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# A PRIME LOCATION

Your guide to the Medway and beyond

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# WELCOME TO VICTORY PIER

Situated on a broad stretch of the River Medway, Victory Pier offers luxurious waterside living with great rail and road links to the stylish shops, bars and restaurants of Central London, Canterbury, Maidstone & West Malling.

Victory Pier is the ideal location to relax & unwind with some of the most beautiful Kent countryside & seaside locations within close proximity. If you prefer an active day out there is a huge range of outdoor activities to choose from including horse riding, sailing, kayaking, kite surfing, rock climbing and golf.

Within this guide we uncover some of the best places to eat, drink, shop, live and explore all within 30 minutes of Victory Pier, along with places of interest in London, Canterbury, Whitstable and Tunbridge Wells which are all accessible within an hour.

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# FOOD & DRINK



# FOOD

## 1. Zippers (Modern European)

Unit 8 Jetty 5, Chatham Quays,  
Chatham, Kent ME4 4ZJ  
01634 893 726  
**10 minute walk**

A contemporary family restaurant situated on Chatham's historic former naval dockyard, Zippers has a laid back atmosphere. Its glass frontage and outdoor terrace offers great views of the Marina whatever the weather.

[www.zippers-chatham.co.uk](http://www.zippers-chatham.co.uk)

## 2. Topes Restaurant (Modern European)

60 High Street, Rochester  
ME1 1JY  
01634 845 270  
**8 minute drive**

A modern European restaurant offering locally sourced, fresh, seasonal produce. The restaurant is set in a 15th, 16th and 17th Century building and many of the original features remain.

[www.topesrestaurant.com](http://www.topesrestaurant.com)

## 3. Pizza Express (Italian)

21 – 23 High Street,  
Rochester,  
Kent ME1 1LN  
01634 812 171  
**8 minute drive**

Bright and buzzy, serving good quality, affordable Italian food.

[www.pizzaexpress.com](http://www.pizzaexpress.com)

## 4. Hengist (French)

7 – 9 High Street, Aylesford  
Near Maidstone ME20 7AX  
01622 719 273  
**15 minute drive**

A modern eclectic restaurant, décor is modern and cool and the al fresco terrace is the only place to be when summer comes. The menu is modern French and the wine list inspired.

[www.hengistrestaurant.co.uk](http://www.hengistrestaurant.co.uk)

## 5. Bartellas (Mediterranean)

Hook Green, Meopham  
DA13 0JE  
01474 812 154  
**17 minute drive**

A restaurant and cocktail lounge serving Mediterranean inspired food, Bartella's offers comfortable and attractive surroundings.

[www.bartellas.com](http://www.bartellas.com)

## 6. The Farm House (British)

97 – 99 High Street  
West Malling ME19 6NA  
01732 843 257  
**24 minute drive**

Built when QE1 was on the throne, the Farm House has an updated, trendy bar area, a pair of dining rooms, a sunny decked terrace and charming walled garden. The owners are committed to sourcing fresh, local ingredients of the highest quality.

[www.elitepubs.com/  
the\\_farmhouse](http://www.elitepubs.com/the_farmhouse)

## 7. The Black Horse Inn (British)

Pilgrims Way, Thurnham  
Maidstone, Kent  
ME14 3LD  
01622 737 185  
**26 minute drive**

Tucked beneath the steep face of the North Downs on the Pilgrims Way this homely and welcoming Inn adorned with hops and beams serves local & homegrown produce to give you an exciting range of mouth-watering English and Continental dishes.

[www.wellieboot.net/  
home\\_blackhorse](http://www.wellieboot.net/home_blackhorse)

## 8. The Swan (British)

35 Swan Street, West Malling  
ME19 6JU  
01732 521 910  
**27 minute drive**

This super slick restaurant on Swan Street is set inside a refurbished 15th century coaching inn, its chic interior and the kitchen's critically acclaimed modern British menu have already earned two AA rosettes and a Michelin listing.

[www.theswanwestmalling.co.uk](http://www.theswanwestmalling.co.uk)



## 9. Dining In

Hempstead Valley Shopping  
Centre, Gillingham, Kent  
ME7 3PD  
01634 387 076  
**11 minute drive**

Hempstead Valley Shopping Centre is home to a wide range of over 50 popular retailers. For lovers of quality food, it houses the largest M&S in Medway and the largest Sainsbury's in Kent.

[www.hempsteadvalley.co.uk](http://www.hempsteadvalley.co.uk)



# DRINK



## 10. Ship and Trades

Maritime Way,  
Chatham Maritime ME4 3ER  
01634 895 200  
**10 minute walk**

Comfortable furnishings and soft lighting create a relaxed atmosphere in which guests can enjoy bar meals and a selection of ales, lagers and new world wines. Outside there is waterfront seating overlooking the boats in the marina and across the River Medway to Upnor Castle.

