### **Invasion Coast Walk**

A walk along part of this part of the Romney Marsh coast, to view many of the defensive historical sites and structures that helped to defend this part of the Kent coast.

# Section 1 Dungeness to Lydd-on-Sea

Section 2 Lydd-on-Sea to Greatstone

Section 3 Greatstone to St Mary's Bay

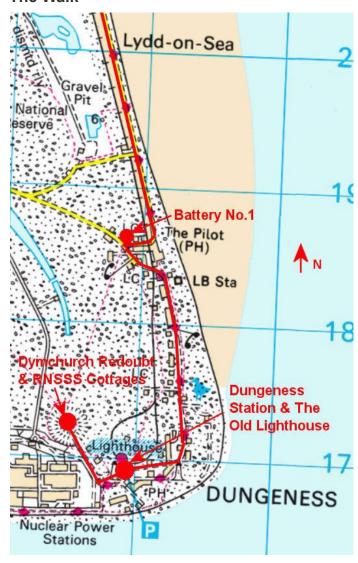
Section 4 Dymchurch

Section 5 Dymchurch Wall

## Section 1 Dungeness to Lydd-on-Sea

On this section of the walk, you will see the Old Lighthouse, the RH&DR, Dymchurch Redoubt, the RNSSS Cottages, and Dungeness Battery No.1. This section is about 3 miles.

#### The Walk



Your start point is the car park by the Dungeness Station (postcode TN29 9NA) on the RH&D Railway.

From the car park, you can see the Old Lighthouse to the south and Dungeness Redoubt and the RNSSS cottages to the north west, which are just a short walk away.

From Dungeness Station, follow the road to the north to depart from Dungeness.

The road takes you through the Dungeness Estate where you will see much of the shingle landscape, and many interesting and historic properties.

Join the main road from Lydd to Lydd-on-Sea, turning right into Battery Road.

On the left, you will see a small hillock back from the road, which are the remains of Dungeness Battery No.1.

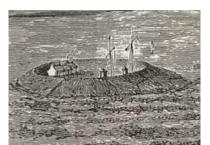
## What You Will See



The Old Lighthouse at Dungeness offers unique and perfect views over the 500 cuspate shingle ridges, created primarily by longshore drift,

that have formed the foreland, one of the largest in the world and the greatest example in the UK. It is a historic Grade II building and survived two world wars before decommission in 1960. For 56 years it provided a welcome landlight to vessels negotiating the

perils of the English Channel.



The earthwork Dungeness Redoubt was built in 1798, an octagonal strongpoint built to support the four batteries built at Dungeness. The Redoubt was about 215 metres in diameter and originally armed with eight 24-pounders mounted around the top of the ramparts (although another source states eleven).

The raised earthworks can still be clearly seen, with a row of ex RNSSS cottages now built inside. These 11 cottages were built to house the Royal Naval personnel who manned the Royal Naval Shore Signal Service station on Dungeness Point, next to the Old Lighthouse.



The largest cottage no. 11 was for the Commanding Officer and is now used as a residential bird observatory but most of the other 10 are home to an assortment of families.

They are now they are owned by French electricity firm EDF Energy and leased via a property company. Each

house has three bedrooms.



On the left in Battery Road, you will see a small hillock back from the road, which are the remains of Dungeness Battery No.1.

This was one of four batteries built, two to the west of Dungeness Point and two to the east. These batteries were supported by a redoubt at Dungeness Point.

## **More Information**

To view this walk on your mobile, tablet etc, please go to <a href="https://www.theromneymarsh.net/invasioncoastwalk">www.theromneymarsh.net/invasioncoastwalk</a>

To find out more about the Invasion Coast and its defensive historical sites , please go to www//theromneymarsh.net/invasioncoast

