright Noel Coward and author Ian Fleming – creator of James Bond – made their home at St Margaret's Bay – it's the white washed house on the beach!

Pines Garden is a brooding bronze statue of Winston Churchill - a reminder of Britain's darkest days when Nazi invaders were just 20 miles (32km) away.

The path then leads through Lighthouse Down and past the whitewashed South Foreland Lighthouse. The striking Victorian lighthouse is now conserved by the National Trust.

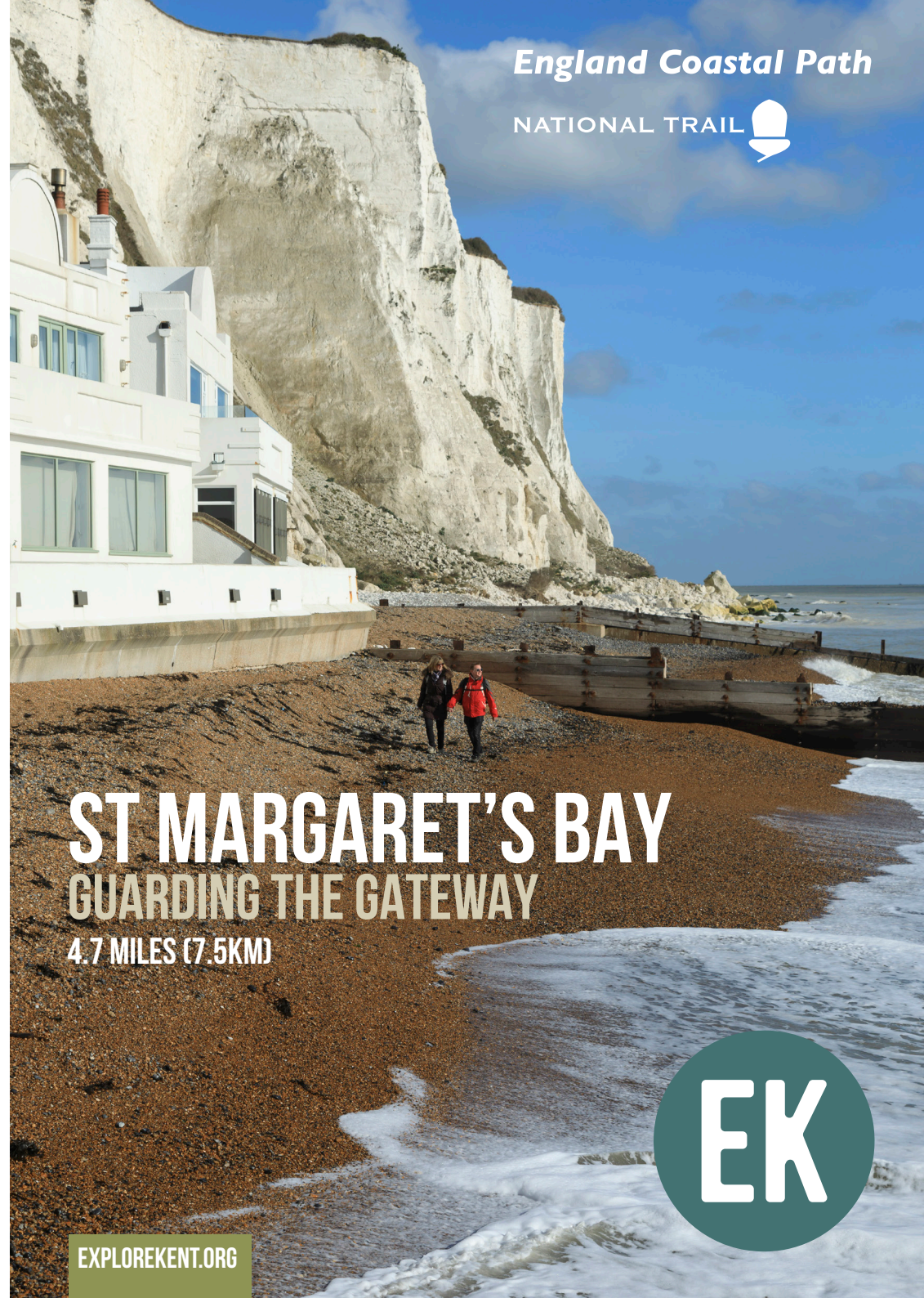
The concrete remnants of cross-Channel gun positions and observation posts are still clearly visible in the undergrowth.

Once past the lighthouse, follow the track along Lighthouse Road towards the village of St Margaret's at Cliffe. Cross the main road and continue along The Droveway to pick up the footpath heading across fields towards the Free Down.

At the bottom of the valley, the route passes through the middle of the former gun position of a high velocity howitzer "Bruce".

Continue along the cliff tops to Fan Bay Deep Shelter which is also conserved by the National Trust. This is a good place to look for the tracks and Burrows of foxes, badgers and rabbits.

At the end of the walk, the shingle beach of St Margaret's Bay is just a five-minute downhill stroll.



## ST MARGARET'S BAY GUARDING THE GATEWAY 4.7 MILES (7.5KM)

EK



If Kent can be characterised as England's frontline county, then nowhere does the "front" come closer to the surface than at St Margaret's Bay

**LOCATION:** St Margaret's Bay

**Distance:** 4.7 miles (7.5km)

**TIME:** Allow 2 hours 45 minutes

**EXPLORER MAP:** 138

**STILES:** 0

**PARKING:** Car park at St Margaret's Bay

**REFRESHMENTS AND FACILITIES:**

The Coastguard Pub and public toilets at St Margaret's beach; tearooms at the Pines Gardens.

**PUBLIC TRANSPORT:** For information about local bus and train services in Kent, check out [kentconnected.org](http://kentconnected.org)



*The Romans placed two lighthouses, known as pharos, to alert seafarers in the treacherous Dover Straits. One was built at nearby Dover Castle and a second on the Western Heights.*

## WALK DESCRIPTION

This circular walk meanders along quiet roads where the going is very easy but is dotted with reminders of Britain's more recent conflicts.

With panoramic views across the channel and out to France on a clear day, this walk takes in a dramatic section of the England Coastal Path. The views from the clifftops of the South Foreland, The Leas and above the bay are a reminder of the strategic and economic importance of this busy seaway.

From the car park, walk past the Coastguard pub and back up Bay Hill. Bear left to follow the Saxon Shore Way signs along Beach Road past the popular Pines Garden and St. Margaret's Museum. The centrepiece of the



## LOOK OUT FOR

- The Pines Garden
- Statue of Winston Churchill
- St Margaret's Museum
- South Foreland Lighthouse (National Trust)
- Ship Spotters
- Cross Channel gun positions from the second World War, called Winnie & Pooh
- Views of the White Cliffs and the French Coast

