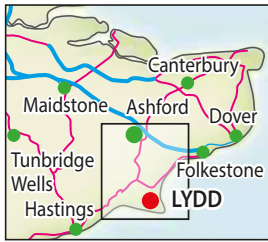
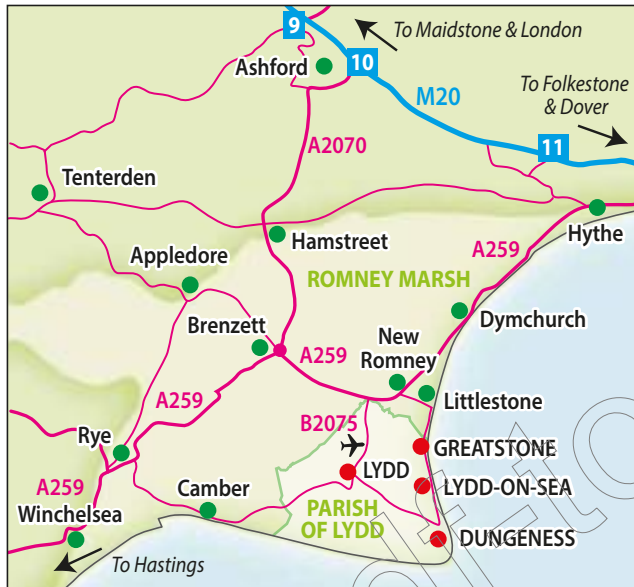


How to get here

Lydd, on Romney Marsh in Kent, is 20 miles south of the M20 Junction 10 at Ashford. It lies on the B2075, south of the A259, the coast road that runs from Dover to Hastings. The Channel Tunnel and Ashford International train station are just a 25 minute drive away.



South East England



The nearest mainline train stations from Lydd are Appledore, 9 miles away, and Hamstreet, 10 miles away, on the Hastings, Rye and Ashford line. The No. 11 bus travels from Ashford International station, via Appledore and Hamstreet stations, to Lydd, Dungeness, Lydd-on-Sea, Greatstone and then New Romney.

Other bus routes are the 100/101 bus which travels from Dover to Hastings, via Lydd and Lydd Airport on the main road, the B2075. The 102 bus travels from Dover to Lydd, via the beach road, through Greatstone, Lydd-on-Sea and Dungeness.

The Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch steam railway line runs from Hythe to Dungeness, via Dymchurch, New Romney and Greatstone, from April to the end of October and selected other times during the winter season.

By bicycle or foot, you can travel from Rye and almost to Folkestone using only quiet lanes, cycle paths and/or the seawall. Bicycle hire is available in nearby New Romney.

The Fifth Continent

The World, according to the best geographers, is divided into Europe, Asia, Africa, America, and Romney Marsh.

From The Ingoldsby Legends by Rev. Richard Harris Barham

Lydd, Dungeness, Lydd-on-Sea & Greatstone Romney Marsh, Kent - The Fifth Continent



Natural and unspoilt, a special and unique place to visit, with something for everyone...

- Miles of glorious, uncrowded and unspoilt sandy beaches – perfect for families and land yachting.
- Lying on a main bird migratory route and with rare flora and fauna over the whole area, it is a must for birdwatchers and naturalists.
- Historical sites to see for those interested in history.
- Shingle gardens to inspire all gardeners.
- Quiet lanes on a level terrain for walkers and cyclists.
- Golf, go-karting and speedway; multiple water activities and family fun water rides on a lake; kite flying and kite surfing; and safe sea swimming for all those who like some action.
- Superb coarse, beach and boat fishing for anglers.
- Wonderful photographic opportunities with wildlife, dramatic skies, fishing boats and lots more.
- Many indoor places to visit in Lydd and Dungeness.
- For an aerial view, climb the Old Lighthouse, take a flight over Romney Marsh or fly with a Spitfire.

...a place especially for those who love the outdoors



For further information on the area, please visit
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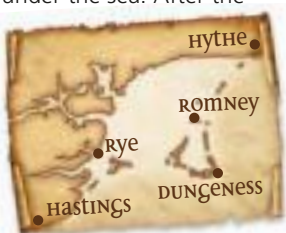
Wish you were here!