## 11. Tudor Rose Pub

29/31 High Street, Upnor,  
Kent ME2 4XG  
01634 715 305  
**6 minute drive**

Situated next to Upnor Castle, overlooking the River Medway and St Mary's Island, the Tudor Rose celebrates all things nautical. The menu features home made dishes using locally sourced ingredients with traditional home cooked roast dinners on a Sunday.

## 12. The Coopers Arms

10 St Margarets Street,  
Rochester, Kent ME1 1TL  
0871 223 8000  
**8 minute drive**

A small pub located off Rochester high street with friendly staff and clientele, they only serve bar snacks so fill up before you arrive.

## 13. MUMU Lounge Bar

108 – 110 Week Street,  
Maidstone, Kent ME14 1RH  
01622 669 800  
**23 minute drive**

A funky lounge bar set in a Grade II listed building MuMu's has a restaurant, 2 bars and a nightclub.

[www.mumuloungebar.com](http://www.mumuloungebar.com)

## 14. Costa Coffee

255 High Street, Chatham,  
Kent ME4 4BQ  
01634 812 315  
**10 minute walk**

[www.costacoffee.co.uk](http://www.costacoffee.co.uk)

## 15. The Rochester Coffee Company

146 High Street, Rochester,  
Kent ME1 1ER  
01634 540 032  
**7 minute drive**

[www.rochestercoffeeco.co.uk](http://www.rochestercoffeeco.co.uk)

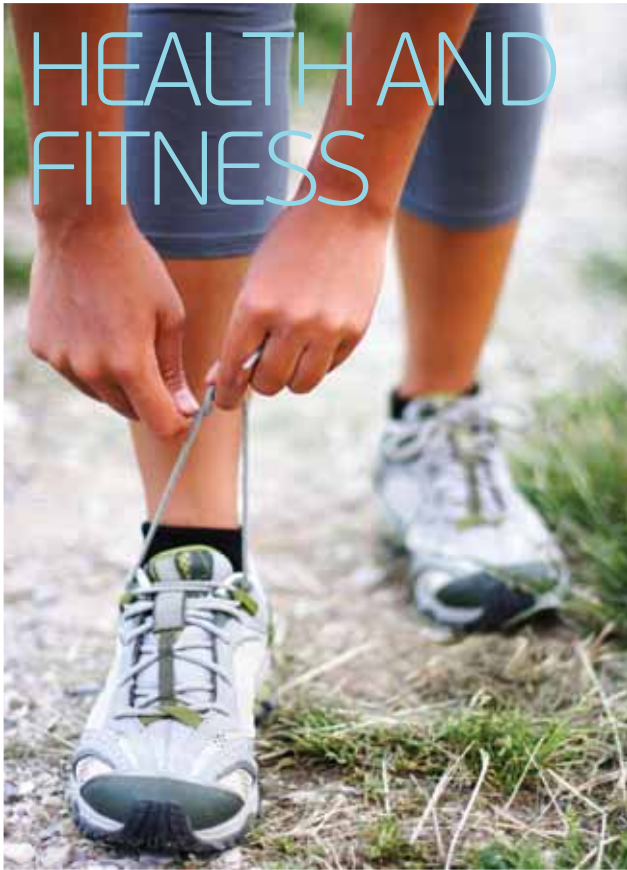
In addition Victory Pier will benefit from a selection of onsite bars, restaurants and cafés



# GET ACTIVE



# HEALTH AND FITNESS



### 3. Virgin Active - Medway Valley Leisure Park

Chariot Way, Rochester,  
Kent ME2 2SS  
01634 292 900  
**10 minute drive**

[www.virginactive.co.uk](http://www.virginactive.co.uk)

### 4. David Lloyd Maidstone

Lockmeadow Leisure Complex,  
Barker Road, Maidstone,  
Kent ME16 8LW  
01622 607 600  
**23 minute drive**

[www.davidlloyd.co.uk/  
maidstone](http://www.davidlloyd.co.uk/maidstone)

In addition Victory Pier will benefit from onsite Health and Fitness facilities



### 1. Waterfront Leisure

Health and Leisure Centre,  
173 Pier Road, Gillingham,  
Kent ME7 1UB  
01634 280 033  
**1 minute walk**

[www.waterfrontleisure.co.uk](http://www.waterfrontleisure.co.uk)

### 2. Roko Health Clubs

Off Will Adams Way,  
Watling Street, Gillingham,  
Kent ME8 6BY  
01634 233 348  
**5 minute drive**

[www.roko.co.uk](http://www.roko.co.uk)



# OUTDOOR SPORTS

## 5. The Ice Bowl

Ambley Road,  
Gillingham Business Park,  
Gillingham, Kent ME8 0PU  
01634 388 477  
**5 minute drive**

The South East's premier ice rink, boasting a full size ice pad with seating for over 1000 people.

