DID YOU KNOW?

Walmer is thought to be the site of Julius Caesar's landing in Kent in 54 and 55 BC.

Walmer Castle, like Deal castle is built in the shape of the Tudor rose

If you visit Walmer Castle you can see the original Wellington boots worn by the Duke himself!

Walmer has a history of brewing going all the way back to Tudor times!

Hawkshill Freedown was once a World War I aerodrome and there is a memorial to the brave pilots who flew from here and were killed fighting in the skies over France.

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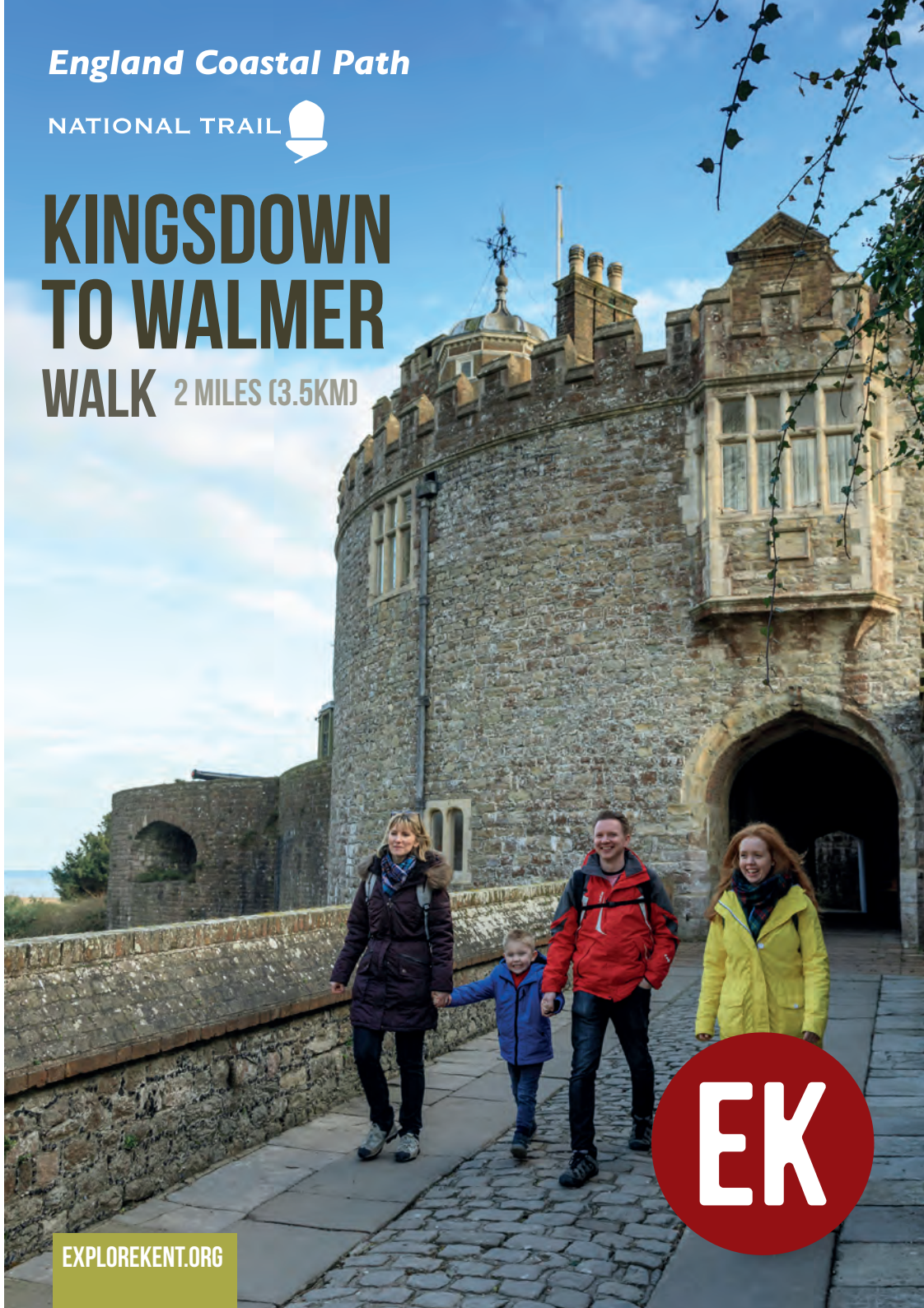
NATIONAL TRAIL

KINGSDOWN TO WALMER WALK

2 MILES (3.5KM)



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The Kingsdown to Walmer walk takes in a castle, built by Henry VIII and the residence of the Duke of Wellington.