Romney Marsh

Lydd, Dungeness, Lydd-on-Sea & Greatstone are in the Parish of Lydd, South Kent, lying on a peninsula that juts out far into the English Channel. On a clear day, you can even see France!

This sparsely populated area has only been created within the last 10,000 years. Before that, it lay under the sea. After the last Ice Age, a shingle spit started to form just east of Hastings. This slowly built up until a chain of shingle reached Hythe. A lagoon and salt marsh developed behind it and the creation of Romney Marsh had begun.



Nowadays, old quarried shingle pits are lakes, teeming with birds, fish and other wildlife. Some lakes are also used for a variety of water sports. In spring and summer, the shingle is a mass of wild flowers that attract even more wildlife, many rare and some even unique to the area.

On the seaward side of the shingle bank, are miles of glorious, unspoilt and safe, sandy beaches. Wonderful for family days on the beach and also ideal for sports such as land yachting and kite surfing.



On the landward side of the shingle bank is farmland. Criss-crossed with quiet lanes, it is perfect for gentle strolls, rambling and cycling.

The Parish of Lydd is a very special and unique environment. It is a place that you must visit to appreciate its own individual beauty. Huge dramatic skies, caused partly by being so far from the "mainland" and out in the Channel's weather systems, are often spectacular to behold.

The Parish of Lydd

As the shingle bank grew and marshland formed behind, the River Rother meandered across this new land. By late Saxon times, the river flowed out to sea at Romney, where a vast, natural harbour had formed. On the western edge of the harbour, lay a shingle island or spit known as Hylda, later called Lydd.

After The Norman Conquest in 1066, Romney became one of the busiest ports in England. The impressive church in Lydd is known as the Cathedral of The Marsh. It was built mostly during medieval times and is a testament to how important Lydd had also become at this time. The oldest part dates from the 5th century. During the 1100s, Lydd became a corporate member of The Cinque Ports and is a "limb" of Romney.



After The Great Storm in 1287, the mouth of the Rother was blocked with sand and shingle and the river found a new course out to sea at Rye. The men of Lydd were able to continue fishing from Dengemarsh and the growing shingle Ness.

The prosperity of Lydd slowly declined over the next few centuries. The storms of the late 1200s and the Black Death in the 1300s, led to the depopulation of the area. The sea had reclaimed much of the marsh and, with fewer people to work the land, the church landowners encouraged sheep farming as it was much less labour intensive than arable farming.

During the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries, many people were involved with smuggling. The isolated coastline was perfect for smuggling contraband in from and out to nearby France. Coastguard forts were built and dragoons were brought in to try and control the situation, but they were not particularly successful and smuggling continued on relentlessly. Lydd had its fair share of smugglers who knew the lie of the coast and the land and were happy to share in the profits of the trade.

Lydd was granted a Borough Charter in 1885, though this status was lost in 1974 when the parish became part of Shepway. Lydd is still a member of The Confederation of The Cinque Ports and retains its town mayor and town council.



The Invasion Coast

Being so close to France, the flat coastline of Romney Marsh has always been a target for invading forces. Romans, Anglo-Saxons, Vikings and Normans had already successfully invaded Britain and, in 1803, it was Napoleon who attempted to do so.

During the Napoleonic Wars, Martello towers, redoubts and batteries were built all along Romney Marsh's coastline as defences and the old forts were adapted. There is little left to see in The Parish of Lydd but Lade Fort can still be explored.



In 1883, the borough council sold a vast area of grazing land to the War Department. The land to the south of Lydd is still used for tactical and weapon training. Lyddite, named after Lydd, was a high explosive widely used during the Boer War and World War I and was first tested here.