[www.theicebowl.co.uk](http://www.theicebowl.co.uk)

## 6. Chatham Ski and Snowboard Centre

Alpine Park, Capstone Road  
Kent, Gillingham ME7 3JH  
01634 827 979  
**7 minute drive**

[www.jnlchatham.co.uk](http://www.jnlchatham.co.uk)

## 7. Upnor Sailing Club

1 - 3 Pier Place, Lower Upnor  
Rochester, Kent ME2 4UY  
01634 718 043  
**8 minute drive**

Situated on the south bank of the River Medway, Upnor Sailing Club offers a friendly, self-help atmosphere to all members. Membership applications are open to all and sailors from all sections including dinghy, sailing cruiser and motor are welcome.

[www.upnorsailingclub.co.uk](http://www.upnorsailingclub.co.uk)

## 8. Deangate Ridge Golf Club

Dux Court Road, Hoo,  
Rochester, Kent ME3 8RZ  
**10 minute drive**

Situated on the Hoo peninsula, with breathtaking views of the Medway estuary, Deangate Ridge is an 18-hole, par 71 course measuring 6,300 yards. Set among rolling parkland and trees, its excellently kept fairways and greens offer a real challenge to golfers of all standards, from the complete novice to the professional. The 11-bay driving range is a popular after-work destination for golfers who want to blow off steam and hit a few balls.

[www.deangateridge.co.uk](http://www.deangateridge.co.uk)



## 9. Callum Park Horse riding

Basser Hill, Lower Halstow,  
Sittingbourne, Kent ME9 7TY  
01795 844 258  
**15 minute drive**

Situated on the beautiful Kent coastline, the centre boasts an impressive range of services for riders as young as 3 years of age. Whether you have years of experience or are a complete beginner, you will find one of the best and safest riding environments in the UK today just waiting for you to enjoy.

[www.callumpark.com](http://www.callumpark.com)

## 10. UK Kitesurfing

50 Park Avenue, Maidstone  
Kent ME14 5HL  
07748 773 360  
**25 minute drive**

UK kitesurfing operates a kite school located in Kent with easy access to several beaches such as Camber Sands, Greatstone and Minster. Kitesurfing is an extreme sport which many people all over the world enjoy. Providing you have the essential skill and knowledge, kiting is possible in various conditions from flat water, light wind to strong winds and big waves.

[www.ukkitesurfing.com](http://www.ukkitesurfing.com)



## 11. Action Watersports

Lake 1, Dengemarsh Road  
Lydd, Kent TN29 9JH  
01797 321 885  
**1 hour 15 minute drive**

Located on the purpose built, freshwater lake in Lydd, Action Watersports is the South East's premier watersports venue offering waterskiing, waterboarding, barefoot and jetskiing.

[www.actionwatersports.co.uk](http://www.actionwatersports.co.uk)

# CLUBS



## Kent and Sussex Climbing

Kent and Sussex climbing are quality providers of expert rock climbing tuition operating in various locations throughout Kent and Sussex including Harrison's Rocks, Bowles Rocks, High Rocks, Toad Rocks, Happy Valley and Stone Farm.

[www.kscclimbing.co.uk](http://www.kscclimbing.co.uk)

## The City Lawn Tennis Club

The City lawn tennis club has 3 grass courts that are enjoyed by players of all ages & abilities.

[www.cityltc.co.uk](http://www.cityltc.co.uk)

## Medway Badminton Association

Medway Badminton has a broad range of clubs that run a number of activities at the hall. From the league playing clubs and their club nights, to coaching and pay & play sessions, there's something for everyone no matter standard or age.

[www.mbadminton.co.uk](http://www.mbadminton.co.uk)

## Gillingham Walkers

Gillingham Walkers run Monday afternoon walks every week, normally starting from the Barn Surgery at 2.30pm. On the first Saturday of each month there is also a walk of about 4 miles. Starting points vary around Gillingham but are always advertised in the Blackmore Vales Village Magazine.

[www.thethreeriversgillingham.org](http://www.thethreeriversgillingham.org)



## Kent Ramblers

Kent Ramblers have 13 groups spread across Kent, two of which are for members in their 20's and 30's (The West Kent Walking Group and the East Kent Walking Group). The groups offer a full programme of guided walks so there are plenty of long and short walks to choose from.

