



## Linking Coast to Downs Route 2

10.7miles 17.3km allow up to 4 hours.

This walk runs from the coast (England Coast Path) at Conyer, through the Faversham Fruit Belt to the Kent Downs AONB, ending at the North Downs Way above Lenham.



Artist's impression of Doddington Village (Sally Barton)



Doddington Living Churchyard

This walk includes a quiet, characterful part of the Swale coastline, crosses tranquil grazing marsh and the horticultural patterns of the Faversham Fruit Belt, before finding several grand parkland estates and the majestic chalk downland landscape of the Kent Downs AONB.



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### How to get there

**By Car:** From M2 take exit at Faversham onto A2. Turn toward the station at Teynham then follow the signs to Conyer Creek.

**Parking:** There is limited roadside parking in Conyer, but the route can be picked up at Teynham station.

**Train:** The nearest station is Teynham

National Rail Enquiries: 08457484950

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<b>F</b>	Finish	North Downs Way above Lenham
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	Stiles	4
	Gates	12
	Terrain	Moderate incline, some rough ground
	Warning	Take care
	Views	Some great views
	Refreshments	Shops, pubs cafes

## Route description



Artist's impression Conyer Creek (Sally Barton)

1. The route starts at Conyer. From the Ship Inn, walk south along Conyer Road past the houses until the road bears left directly opposite The Moorings. Just to you right on the other side of the road, there is a fingerpost between two footpaths. Take the right hand path heading into the tunnel of trees and scrub, through which you will emerge onto a long straight trackway fringed by lines of poplar trees, hedgerows and views across the adjacent grazing marsh.



Grazing marsh between Conyer and Teynham

2. Continue south along the track, passing through three gates, until you reach the railway line. Taking care, cross over the railway to Lower Road. Again, taking care crossover the road into Orchard Close and continue along the footway until you reach the end of the close, where the route continues along an unsurfaced trackway to Frognaal Gardens. Crossover the road and through the car park emerging alongside the A2 through Teynham.

3. From here you have two choices, either turn left and continue until you reach the pedestrian crossing (and walk back along the southern side the A2) or turn right and follow the A2 west for several hundred yards until you reach a small builders yard. Taking great care (as it can be a very busy road), cross over the A2 here and follow the unmade track (signed as a footpath) directly opposite.



Track through orchards, South of Teynham

4. At the end of the track, the route follows a straight line across open arable farmland and then through an area of commercial orchards, before eventually passing a small woodland to your left just before you reach the junction with Claxfield Road.

5. Turn left onto the road and follow for a short distance until its junction with Lynsted Lane/The Street. Turn right along The Street into Lynsted Village, taking great care as this section of the route includes some road walking. Passing the pub, church and pretty heritage buildings, carry on down the hill and then back out of the village. Once again the route includes some road walking, so please take great care, especially as there is a short stretch where the 30 mph limit ends, before you then turn left onto a small country lane, next to a traditional cherry orchard maintained by the local community and an ideal spot for a rest amongst the trees.



Park Farm Community Cherry Orchard, Lynsted

6. From here, you can either choose to continue along the promoted route as shown on the map or follow the public footpath through the orchard until it meets the promoted route again just north of Lynsted Park. Staying on the promoted route, continue along the quiet country lane.

7. Just beyond the bend in the road, turn right into Mill Lane and continue until you see a fingerpost on your right. Take the path and continue along path along the field edge until you reach the private road leading to Lynsted Park.



Lynsted Park

8. Cross immediately over the road and follow the path across the field alongside the edge of the park, through a kissing gate (adjacent to an orchard) and left into a small area of woodland. Follow the waymarker posts through the woodland before emerging out into an open grassed area, where you can see the main house on your left.

9. Follow the path straight across the grounds into an area of mature trees, where the path eventually leads to a gate. Turn left here along the field edge until you reach Tickham Lane.

10. Turn right here and carefully follow the road until you reach a turning on you left, which leads over the M2.

11. Follow the road over the motorway and stay on it as it bears left into Sharsted Plantation, a large area of planted woodland. As you enter the woodland stay on track as it bears right and continue along what is now a straight route for several hundred yards.



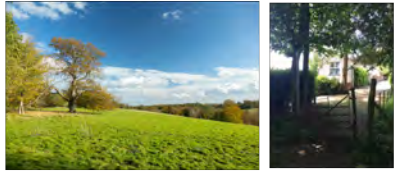
Turn sharp right through gate (text below)

12. At the junction with another public footpath, the route turns sharp right and once again follows a straight track through the trees, this time until you reach an open area of grassland at Doddington Park.



13. Bear left across the driveway to the house and head towards the church. Continue through the churchyard, filled with wildflowers and turn left by the church into the adjacent access road.

14. Turn right here and continue along the road until you reach its junction with Church Hill.



Here, you can also choose to follow the circular Syndale Valley Walk, also promoted on Explore Kent. [www.explorekent.org/activities/syndale-valley-walk-newnham/](http://www.explorekent.org/activities/syndale-valley-walk-newnham/) Continuing the Linking Coast to Downs Route 2, carefully turn left onto the road and head downhill into Doddington village.

15. Turn right and follow the street past The Chequers pub and the turning for Hopes Hill, until you reach the turning on your left for Old Lenham Road. Follow the lane until you reach the footpath on your left adjacent to the allotments. The path here follows a steep slope out across the fields until reaching Jackson's Wood, an area of coppice with some large standard oak trees.



Path into Jacksons Wood

16. Follow the path back out of and alongside the wood to the road. Follow the road to the next bend, taking the footpath that heads straight on.