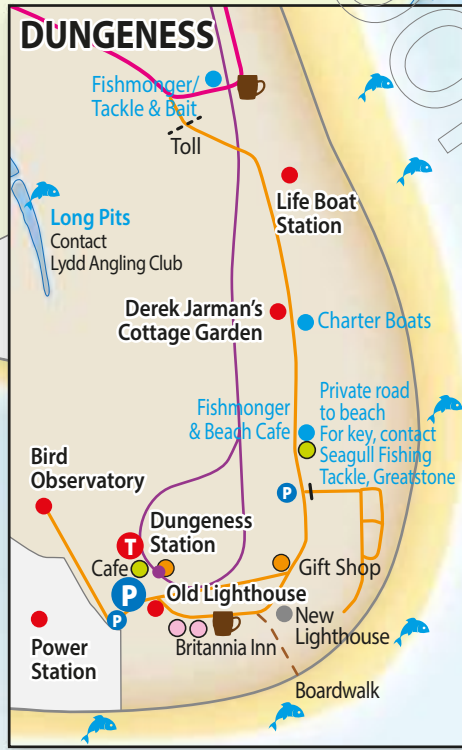
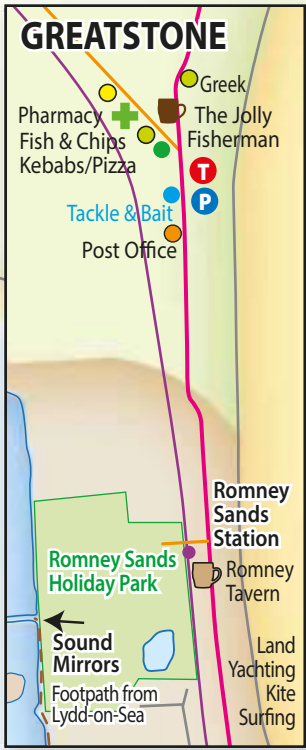
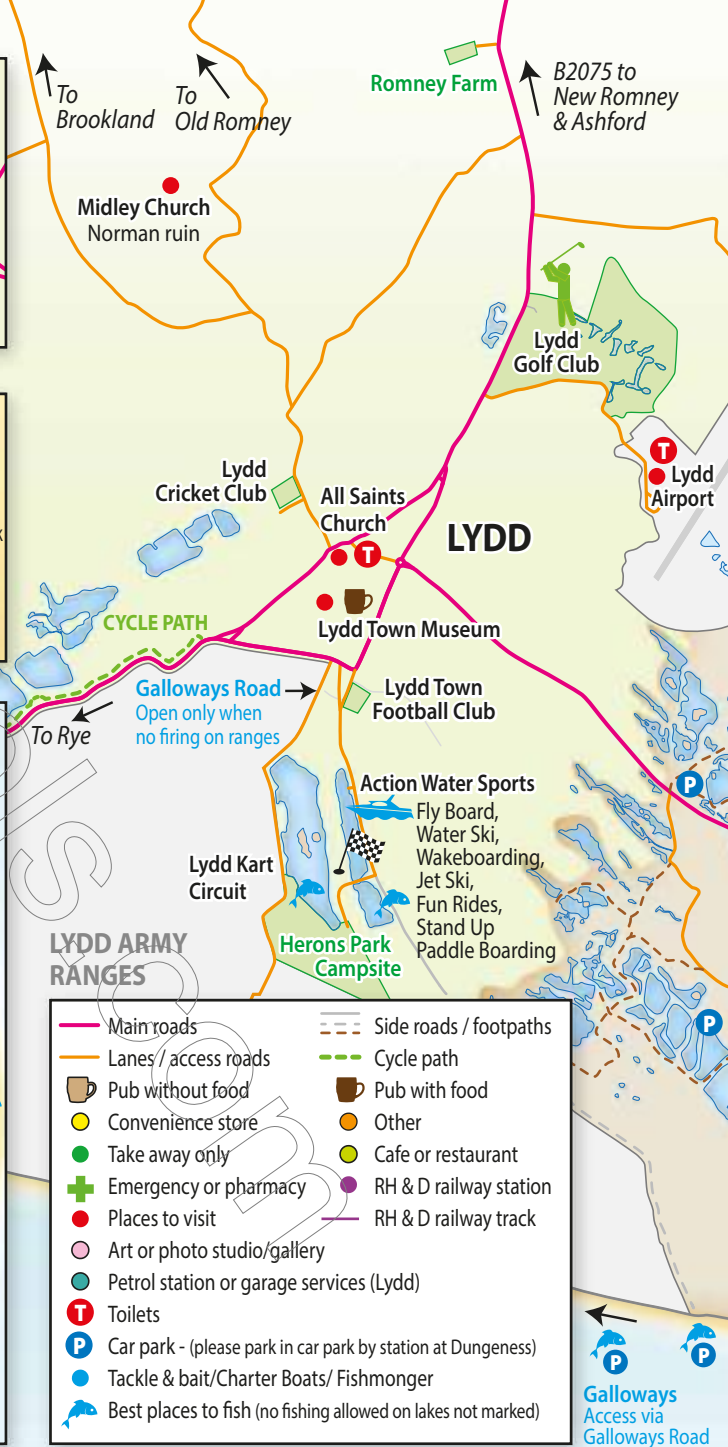
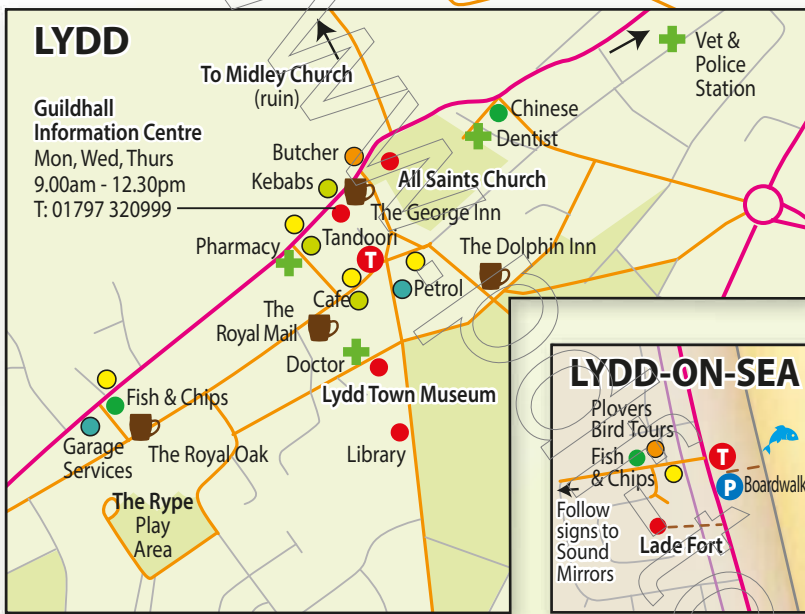