[www.kentramblers.org.uk](http://www.kentramblers.org.uk)

## Gillingham Wheelers

Established in 1993, the club now has around 60 members of all ages and abilities, riding in most disciplines from the purist tester, to the dedicated mountain biker. There are time trials every Wednesday evening during the summer months and regular club runs on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

[www.gww.org.uk](http://www.gww.org.uk)

## Popular Cycle Routes include:

National Routes 1 & 7  
Regional Route 18  
Heron Trail





# RETAIL THERAPY

## Bluewater

### 25 minute drive

One of the most innovative and exciting shopping and leisure destinations to emerge in the South East, Bluewater boasts over 330 stores, 40 cafés, bars and restaurants along with a 13 screen cinema. Bluewater is home to department stores such as House of Fraser, John Lewis and Marks and Spencer along with some of the biggest names in fashion, Allsaints, Hugo Boss, Armani and Zara.

[www.bluewater.co.uk](http://www.bluewater.co.uk)

## Canterbury

### 39 minutes by train 40 minute drive

Despite the fact that Canterbury is a relatively small city, there is a good selection of big name department stores, high street chains and plenty of other shopping options to be found around the centre. In recent years, Canterbury has invested millions of pounds to

improve its shopping facilities and this is clearly apparent, with the recently opened Whitefriars shopping precinct being a testament to its expenditure. Many of the high street names are here as well as a delightful range of independent retailers. The King's Mile has an atmosphere all of its own while the city's St Dunstan's, West Gate Towers and Northgate areas have a range of specialist and individual outlets.

[www.whitefriars-canterbury.co.uk](http://www.whitefriars-canterbury.co.uk)

## Canary Wharf

### 45 minutes by train

Canary Wharf is best known as being the financial centre of London, however it is also buzzing with excellent hotels, luxury shopping and trendy restaurants. With over 200 shops, boutiques, bars and restaurants Canary Wharf is just a short train journey away and the perfect place to head for a fashion or food fix.

[www.mycanarywharf.com](http://www.mycanarywharf.com)