LOCATION: Opposite Walmer Castle

TIME: allow 1½ hours

EXPLORER MAP: 138

STILES: 0

PARKING: Opposite Walmer Castle

REFRESHMENTS AND FACILITIES: Walmer Castle, the Zetland Arms or the Rising Sun in Kingsdown.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: For information about local bus and train services in Kent, check out kentconnected.org

LOOK OUT FOR

- Walmer Castle
- Views of the bays across the Channel
- Views of the windmill on the Freedown
- War memorial to the fighter pilots in the first World War

WALK DESCRIPTION

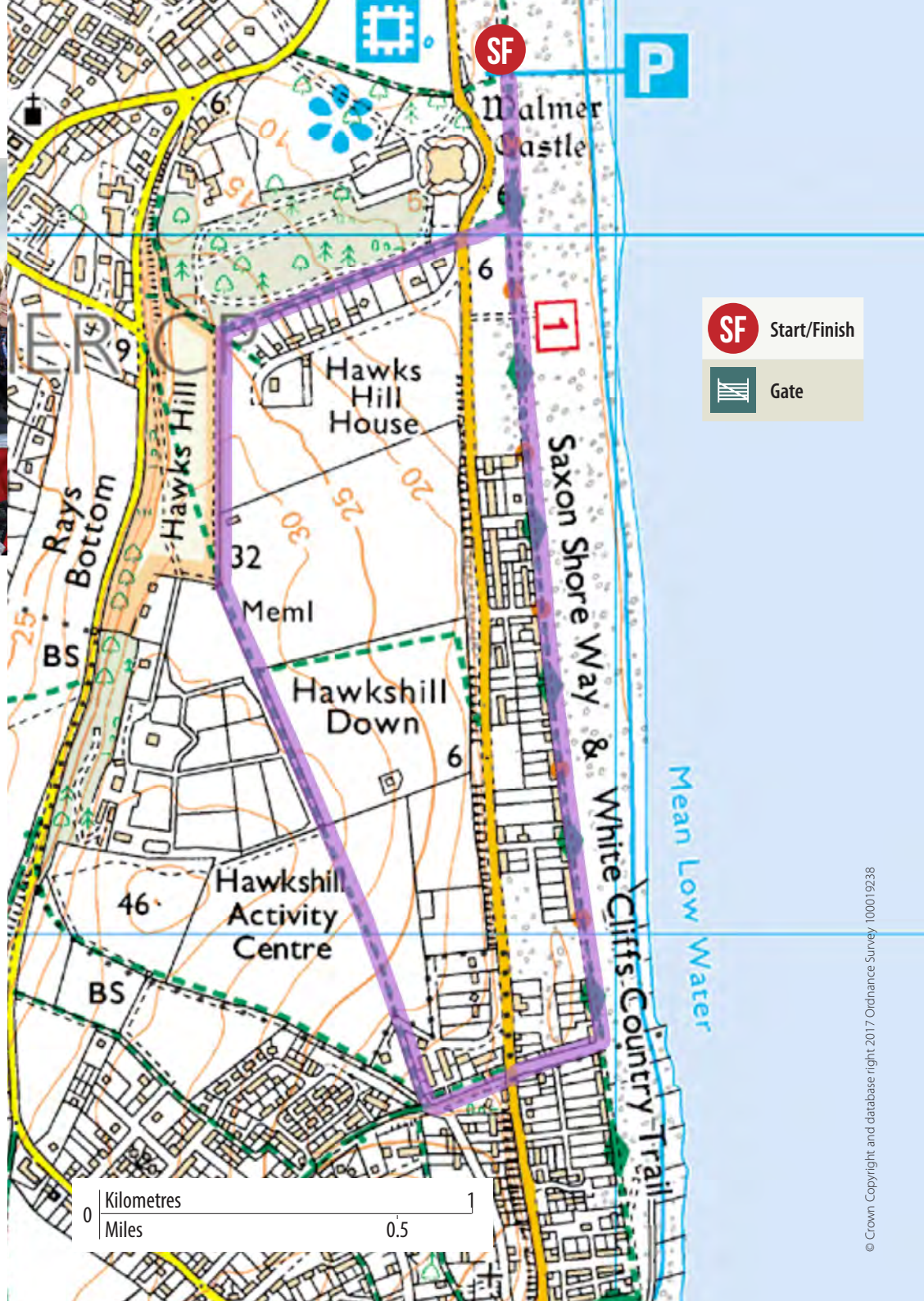
The Kingsdown to Walmer walk ambles along the England Coastal Path, leaving Deal behind. It's a great family afternoon out with pubs, tearooms and Walmer Castle to visit along the way.

Walmer Castle is now conserved by English Heritage. The Duke of Wellington who was the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports in the 18th Century resided here for 23 years, where he later died.

The walk leads you on a path up the slopes of the Downs to Hawkshill Freedown. This public area of open grassland, has outstanding views across the surrounding countryside and the English Channel. The Freedown is a Site of Nature Conservation Interest with a national importance for its abundance of wildlife, wild flowers and butterflies.

Check out the interpretation boards with lots of information about the wildlife, flora and fauna in the area – you'll be surprised what wildlife you might discover!

Returning from Kingsdown back to Walmer you'll walk along the coast following the England Coastal Path. This section of the route is multi user, surfaced and flat – perfect for buggies, wheelchairs and cyclists. You can extend this walk either way to explore Kingsdown Woods for climbing a tree or two. Or explore Deal where you can while away an afternoon in the quirky shops and eateries of this trendy town.



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