In the 1920s, sound mirrors were erected in Greatstone as part of Britain's national defence strategy. Their design picked up the sound of approaching enemy aircraft but quickly became obsolete due to the invention of radar in 1935 but they can still be viewed today, now surrounded by a lake.

In 1927, the Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway opened. The world famous, one-third full size, steam railway line, runs from Hythe to Dungeness. Romney Sands and Dungeness stations are in the Parish of Lydd. During World War II, a miniature armoured train ran on the line to patrol the coast in case of invasion.

The Old Lighthouse at Dungeness amazingly survived two World Wars intact and lies next to Dungeness railway station. Climb up it for fantastic, panoramic views over the English Channel and Romney Marsh. The Old Lighthouse is now too far from the receding coastline and is no longer in use. The new lighthouse, built in 1961 and nearer to the sea, is in operation now.





Places To Eat*

Biggles (cafe & restaurant)	Lydd Airport, Lydd, TN29 9QL	01797 322400
Dolphin Inn (pub)	11 South St, Lydd, TN29 9DQ	01797 320259
George Hotel (pub)	11 High St, Lydd, TN29 9AJ	01797 321710
Lydd Best Kebabs	16 High St, Lydd, TN29 AJ	01797 321956
Royal Mail (pub)	8 Park St, Lydd, TN29 9AY	01797 329406
Royal Oak (pub)	Park St, Lydd, TN29 9AX	01797 320241
RSPB (refreshments)	RSPB, Dungeness Rd, Lydd, TN29 9PN	01797 320588
The Guljar Tandoori (restaurant)	23 High St, Lydd, TN29 9AJ	01797 320858
The New Moon & Stars Cafe	3 Park St, Lydd TN29 9AY	01797 321052
Demitrio's (Greek restaurant)	1-3 Coast Drive, Greatstone, TN28 8NX	01797 363053
Greatstone Fish Bar & Restaurant	9 Dunes Rd, Greatstone, TN28 8SS	01797 367799
The Jolly Fisherman (pub)	The Parade, Greatstone, TN28 8SN	01797 362224
Britannia Inn (pub)	Dungeness Rd, Dungeness, TN29 9ND	01797 321959
Snack Shack (beach cafe)	Dungeness Rd, Dungeness, TN29 9NE	07825 598921
The Light Railway Cafe	Dungeness Rd, Dungeness, TN29 9ND	01797 362353
The Pilot Inn (pub)	Battery Rd, Dungeness, TN29 9NJ	01797 320314

