

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

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On this section of the walk, you will see 3 Martello Towers, New Hall and St Peter & St Paul Church.

This section is about 3 miles.

The Walk



Continue along the sea wall, with the village of St Mary's Bay on your right until you reach the outskirts of Dymchurch.

Here you will see the first of the three remaining Martello Towers in Dymchurch, Martello Tower No.25

Another 5 mins walk along the sea wall brings you to Martello Tower No.24.

Once past Martello24, continue along the sea wall for about ¼ mile until you reach an exit on the left from the sea wall, marked 48A. Take this exit, walk across the small green into Sycamore Gardens, walk to the end into the

main A259 road, turn left and then first right down New Hall Close. New Hall A little down on the right you will find New Hall.

Return to the sea wall via Sycamore Gardens, turning left (north) to continue along the sea wall for nearly a mile, where you will see the last of the Dymchurch Martello Towers, Martello Tower No.23.

What You Will See



Martello Tower No. 25 is owned privately, empty, in a poor state inside and awaiting development.

Martello Tower No.24 is considered to be the best surviving example, being closest to its original condition and it can be seen as it was when occupied by the military in 1806. The tower has been restored to its original design and layout with /almost all...

almost all of the original tower still in place and is only one of 3 of the 74 built on the south coast that is open to the public.



The tower contains almost all of the features of the original design including brickwork, front and parapet doors, window openings, fireplaces, ventilation shafts, the original 24 pounder muzzle-loading cannon on the gun platform, parapet shot lockers, hauling rings, replica gunpowder barrels, and replica 'Brown Bess' muskets.

The New Hall in Dymchurch dates back to the time when Dymchurch was once the headquarters for law and order on the Marsh; the name Dymchurch derives from Deme, mediaeval

English for judge or arbiter.



It was here where the governors of the Marsh resided (known as The Lord of the Level), and where swift justice was administered to anyone endangering the wellbeing of the Marsh

Opposite the New Hall there is St Peter and St Paul Church, a classic Norman church built in the 12th century about 1150 and has remained virtually unchanged for

nearly 700 years.



Martello Tower No.23 is located on the A259 Hythe Road, just north of Dymchurch. It is now a grade II listed building and has been converted for use as a private residence. There was another Martello Tower a little further to the north but was demolished in 1956 when the A259 road was widened. Together with Tower No. 23, it was built to protect the Willop Drainage Sluice in Hythe Road.

More Information

To view this walk on your mobile, tablet etc, please go to www.theromneymarsh.net/invasioncoastwalk

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