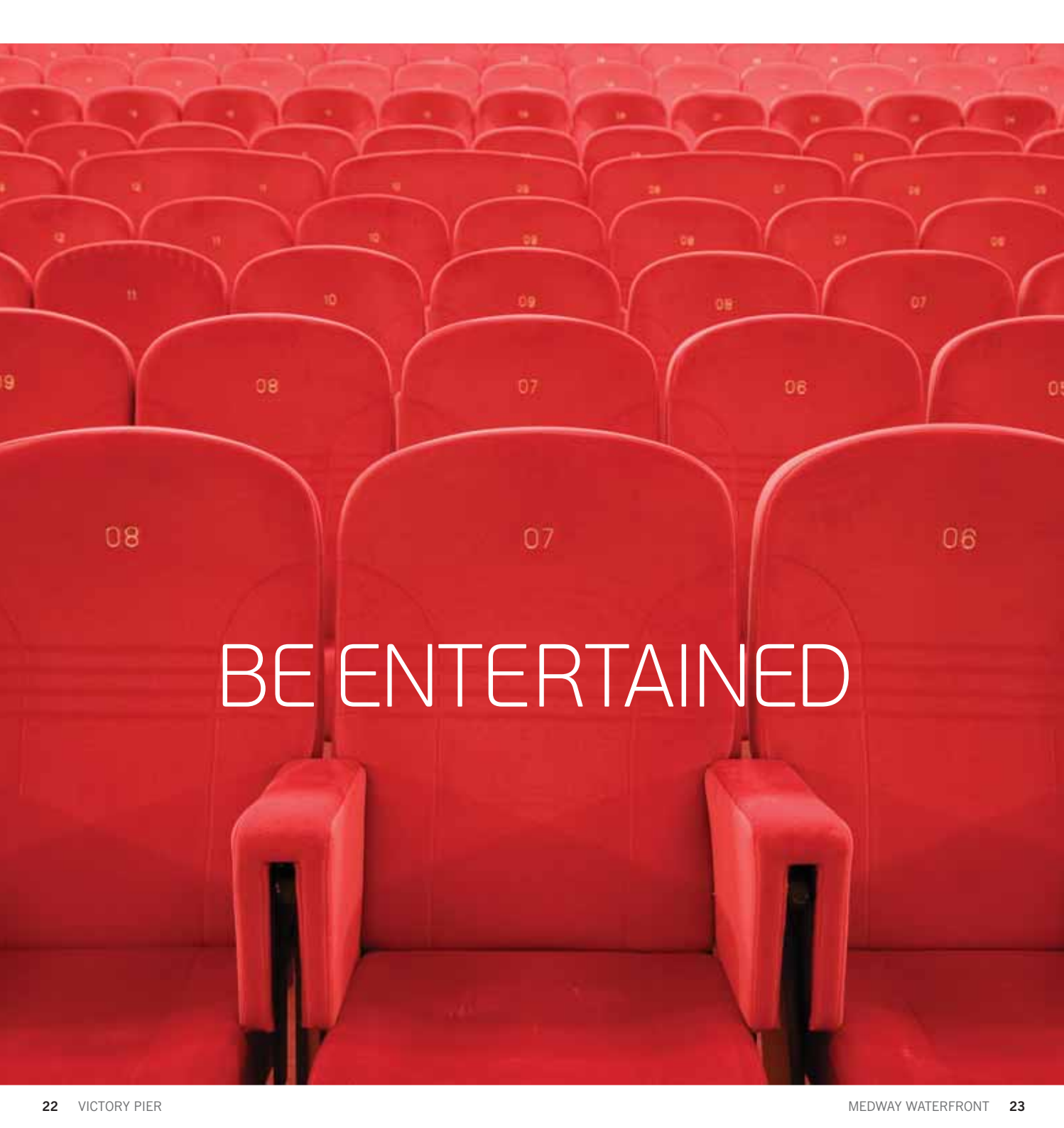
## The West End

### 1 hour 10 minutes by train and tube

In just over an hour you can be in London's main shopping district. Oxford Street alone has more than 300 shops, designer outlets and landmark stores. Home to the legendary Selfridges, it also boasts a range of famous department stores such as John Lewis and House of Fraser, scattered among every well known high street chain imaginable.

Whether you have money to burn and want to splash out on the very best in designer clothes, or just love the window shopping, Bond Street and Mayfair are the ideal places to go for some extravagant retail therapy. Popular with celebrities on a spree, this is possibly London's most exclusive shopping area, home to big names including Burberry, Louis Vuitton and Tiffany and Co.





BE ENTERTAINED



## 1. The Odeon

Leviathan Way, Chatham  
Maritime, Chatham,  
Kent ME4 4LL  
0871 224 4007  
**4 minute drive**

[www.odeon.co.uk](http://www.odeon.co.uk)

## 2. The Historic Dockyard

The Old Surgery,  
The Historic Dockyard,  
Chatham, Kent ME4 4TZ  
01634 823 800  
**5 minute drive**

The historic Dockyard in Chatham is a stunning 80 acre site with historic buildings, museum, historic warships and a vibrant programme of events and activities.

[www.thedockyard.co.uk](http://www.thedockyard.co.uk)

## 3. Central Theatre

170 High Street, Chatham,  
Kent ME4 4AS  
**5 minute drive**

The Central Theatre is a beautiful 960-seat venue in Chatham High Street. Children's shows and summer films, top names in music and comedy, the best tribute shows and North Kent's premier pantomime are all on offer here.

[www.medway.gov.uk](http://www.medway.gov.uk)



## 4. Rochester Cathedral

Garth House, The Precinct,  
Rochester, Kent ME1 1SX  
01634 843 366  
**8 minute drive**

[www.rochester-cathedral.org.uk](http://www.rochester-cathedral.org.uk)

## 5. Restoration House

17 – 19 Crow Lane,  
Rochester, Kent ME1 1RF  
01634 848 520  
**8 minute drive**

Restoration House as we see it today is the amalgamation of two medieval buildings which were combined in the late 16th or early 17th century to create a mansion house just outside the south east corner of the city wall. Restoration House is a unique survival of a city mansion.

[www.restorationhouse.co.uk](http://www.restorationhouse.co.uk)

## 6. Rochester Castle

Rochester, Kent ME1 1SW  
0870 333 1181  
**9 minute drive**

Strategically placed astride the London Road, guarding an important crossing of the River Medway, this imposing fortress has a complex history of destruction and rebuilding. Consisting of three floors above a basement, it still stands 113 feet high.

[www.english-heritage.org.uk](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk)

## 7. Brogdale Farm

Brogdale Road, Faversham,  
Kent ME13 8XZ  
01795 536 250  
**28 minute drive**

Brogdale Farm is home to the National Fruit Collections, the largest collection of fruit trees and plants in the world. There are over 2,200 different varieties of apple, 550 of pear, 350 of plum, 320 of cherry and smaller collections of bush, nuts and Grapes are grown here in 150 acres of beautiful orchards.

[www.brogdalecollections.co.uk](http://www.brogdalecollections.co.uk)

## 8. Leeds Castle

Maidstone, Kent ME17 1PL  
01622 765 400  
**30 minute drive**

Open all year round, a blend of heritage and history, glorious gardens and attractions, licensed restaurant and fun-packed programme of events allows you to create your own special memories, whatever you choose to do.

[www.leeds-castle.com](http://www.leeds-castle.com)





# THE GREAT OUTDOORS

# OPEN SPACES



## 1. Riverside Country Park

333 Lower Rainham Road,  
Gillingham, Kent ME7 2XH  
01634 387 900  
**6 minute drive**

Riverside Country Park is one of Medway's beautiful country parks and an ideal location for a walk, run or cycle. The park covers 100 hectares alongside the Medway Estuary, including Motney Hill and Berengrave Local Nature Reserve.