17. Upon reaching Lady Margaret Manor Road, turn right and follow the road until you reach Kings Acre woodland. Turn left onto the byway follow it downhill until you reach a narrow lane (Old Lenham Road). Turn left here and then directly left again onto a bridleway, back through the woodland.



Turning off Old Lenham Road, back into woodland

18. The track now remains straight for some time and soon you will emerge into a tranquil valley (please keep any dogs on a lead around the sheep that may be grazing here), surrounded by woodland and birdsong, where you may also be lucky enough to see Early purple orchids in spring. Crossing the stiles, you will eventually reach the head of the valley - walk alongside the woodland's edge across the field to Lone Barn Road, where there is a step and handrail.



Tranquil valley, beyond Old Lenham Road

19. Turn left onto Lone Barn Road and follow the road until the road turn sharply left just before Payden Street Farm.

20. To your right here, you will see a footpath (look for the gap in the hedge) heading out across open fields. Follow the path south until you reach a trackway heading east-west. Continue across the trackway towards the nearby woodland where the route crosses a small ditch and bears right, before reaching a gate at the top of the scarp slope above Lenham. Take a moment to enjoy the expansive views.

21. Go down the hill bearing right toward the trees, keeping any dogs on the lead as sheep graze here. At the end of this path, is the North Downs Way national trail.



From here, you could choose to turn right and then take the path down to Lenham village, where there are plentiful pubs and places to eat, along with a train station. Or if you're feeling more adventurous turn left and continue along the North Downs Way to Charing, where you can also find somewhere to eat and a train station.

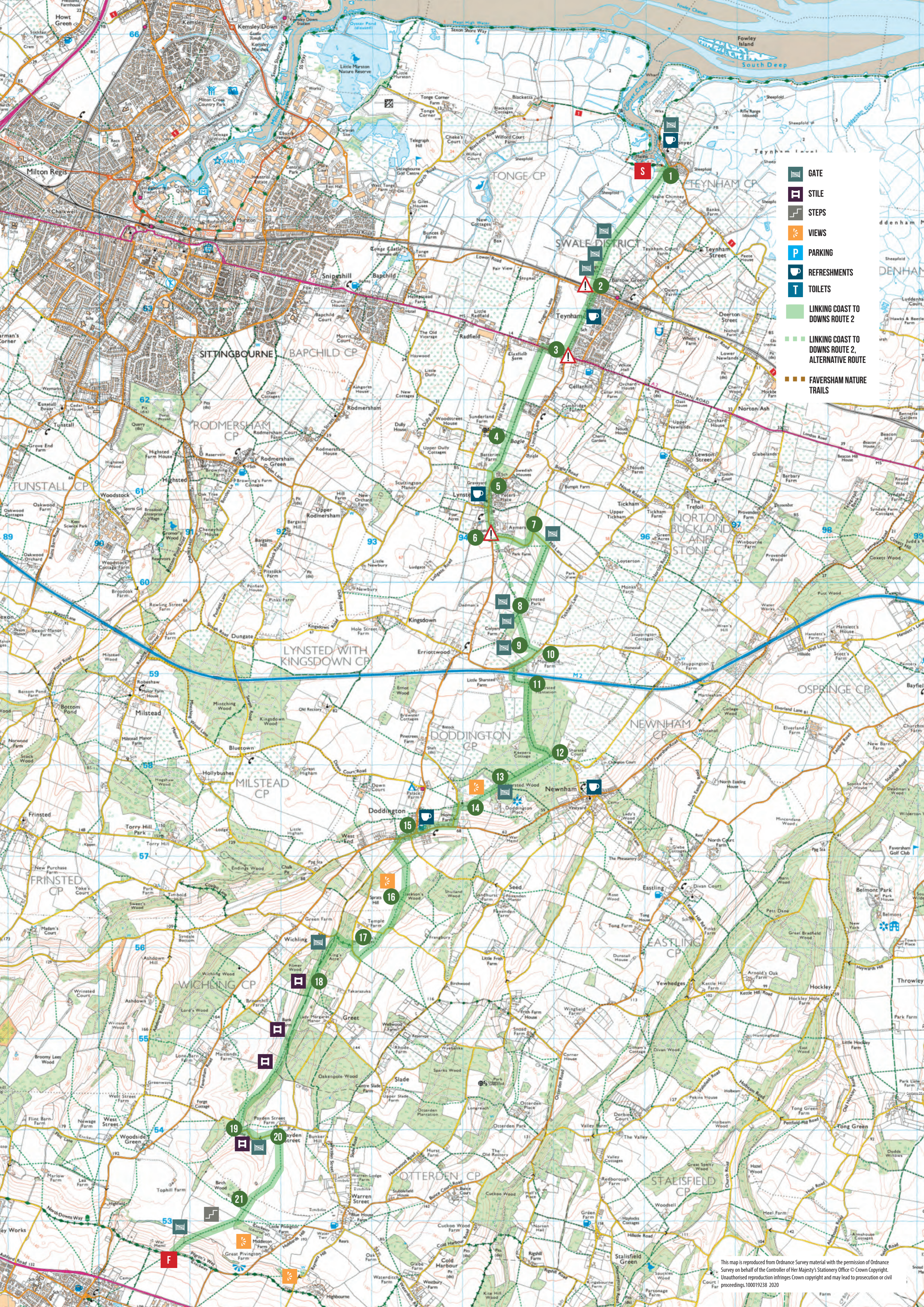
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- The Countryside Code
- RESPECT- PROTECT- ENJOY
- Be safe, plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people
- Remember to always follow the Highway Code Further information: [www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk](http://www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk)



Artist's impression of The Kent Downs AONB (Sally Barton)





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