Take Away only, see maps above*

Activity Contacts*

Dungeness NNR Site Warden/Manager,	01797 367934
Sound Mirrors Guided Walks & Commercial Photography Permission	
Action Water Sports	01797 321885
Beach Fishing	www.SeagullFishingTackle.com
Bicycle Hire (New Romney)	01797 362155
Charter Boats	01797 363544 or 01797 321282
Fishy's Land Yachts	07870 195950
Kirrawee Land Yachts	07522 514547
Lydd Air	01797 322207
Lydd Angling Club	01797 369394
Lydd Golf Club	01797 320808
Lydd Kart Circuit	01797 321747
Lydd Speedway	07870 471770
Plovers - Dungeness Bird Tours	01797 366935
Power Station - to book a tour	01797 343728
Rye Water Sports	01797 225238
(for Greatstone Kite Surfing)	

* All details correct at time of going to press, March 2015. Please visit www.TheRomneyMarsh.net/Lydd for updated information.





Please dispose of rubbish in bins or take away with you. Thank you.

Places To Stay

For self catering holidays, holiday park, camping sites and B&B, please visit www.TheRomneyMarsh.net/Lydd

Train & Bus Timetables

Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway www.RHDR.org.uk - 01797 362353
Buses - www.StageCoachBus.com
Mainline trains - www.NationalRail.co.uk

Greatstone

- Miles of sandy beach and dunes
- Romney Hythe & Dymchurch steam railway station
- Land yachting, kite surfing and kite flying
- Sound mirrors guided walks
- Holiday park with all amenities
- Self catering and bed & breakfast properties
- Restaurant, take away food, stores
- Emergency Services Day – a great family day out with action displays



Greatstone Beach



Lydd-on-Sea

Lying between Dungeness and Greatstone, Lydd-on-Sea is within the Dungeness National Nature Reserve.

- Lade Fort
- Accommodation overlooking the sea

Dungeness National Nature Reserve at Lydd-on-Sea

Dungeness

- Old Lighthouse with information floors
- Dungeness National Nature Reserve and RSPB Visitor Centre with footpaths and hides. Rare and migratory birds on and around the lakes
- Bird Observatory with accommodation
- Bird watching tours
- Power Station Visitor Centre
- RH & D steam railway station and café
- Derek Jarman's shingle garden
- Lifeboat Station and shop
- Art/photo galleries, open studios and gift shop
- Beach, coarse and boat fishing
- Fresh fish and seafood from two fishmongers
- Two pub/restaurants well-known for their fresh fish dishes or eat freshly caught and cooked fish and seafood on the beach
- Fascinating relics on the beach of times gone by
- Accommodation on and near the beach

• **Please Note:** *Dungeness is a private residential estate with no access to properties without permission. Please respect residents privacy.*



Derek Jarman's cottage garden, Dungeness



Beach fishing, Dungeness



All Saints Church, Lydd

Lydd

- All Saints, the longest parish church in Kent
- Quaint Georgian High Street with an Information Centre in the Guildhall
- Museum in The Old Fire Station
- Multiple water sports and fun water rides
- Flights over Romney Marsh, flying lessons, airport history and viewing area
- Coarse fishing
- Quiet country lanes leading to the ruins of Midley church and the rest of Romney Marsh
- Golf & driving range, go karting and speedway
- New, off-road cycle path to Rye
- Restaurants, cafes, take aways, stores, butcher
- Caravan and camping sites
- The annual Lydd Club Day on The Rype in June



Lydd Town Museum



Dungeness