## 2. Capstone Country Park

Capstone Road, Gillingham,  
Kent ME7 3JG  
01634 338 191  
**8 minute drive**

Tucked away in the folds of the North Downs is one of the Medway Towns' quietest retreats. Capstone Country Park was fashioned from 114 hectares of former Kentish farmland and today is home to a large lake with many native and visiting wildfowl, plus numerous species of plants.



## 3. Shorne Woods Country Park

Brewers Road, Shorne,  
Gravesend DA12 3HX  
01474 823 800  
**13 minute drive**

Shorne Woods Country Park is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) within the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The park is renowned for its wildflowers and wildlife and there are 288 acres of woodlands to explore.

[www.kent.gov.uk/  
kentcountryparks](http://www.kent.gov.uk/kentcountryparks)

## 5. Mount Ephraim Gardens

Hernhill, Near Faversham,  
Kent ME13 9TX  
01227 751 496  
**30 minute drive**

10 acres of Edwardian gardens at Mount Ephraim are set against a breathtaking backdrop of sloping orchards and pasture to magnificent views of the Swale and Thames Estuaries. Explore the Japanese style rock garden, water garden and arboretum, as well as rose bed terraces leading to a small lake.

[www.mountephraingardens.co.uk](http://www.mountephraingardens.co.uk)

## 4. Cliffe Pools

Bromhey Farm, Eastborough,  
Rochester ME3 8DS  
**14 minute drive**

Cliffe Pools is a great place to go for fantastic views over the North Kent Marshes, walks in a beautiful setting or to enjoy the birdlife.

Cliffe Pools are a mix of saline lagoons, freshwater pools, grassland, saltmarsh and shrub.

[www.rspb.org.uk](http://www.rspb.org.uk)



# POPULAR WALKS



## Saxon Shore Way

This 160 mile (257km) route from the bustling port of Gravesend, in North Kent, to the popular seaside town of Hastings in East Sussex, offers some of the finest coastal walking in England. The route features a range of landscapes and scenery, as well as a wealth of cultural and historic interest. There is something for everyone along the Saxon Shore Way.

## Pilgrims Way

This walk is from historic Rochester Cathedral to the magnificent walled city and Cathedral of Canterbury. A large part of this walk takes the route used by pilgrims in the Middle Ages. The tour follows Kent's rural highways and by-ways, enabling the walker to discover the hidden secrets of this ancient county. The journey along the North Downs takes you through some of the oldest and finest villages in Kent.

## North Downs Way

The North Downs Way National Trail offers walkers 153 miles of spectacular scenery, picturesque villages and glorious rolling countryside. The route is a long distance footpath through Surrey to the Kent Coast at Dover including a loop via Canterbury at the Eastern end.

## The Weald Way

An attractive and surprisingly quiet walk originally devised by local Ramblers, from the mouth of the Thames to the south coast via the Kent and Sussex Weald and Ashdown Forest. The southern section of the route parallels the Vanguard Way.



A nighttime photograph of the London Eye on the left, illuminated with white lights. The River Thames flows through the center, with light trails from boats in the foreground. The background shows the London skyline, including the illuminated Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament. The sky is a deep blue.

# WITHIN REACH



5 trains an hour serving 5 central London stations means travelling to the City could not be easier giving residents a great opportunity to enjoy everything our Capital City has to offer in under an hour.

London assumes the mantle of one of the World's greatest cities with ease and has often been called a world in one City. Now host to the 2012 Olympics, London is one of the fashion capitals of the world and offers a diverse range of restaurants, bars and entertainment.



## Olympic Village

### 36 minutes by train

London will be home to the 2012 Olympic Games welcoming millions of people to London for an unforgettable experience. With direct access to the games via Stratford International Rail Station in just over 30 minutes you can be part of the history.

## St Pancras International.

### 40 minutes by train

St Pancras is home to the Eurostar and one of the largest transport hubs in Europe offering up to 16 daily departures to Paris with a journey time of 2 hours 15 minutes and up to 13 departures to Brussels taking 2 hours. Trains also run from here to Luton and Gatwick Airports along with Brighton and the City of London connecting its travellers with Europe and the rest of the world. Not just a railway station, St Pancras is a truly grand retail and hospitality destination with over 82,000 sqft of retail space including shops such as Thomas Pink, LK Bennett, Neals Yard and Marks and Spencer. Bars and Restaurants include Carluccios, a traditional gastro pub and a Champagne Bar.

## The O2

### 49 minutes by train and tube

The O2 is a state of the art concert arena, hosting performances from some of the most sought after acts on stage including Rihanna, Justin Timberlake, The Rolling Stones, Take That and Elton John. It also features a music club, cinema, piazzas, bars and restaurants and is accessible by rail and tube in just under an hour.

