

Walk Number RMC 1

Royal Military Canal - Hythe

The Royal Military Canal was built between 1804 and 1809 in response to the anticipated invasion of Britain by Napoleon Bonaparte. The canal covers a total of 28 miles split into two sections. The first section starts at Hythe in Kent and continues to Iden Lock in East Sussex. The second section part runs from the foot of Winchelsea Hill to Cliff End. Both sections are linked by the River Rother and Brede.

Explorer Map 138

Distance – 1.5 miles

Times to complete – Aprox 1¼

Dog Friendly Walk

Parking – plenty of parking on road

This walk starts at the Dukes Head public house in Dymchurch Road. From the Dukes Head cross the road to start your walk along the canal. Keep the canal to your right. As you walk along take time to read the information boards giving details of the history of the Royal Military Canal. Continue until you reach the bridge where the road crosses the Canal.

Cross the road and enter the path between the canal and the Romney Hythe and Dymchurch Railway.

Continue along footpath for about 25 minutes until you come to a bridge.

Cross the bridge. As you arrive on the other side you will see an example of an acoustic dish. These were used prior to the invention of RADAR to detect the sound of incoming aircraft.

Continue along path stopping to check out the wild life.

This path will return you back to the Dukes Head.