## **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

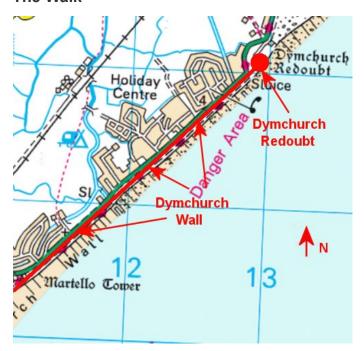
## **Section 5 Dymchurch Wall**

# **Section 5 Dymchurch Wall**

On this section you will walk the Dymchurch Wall and end your walk at the Dymchurch Redoubt.

This section is about 1½ miles.

## The Walk



Walk past Martello Tower No.23, continuing along the sea wall.

The walk from Martello Tower No.23 to Dymchurch Redoubt along the sea wall is about 1½ miles, with the beach and sea to the right and residential properties and a large holiday park on the left.

As you reach the end of the sea wall, you will see the large Dymchurch Redoubt to the left.

## What You Will See

Approximately half of the present coastline of the Romney Marsh area is defended by sea walls, the oldest of which is the Dymchurch Wall. Dymchurch Wall The majority of the Marsh is below mean high tide level so without the protection of the sea wall the land would be underwater much of the time.



Dymchurch has had a seawall since Roman times, with the original development being constructed to protect the harbour at Port Lympne, and then continuing throughout the centuries to help protect the Marsh itself.

In July 2011 a new sea wall, built at a cost of £60 million, was opened as part of the wider Folkestone to Cliff End Sea Defence Strategy, the sea defence project which will

protect 2,500 properties from flooding.

The Dymchurch Redoubt was one of three that were constructed at Harwich, Dymchurch and Eastbourne to act as supply depots for the smaller Martello Towers, as



well as being powerful fortifications in their own right. The Dymchurch Redoubt was built between 1798 and 1809 to support a chain of 21 Martello Towers that stretched between Hythe in Kent and Rye

in Sussex.

## **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 <a href="https://www//theromneymarsh.net/invasioncoast">www//theromneymarsh.net/invasioncoast</a>

September 2020

theromneymarsh.net
The website for Romney Marsh
The Fifth Continent

Marsh.net