## London's West End

### 1 hour by train and tube

London's West End is most famous for its theatres, entertainment and shopping and is home to some of the best shows in the world including Chicago, We Will Rock You and Billy Elliott. Bond Street, Oxford Street and Regent Street are home to some of the biggest names in fashion whilst the bars and restaurants of Covent Garden and Soho offer something for everyone.





### 39 minute drive or train journey

Dominated by its stunning cathedral, Canterbury is a place steeped in tradition and history. But the Cathedral is only part of what this beautiful city has to offer, with its luxury hotels, fine restaurants, stylish bars and welcoming pubs, Canterbury has emerged as one of the hot spots for nights out. For those with an eye for fashion and shopping, Canterbury's array of shops including high street names and independent retailers offer something for everyone. Canterbury possesses a quality that is both timeless and inspiring and offers a great day or night out for anyone wishing to explore what it has to offer.

#### Michael Caines Restaurant and Champagne Bar at Abode (Modern European)

The Abode Hotel, High Street, Canterbury CT1 2RX  
01227 766 266  
**40 minute drive**

With a temperature controlled wine room, a spectacular seven course tasting menu and the chef's table set inside the kitchen, Abode offers a thrilling dining experience.

[www.michaelcaines.com/restaurants/canterbury](http://www.michaelcaines.com/restaurants/canterbury)

#### Royal Inn (Chinese)

1 - 2 Longport, Canterbury CT1 1PE  
01227 453 063  
**40 minute drive**

This super-chic Chinese in Canterbury has a cosmopolitan, energetic vibe and is popular with a trendy Kentish crowd.

#### Carluccio's

Fenwicks, St George's Street, Canterbury, Kent CT1 2TB  
01227 769 420  
**40 minute drive**

[www.carluccios.com](http://www.carluccios.com)

#### Canterbury Cathedral

Cathedral House,  
11 The Precincts,  
Canterbury CT1 2EH  
01227 762 862  
**40 minute drive**

Of all the magnificent sights to explore in this majestic and fascinating city, the Cathedral is simply unequalled for atmosphere, resonance and importance. The physical, spiritual and administrative heart of the Church of England, this towering building has been at the centre of British history for nearly a thousand years and remains one of the true wonders of the architectural world.

[www.canterbury-cathedral.org](http://www.canterbury-cathedral.org)

#### Wildwood Woodland and Wild Animal Park

Wildwood Trust, Herne Common, Herne Bay, Kent CT6 7LQ  
**48 minute drive**

Over 50 species of native wildlife including wolf, beaver, red squirrel, lynx and wild boar set in 40 acres of beautiful ancient forest.



#### Canterbury Historic River Tours

The Ducking Stool, Kings Bridge, High Street, By the Old Weavers Restaurant, Canterbury CT1 2AT  
07790 534 744  
**40 minute drive**

Flowing through the heart of historic Canterbury, The River Stour is a great way to escape the hustle and bustle of one of the country's busiest city centres, allowing you to discover parts of the city that are only accessible by the tour. Each boat is chauffeured by a knowledgeable guide, who presents the historical facts of the passing buildings and monuments in a light-hearted and entertaining manner.

[www.canterburyrivertours.co.uk](http://www.canterburyrivertours.co.uk)



### 34 minutes by train or 41 minute drive

Famous for its oysters and oyster festival, this charming seaside town is situated on the North Kent Coast, close to the City of Canterbury just 34 minutes from Victory Pier. The harbour is a very popular attraction, especially during the summer months when people flock to enjoy some of the finest fresh seafood around and explore the narrow streets and lanes awash with boutiques and art galleries. Due to its seafront location, Whitstable offers an impressive selection of water based activities including sailing, windsurfing and kite surfing. On land there are some beautiful coastal walks taking in stunning cliff tops and miles of pebble beaches lined with traditional painted beach huts.

### Wheelers Oyster Bar

8 High Street, Whitstable,  
Kent CT5 1BQ  
01227 273 311  
**38 minute drive**

Whitstable's oldest oyster bar offers an old fashioned, friendly service.

[www.whitstable-shellfish.co.uk](http://www.whitstable-shellfish.co.uk)

### Whitstable Museum and Gallery

Oxford Street, Whitstable,  
Kent CT5 1DB  
01227 276 998  
**41 minute drive**

Unique seafaring history explored, including oyster fishing, diving and shipbuilding, alongside local stories of the world's first passenger railway, cartoon characters Pip, Squeak and Wilfred, and resident Peter Cushing.

[www.canterbury-museums.co.uk](http://www.canterbury-museums.co.uk)

### Whitstable Yacht Club

3-4 Sea Wall, Whitstable,  
Kent CT5 1BX  
01227 272 942  
**45 minute drive**

Whitstable Yacht Club is one of the oldest and largest sailing clubs in England. WYC offers sailing in sheltered waters at all times of the tide for catamarans, dinghies and windsurfers with yachts in nearby creeks which dry out.

[www.wyc.org.uk](http://www.wyc.org.uk)

### Boardworx Windsurfing and Kite surfing

Beach Walk, Whitstable,  
Kent CT5 2BP  
01227 276 566

Established in 1982 this family owned Watersports shop is situated 100m from the sea and offers windsurfing and kite surfing lessons seven days a week.

[www.board-worx.com](http://www.board-worx.com)

### Walking and Cycling

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# TUNBRIDGE WELLS

Located just 40 minutes from Victory Pier, the spa town of Royal Tunbridge Wells has a unique and colourful history and provides the backdrop for a varied and satisfying visit, with scores of places to go and things to do that will suit all tastes.

From the bustling town, with many buildings dating back to its glorious past as a playground of royalty in the 18th and 19th centuries, to the peaceful countryside of Kent that surrounds it, stately homes, formal gardens and castles, as well as local craft and history, this is the perfect choice for a day out.

## 40 minute drive



### Thackeray's (French)

85 London Road,  
Tunbridge Wells TN1 1EA  
01892 511 921  
**44 minute drive**

Thackeray's restaurant in Tunbridge Wells is, without a doubt, one of Britain's most charming restaurants. Technically proficient and gloriously intelligent, the Thackeray's menu is a modern French masterpiece which simply could not be reproduced at home. This is special occasion dining at its best.

[www.thackerays-restaurant.co.uk](http://www.thackerays-restaurant.co.uk)

### Hotel du Vin and Bistro (European)

Crescent Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN1 2LY  
01892 526 455  
**46 minute drive**

Set in a glorious 1762 sandstone mansion with a garden terrace offering unsurpassed views of Calverley Park, Hotel du Vin is perfect for warm summer evenings. The contemporary menu uses the very finest ingredients to produce attractive dishes accompanied by a selection of excellent wines.

[www.hotelduvin.com/hotels/tunbridge-wells/tunbridge-wells.aspx](http://www.hotelduvin.com/hotels/tunbridge-wells/tunbridge-wells.aspx)

## PARIS, BRUSSELS & LILLE



### Paris

**2 hours 30 minutes via Ebbsfleet International**

The cosmopolitan capital of France, Paris probably has more familiar landmarks than any other city in the world, but if you look hard enough, there is still so much to see and do. Accessible in just 2 and a half hours, you'll soon discover that Paris is enchanting almost everywhere, at any time.



### Brussels

**2 hours 5 minutes**

The capital of Belgium, full of contrasts, contradictions and intrigue, Brussels is a city of fine food, café culture and Art Nouveau architecture. Constant among all of this is the quality of everyday life - the shopping and restaurants are great, the chocolate shops sublime and the pub scene extraordinary, a great escape just 2 hours away via Ebbsfleet.

### Lille

**1 hour 30 minutes**

Lille may be France's most underrated major city. In recent decades this once-grimy industrial metropolis, its economy based on declining technologies, has transformed itself with generous government help into a glittering and self-confident cultural and commercial hub. Highlights for the visitor include an attractive old town with a strong Flemish accent, three renowned art museums, stylish shopping, some fine dining options and a cutting-edge nightlife scene.



# LOCATION MAP

## EATING AND DRINKING

1. Zippers (Modern European)
2. Topes Restaurant (Modern European)
3. Pizza Express (Italian)
4. Hengist (French)
5. Bartellas (Mediterranean)
6. The Farm House (British)
7. The Black Horse Inn (British)
8. The Swan (British)
9. Dining In
10. Ship and Trades
11. Tudor Rose Pub
12. The Coopers Arms
13. MUMU Lounge Bar
14. Costa Coffee
15. The Rochester Coffee Company

## GET ACTIVE

1. Waterfront Leisure
2. Roko Health Clubs
3. Virgin Active - Medway Valley Leisure Park
4. David Lloyd Maidstone
5. The Ice Bowl
6. Chatham Ski and Snowboard Centre
7. Upnor Sailing Club
8. Deangate Ridge Golf Club
9. Callum Park Horse riding
10. UK Kitesurfing
11. Action Watersports

## BE ENTERTAINED

1. The Odeon
2. The Historic Dockyard
3. Central Theatre
4. Rochester Cathedral
5. Restoration House
6. Rochester Castle
7. Brogdale Farm
8. Leeds Castle

## THE GREAT OUTDOORS

1. Riverside Country Park
2. Capstone Country Park
3. Shorne Woods Country Park
4. Cliffe Pools
5. Mount Ephraim Gardens





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